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PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH the Votes and Proceedings of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, may perhaps appear to ſome, as Matter of little Moment; the ſame were nevertheleſs regarded by the General Aſſembly, as a Thing of ſo much Conſequence, that by a Reſolution of the Houſe on the Eighth Day of *January*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two, they impowered me to get them re-printed.

In Conſequence whereof, the Work has been undertaken, and brought down to the Beginning of Governor *Clinton*'s Adminiſtration: All which is comprized in this Volume. From which Period the Second Volume will commence, and contain all the Votes to the preſent Time.

A Few of the Votes, in the Infancy of this Government, could not be found, as the Reader will obſerve by the Notes I have made, whenever that happened to be the Caſe; but he will at the ſame Time meet with very few ſuch Inſtances.

And in order to make the Work as uſeful and ornamental as poſſible, I have added at the Head of every Page, the Years of the Reign of the Kings and Queens, and the Names of the Governors, or Commanders in Chief. And in the Body of the Votes, I have diſtinguiſhed the moſt material Paſſages by a larger Type than the Common, or by *Italicks*; which will be of great Uſe and Facility to the curious Reader, by directing him more readily to any Subject he may chuſe

to ſearch for: And, to complete the Whole, a general Index will be added to the Second Volume.

Perhaps ſome few Errors and Miſtakes may have eſcaped the Reviſal of the Preſs; but, as all poſſible Care has been taken to prevent it, it is hoped, whenever ſuch Errors are diſcovered, that the Reader will, rather than Cenſure the Printer or the Editor, be pleaſed to amend them, and content himſelf with ſeeing publiſhed, the principal Records of one of the main Branches of the Legiſlature of this Colony.

NEW-YORK,
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY, &c.

At a General-Aſſembly began and held in the City of *New-York*, the 9*th* Day of *April*, Annoq; Domini 1691, in the Third Year of the Reign of their Sovereign Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. April* 9*th*, 1691.

THIS Afternoon, the ſeveral Sheriffs for their ſeveral and reſpective Counties, made Returns of the ſeveral Burgeſſes, to ſit and act in this General-Aſſembly; the Liſt of which is as followeth, *viz.*

A Liſt of the Aſſembly Men, returned by the Sheriffs for the City and Province of New-York, viz.

City and County of *New-York*,

James Graham,
William Merrett,
Jacobus Van Cortlandt,
Johannis Kipp.

City and County of *Albany*,

Dirck Weſſels,
Levinus Van Schaick.

Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County,

Henry Beekman,
Thomas Garton!

County of *Weſtcheſter*,

John Pell.

County of *Richmond*,

Elias Dukſberry,
John Dally.

County of *Suffolk*,

Henry Pierſon,
Matthew Howell.

Queen's County,

John Bound,
Nathaniel Pearſall.

King's County,

Nicholas Stillwell,
John Poland.

MR. Secretary *Clarkſon* brought to the Repreſentatives an Order of Council, with a Commiſſion from his Excellency and Council, which were read, impowring Colonel *Smith* and *Chidley Brook*, Eſqrs, two of their Majeſties Council to give the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Alegiance and Supremacy, and the Teſt, as in ſuch Caſes is provided; which to the ſeveral Repreſentatives were done, and the Teſt ſigned by them all:

Save only *John Bound* and *Nathaniel Pearſal*, the two elected Burgeſſes for *Queen's County*, being Quakers, made ſome Scruple of taking the Oaths, but were willing to ſign the Teſt, and engage to perform the Tenor of the Oaths under the Penalty of Perjury; which the Gentlemen appointed to ſwear them would not do, until they had ſpoke with his Excellency and Council.

The Order of Council read by the Secretary, is as follows, viz.

At a Council held the 9th of April, 1691.

Province of NEW-YORK.

P R E S E N T,

His EXCELLENCY
JOSEPH DUDLEY,
FREDERICK PHILIPSE,
STEPHEN CORTLANDT,
CHIDLEY BROOK,
GABRIEL MONVILE,
} Eſqrs.

Ordered, That Col. *Smith* and *Chidley Brook*, Eſqrs, be deſired and appointed to give the Oaths, inſtead of the Oaths of Alegiance and Supremacy, to the Gentlemen of the Aſſembly, and ſee them make and ſubſcribe the Teſt; and that Mr. Secretary attend them, and direct them to nominate their Speaker, and to attend at the *Fort-Hall*, at 4 of the Clock this Afternoon.

By Order, as above,
MATTHEW CLARKSON, *Secry.*

Copy of his Excellency's Commiſſion to Colonel Smith, *and* Chidley Brook, *Eſqrs, to adminiſter the Oaths to the Aſſembly, and to ſee them ſign the Teſt; which was accordingly done; the Commiſſion was under the Broad Seal of the Province.*

By HENRY SLOUGHTER, Eſq;

Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over their Majeſties Province of *New-York*, and Territories thereon depending in America.

To William Smith, *and* Chidley Brook, *Eſqrs, Greeting*;

N. York } ſſ. BY Virtue of the Authority to me derived, from and under their Moſt Sacred Majeſties King *Wm.* and Queen *Mary*, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, &c. I have comiſſionated, conſtituted and appointed, & by theſe Preſents do commiſſionate, conſtitute and appoint, the ſaid *William Smith* and *Chidley Brook*, Eſqrs, or either of them, to adminiſter to the ſeveral and reſpective Perſons, elected Burgeſſes, for the reſpective Cities, Towns and Counties within the Province of *New-York* aforeſaid, and are to ſet this Day, the Oaths appointed by Acts of Parliament, to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Alegiance and Supremacy, and the Teſt, as in ſuch Caſes is provided, by the Authority to me given as aforeſaid.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of New-York *aforeſaid, at* Fort William Henry, *the 9th Day of* April, *in the Third Year of their ſaid Majeſties Reign.* Annoq; Domini, 1691.

Signed,
HENRY SLOUGHTER.

By his Excellency's Command,
MATTHEW CLARKSON, *Secry.*

Col. *Smith* and *Chidley Brook*, Eſqrs, returned from his Excellency and Council, and produced to the Repreſentatives ſome Clauſes in their Majeſties Commiſſion to his Excellency, wherein was expreſſed theſe Words: "That no Aſſembly-man, (altho' elected) "could be qualified to ſerve and act in the Aſ- "ſembly, without firſt taking the Oaths afore- "mentioned. Which the ſaid *John Bound* and *Nathaniel Pearſall* refuſed to do, according to Form; upon which they were diſmiſſed.

All the Members of the Houſe preſent, were ſworn, ſigned the Teſt, and were ordered to attend the Governor and Council at the Fort, according to their Precept.

The Members went to the Fort accordingly, and attended the Governor and Council; who, after a Speech made by him and the Preſident, by his Direction, were ordered to go together, and chuſe their Speaker.

The Members being returned, had ſome ſmall Debate among themſelves, for want of four Members: It was at laſt reſolved, That a Plurality of the Houſe being there, they ſhould proceed and chuſe their Speaker; upon which it was voted, *Nemine Contradicente*, That *James Graham*, ſhould be the Speaker of this Houſe.

Ordered, That this Houſe attend the Governor and Council, and preſent *James Graham* their Speaker.

Ordered, That the Speaker, upon his being approved, ſhall addreſs his Excellency and Council, in Behalf of this Houſe, and demand, that their Rights, Privileges and Cuſtoms, may be confirmed to them: *Imprimis*, That none of the Members, nor their Servants, be arreſted or moleſted, during the Seſſions; that they may have Freedom of Acceſs to his Excellency and Council, when Occaſion preſents; that they may have Liberty of Speech, and a favourable Conſtruction made upon all Debates, that may ariſe among them, and for the Removal of all Miſunderſtandings between the Governor and Council, and this Houſe: That a Committee of the Council may join with a Committee of this Houſe, to conſer on ſuch Matters as occurs, and that this their Demands, may be approved by his Excellency and Council, and entered in the Council Books accordingly.

His Excellency and Council, did accept Mr. *James Graham* for Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, who addreſſed his Excellency as the Houſe had directed.

The Governor and Council, did conſent to the Privileges of this Houſe, demanded by the Speaker, and that they being put in Writing, they would enter them in their Books; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merret* and Mr. *Cortlandt*, wait upon the Governor and Council, to deſire a Copy of his and the Preſident's Speech, which his Excellency promiſed ſhould be ſent.

His Excellency and Council recommended to the Repreſentatives, that *John Clapp* ſhould be their Clerk, who was accepted, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Mr. Speaker adjourned this Houſe until 8 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning; and this Houſe is adjourned until that Time.

Die Veneris, April 10*th*, 1691, 8 *h. A.M.*

HEnricus *Beekman* returned Burgeſs, for *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, acquainted this Houſe, That his Colleague *Thomas Garton*, appointed alſo to ſerve in this General Aſſembly, could not attend the Service thereof: It is therefore ordered by this Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the Speaker of this Houſe, ſhall iſſue an Order to the Secretary and Clerk of the Crown, that a new Warrant may be iſſued out to the Counties of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* aforeſaid, for to elect a new Member in the Place of Mr. *Garton*.

Ordered, That two of the Houſe go with Mr. *Beekman*, to the Governor and Council, to have him ſworn, to qualify him to be a Member of this Houſe, which was done accordingly.

An Order ſent by the Speaker to Mr. Secretary *Clarkſon*, for the Electing a new Member, to ſerve in this Aſſembly, in Lieu of *Thomas Garton*, for *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, which Order, is as follows, *viz.*

Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Province of *New-York*, &c.

FOraſmuch, as *Henricus Beekman*, one of the Burgeſſes, elected to ſerve in this General Aſſembly, for *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County; has reported to this Houſe, that Captain *Thomas Garton*, his Colleague, could not attend this Service; theſe are therefore, by Virtue of an Order of the Repreſentatives, convened in General Aſſembly, for their Majeſties Province of *New-York*, and Dependencies; to require you forthwith, to iſſue out a new Writ, to the Counties of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*, for the Electing a new Member, to ſupply the ſaid Vacancy. Given under my Hand and Seal, this 10th Day of *April*, in the 3d Year of their Majeſties Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1691.

James Graham.

To Matthew Clarkſon, *Eſq; Secretary and Clerk of the Crown, for their Majeſties Province of* New-York, *&c.*

Mr.

Mr. *Newton*, Attorney General, brought from the Governor and Council, the Minutes of his Excellency's and Preſident's Speech; which are as ſpllow, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, *The Buſineſs offered to the Conſideration of the Aſſembly Yeſterday, by his Excellency, was,*

"AN Addreſs to his Majeſty.

"A Committee to review and report the Laws, Courts "and Salaries of the Judges.

"An Act, for Miniſters in every Town, and their Maintenance.

"An Act, for quieting of the late Troubles, and Aſſurance "of the People in General, from any Purſuit, ſaving to every "one his particular Action.

"The Support of the Garriſon at *Albany*, &c.

"The Continuation of the Revenue, with ſuch Amendments "and Additions, as may be neceſſary.

"In which Particulars, the Houſe is deſired to proceed with "ſuch Expedition as may be, there being a Neceſſity of the "Governors going for *Albany*, in a ſhort Time, and a Receſs "of the Aſſembly, unto a larger Day".

This is his Excellency's and the Councils Direction.

To James Graham, *Eſq;* *Matthew Clarkſon*, Secretary.
Speaker of the Aſſembly.
Fort Willlian Henry. April 10, 1691.

At the ſame Time came Mr. *William Nicholls*, by Order from the Governor and Council, to inform the Aſſembly, that his Excellency was ſending up of 60 Men to *Albany*; and deſires the Aſſembly would take into Conſideration, their Support, Maintenance, &c. there, and what Forces are requiſite for the ſecuring of that Poſt, and what Fund for the defraying of that Charge.

It is ordered, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Excellency, for the favourable Speech that was made by him and the Preſident, by his Direction, to this Houſe Yeſterday: And for taking ſuch effectual and ſpeedy Care for the ſuppreſſing the many Diſorders and Diſquiets that were in the Government, at his Arrival here.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this Houſe will aid and aſſiſt his Excellency, with their Lives and Fortunes, in the Support of their Majeſties Government of this Province, and the Proteſtant Religion, againſt the *French* and all other of their Majeſties Enemies; and alſo this Houſe, will appoint a Committee, to join with a Committee of the Council, to Addreſs their Majeſties thereupon.

Ordered, That Alderman *William Merrett*, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Weſſells*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, Mr. *Pierſon*, Mr. *John Poland*, and Mr. *Beekman*, do attend his Excellency and Council, and deliver theſe Reſolves.

Ordered, For preventing Miſtakes, that what Meſſages are ſent from the Governor and Council to this Houſe, may be in Writing, and that the Gentlemen move the Governor and Council ſo to do, to which the Committee returns, that they move the Governor and Council, according to their Meſſage, and that the Governor and Council, did conſent it ſhould be ſo done.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen above mentioned, do deſire of the Governor and Council, a Copy of his Excellency's Commiſſion.

Ordered, That the Minutes ſent to the Speaker, of the Governor and Preſident's Speech, be taken into the Conſideration of this Houſe, this Afternoon.

Adjourned to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *h. P. M. April* 10, 1691.

MR. Secretary *Clarkſon*, brought to this Houſe, a Copy of his Excellency's Commiſſion, which by the Clerk was read.

It being moved in this Houſe, that the Obſervation of the Sabbath Day, and the Tranſgreſſions that are made thereon, by the Tappers and Retailers of Liquors, ſhould be conſidered by this Houſe, and not the Conſidertion of what was appointed for this Time; the Queſtion was put to the Houſe, what ſhould be conſidered, and it was carried by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, That what the Governor, &c. ſent to the Conſideration of the Houſe, ſhould be attended, and all other Buſineſs laid aſide.

The Queſtion being put, what Part of the Minutes, &c. ſhould be firſt conſidered, it was carried, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the Conſideration of *Albany* firſt.

Ordered, That a Committee of this Houſe, be appointed to inſpect the State and Condition of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*; and to conſider what Quantity of Forces, may be neeedful for the Defence thereof, and make Report to this Houſe on Tueſday next, at 8 of the Clock in the Morning, and that all other Buſineſs be laid aſide, until that be determined.

The Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, are *Dirck Weſſells, Levinus Van Schaick, Matthew Howell, John Pell, Jacobus Van Cortlandt, Johannes Kipp, Henricus Beekman, Nicholas Stillwell*, and *John Delly*, or any Four of them, whereof thoſe of *Albany*, muſt be two, to attend this Matter, and make Report thereof (*ut Supra*)

Colonel *Smith* and *Chidley Brook*, Eſqrs, came to this Houſe, and ſwore Mr. *Henricus Beekman*, who alſo ſigned the Teſt.

At the Return of Mr. *Merrett*, and the Reſt of the Committee, they Report that his Excellency will appoint a Committee immediately, to join with the Committee of this Houſe, to draw up an Addreſs to their Majeſties, and for the Time to come, they will ſend their Meſſages in Writing. The Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the Council, are, *viz.* Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Merrett*, Mr. *Pierſon*, Mr. *Howell*, Capt. *Stillwell*, and Mr. *Dukſberry*, or any four of them.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, brought by Mr. *Newton*, the Attorney General, (as follows, *viz.*)

Die Veneris, 10*th April*, 1691.

"HIS Excellency and Council, have deſired and appointed, "*Joſeph Dudly* and *William Nicholls*, Eſqrs, a Committee "of this Board, to meet with ſuch of the Members of the Re- "preſentatives, as are appointed by that Houſe, to draw the "Addreſs to their Majeſties, and to confer of ſuch other Or- "ders, as may be neceſſary to be reſolved in this Seſſions.

Signed, M. Clarkſon, *Secretary.*

Mr. Speaker, adjourned this Houſe, till Tueſday 8 of the Clock in the Morning; and the Houſe was adjourned until that Time.

Die Martis, 8 *h. A. M. April* 14, 1691.

THIS Day and Hour the Aſſembly met and proceeded as follows, *viz.*

A Liſt of the Houſe being called over, and ſeveral of the Members having abſented themſelves without Leave of this Houſe, it is therefore,

Ordered, That whoever does not attend the Service of this Houſe, according to its ſeveral Adjournments, or abſenteth himſelf without Licence firſt obtained from this Houſe, ſhall be deemed as Contemners of the Orders of this Houſe, and be committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

A Copy of his Excellency's Commiſſion from their Majeſties, was ſent from his Excellency and Council (to this Houſe) by Mr. *Newton*, Attorney General, which by the Clerk, was read to the Houſe.

The Committee, *viz. Dirck Weſſells, Levinus Van Schaick, Jacobus Cortlandt, John Pell*, &c. appointed to inſpect the State and Condition of the Frontiers of this Place at *Albany*, did preſent to this Houſe their Report, which was ordered to be read immediately; and the Houſe approves thereof.

Reſolved, That the Gentlemen of this Committee, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe, does think fit for the Security and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, That his Excellency would be pleaſed to iſſue out his Orders forthwith, for the Levying one Company of Soldiers, to conſiſt of one Hundred Men, and that he will be pleaſed, to ſend this Houſe an Eſtabliſhment, in order to the preparing a Bill, for the raiſing a Fund for their Payment.

The Committee, appointed to join with the Committee of the Council, brought in to this Houſe, an Addreſs to their Majeſties; which was Read; and the Houſe did agree to the firſt Part thereof.

Upon Reading the ſecond Paragraph, it is ordered, That it ſhall be reviſed, and ſome Amendments put to it.

The third Paragraph being read, it is likewiſe ordered to be Reviſed, and that Inquiry be made, what was the original Extent and Bounds, of the Province of *New-York*, and how they came to be disjointed or ſeparated, and how far the Dependencies of this Province, (mentioned in his Excellency's Commiſſion) doth extend; the farther Conſideration of the Addreſs, to be referred until To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon; and the Houſe adjourned until that Time.

Dit

Die Martis, 2 h. P. M. April 14, 1691.

THIS Afternoon the Repreſentatives met and aſſembled, at the Time and Place adjourned to, and proceeded as follows, *viz.*

John Jackſon, High Sheriff of *Queen's* County, returned *Daniel Whitehead* and *John Tradwell*, Aſſembly Men for ſaid County, to ſit and act in this Aſſembly.

His Excellency ſent the following Eſtabliſhment by Mr. Secretary; which was three Times read and approved.

	£.	s.	d.
One Captain, *per Diem*, 8s. - - - - - -	0	8	0
Two Lieutenants, each *per Diem*, 4s. - -	0	8	0
Four Serjeants, each *per Diem*, 1/6 - - -	0	6	0
Four Corporals, each *per Diem*, 1s. - - - -	0	4	0
Two Drummers, each *per Diem*, 1s. - -	0	2	0
One Hundred Fuſileers, each *per Diem*, 8d.	3	6	8
per Diem	4	14	8
per Annum, £.	1727	13	4

Incidents for Tranſportation, Chirurgion, Armourer, &c.

Ordered, That the Sum of £. 1727 13s. 4d. and £. 272 6s. 8d. which in all amounts to the Sum of £. 2000 current Money of this Province, be raiſed and levied on the ſeveral and reſpective Cities and Counties within this Province; each City or County ſhall pay its equal Proportion for the paying and defraying the incidental Charges of one Company of Fuſileers, conſiſting of One Hundred Men, and their Officers, as is enumerated in the above Eſtabliſhment; and that a Bill be forthwith prepared, and brought in to this Houſe for this Purpoſe.

Adjourned until To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning; and the Houſe adjourned until that Time.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A.M. April* 15*th*, 1691.

THE Role of the Houſe being called over, *Daniel Whitehead*, who was returned Yeſterday, together with *John Tradwell*, to ſerve in this Houſe as Repreſentatives for *Queen's* County, was ordered to go to Colonel *Smith*, and Mr. *Brook*, who were appointed by his Excellency to adminiſter the Oaths uſually taken, ſays,

That his Coleague *John Tradwell*, was interrupted in that Service by being ſeized or arreſted, by one *Thomas Clark*, who officiates as Under-Sheriff, for the City and County of *New-York*.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the ſeizure or arreſting of *John Tradwell*, by *Thomas Clark*, Under-Sheriff, who was returned to ſerve as a Member in this Houſe for *Queen's* County, is a Violence and Breach of the Rights and Privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue out his Warrant to the Serjeant at Arms that attends this Houſe, to the Sheriff of this City and County of *New-York*, for the returning of *Thomas Clark* to this Houſe, to anſwer the Contempt as above.

Copy of the Warrant to fetch Tho. Clark, *viz.*

WHEREAS, certain Information is brought to this Houſe, that *John Tradwell*, returned by *Queen's* County, to ſerve as a Member in this Houſe, hath been arreſted by one *Thomas Clark*, Under-Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, while he was attending the Service of this Houſe, contrary to the Rights and Privileges thereof. Theſe are therefore to order and require you to bring *Thomas Clark*, Under-Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, forthwith to this Houſe, to anſwer the ſaid Contempt; and this ſhall be your Warrant.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this 15*th Day of* April, *in the third Year of their Majeſties Reign*, Annoq; Domini, 1691.

To the Serjeant at Arms, or his Deputy.

Ordered, That *John Tradwell* aforeſaid come and appear, and attend the Service of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell*, and Mr. *Dukſberry*, do attend his Excellency and Council, and move that his Excellency will appoint a Serjeant at Arms, to attend the Service of this Houſe. The Gentlemen returned, that his Excellency would appoint a Serjeant accordingly.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms go and require *John Tradwell*, a Member of this Houſe, to come and attend the Service of this Houſe immediately.

Ordered, The farther Conſideration for the Manner of raiſing the Money appointed for the defraying the Charge at Albany be referred until 2 o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. *Pinborn*, brought a Meſſage from the Governor and Council, that his Excellency had appointed Mr. *Benjamin Pheps*, Serjeant at Arms, to attend the Service of this Houſe; which was likewiſe approved of.

The Order of Council as followeth, *viz.*

Die Mercurij, P. M. the 15*th of April*, 1691.

MR. *Pell* and Mr. *Dukſberry* having attended his Excellency and Council, and moved that a Serjeant at Arms may be appointed to attend the Service of their Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin Pheps*, Serjeant at Arms, do attend that Houſe accordingly.

per Order, &c.

DAVID JAMISON, *Cler. Council.*

Wedneſday the 16*th of April*, 1691.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council by ſaid Mr. *Pinborn*, as followeth, was delivered to this Houſe, *viz.*

"HIS Excellency and Council recommend the expediting a Bill for the eſtabliſhing of Courts of Judicature "throughout this Province; as alſo to take into Conſideration "the Act of the late Aſſembly, entituled, *An Act for the Settle-"ment of Courts of Juſtice as a Form found very agreable "to the Conſtitution of this Government.*"

per Order, &c.

DAVID JAMISON, *Cler. Council.*

Reſolved, That Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, Mr. *Beekman*, Mr. *Pierſon*, Mr. *Stilwell*, and Mr. *Dukſberry*, or any Five of them, be a Committee for the preparing a Bill, for the eſtabliſhing of Courts of Judicature; and to Reviſe the former Laws made for that Purpoſe, and make Report thereof to this Houſe by Friday, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Upon Examination of the Commitment of *John Tradwell*, and the Cauſe thereof brought to this Houſe, We do find, that the Allegation charged upon him, to be of ſuch a ſcandalous Nature, that he cannot be capable to ſerve as a Member in this Houſe; but in Regard that his coming to this Town, was in Obedience to their Majeſties Writ, being returned by the High-Sheriff and Freeholders of *Queen's* County, to ſerve as a Burgeſs for that County in this Houſe; it is ordered, that he be diſcharged from this Commitment, paying the Serjeant at Arms, Clerk of the Aſſembly, and Under-Sheriff, their Fees.

Ordered, That the Speaker of this Houſe do iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, for the electing a new Member for *Queen's* County, in Room of *Tradwell* diſmiſſed.

A Petition preſented to the Houſe by ſeveral Freeholders, Inhabitants within this Province, ſetting forth ſeveral Oppreſſions and Hardſhips executed upon their Majeſties Subjects in this Province, by *Jacob Leiſler*, *Samuel Edſal*,

Edſal, and others, *&c.* the Conſideration whereof is to be referred until another Time.

Adjourned until 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 15*th*, 1691.

MR. Secretary *Clarkſon* came into this Houſe, and acquainted the Houſe, That Captain *Daniel Whitehead*, appointed a Member for *Queen's* County, had taken the Oaths, and ſigned the Teſt, as uſual.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Howell* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deſire that the Attorney General may attend this Houſe, to draw up ſuch Bills as are neceſſary for their Majeſties Service, and the Good of the Government, as formerly accuſtomed.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 16*th*, 1691.

THE Gentlemen appointed to carry the Meſſage to the Governor and Council, deſiring the Attendance of the Attorney General at this Houſe, for drawing of Bills, and Report, That they delivered their Meſſage; and that the Governor and Council would return an Anſwer immediately.

Mr. *Thomas Newton*, the Attorney General, came to this Houſe, and brought from his Excellency the following Paper:

And at the ſame Time deſired Leave of this Houſe to go to Boſton for ſome Affairs; which the Houſe denied him; telling him it was his Duty and Buſineſs to attend this Houſe during the Seſſions.

At a Council held at Fort *William Henry*.

"THIS Morning Mr. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Howell*, from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, having attended his Excellency in Council, and deſired that the Attorney General may attend their Houſe, to draw up ſuch Bills as are neceſſary for their Majeſties Service, and the Good of this Government, as formerly accuſtomed.

"*Ordered*, That the Attorney General do attend that Houſe accordingly."

per Order, &c.

DAVID JAMISON, *Clk. Council.*

A Petition from divers Gentlemen, relating to their former Service at Albany, humbly offered to this board, which was referred to the farther Conſideration thereof.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Matter of the above Petition; and what Quantity of Money hath been raiſed upon that Account; and how diſpoſed of; and make Reports thereof to this Houſe with all Convenience. The Committee to conſiſt of the four Repreſentatives of the City, &c. of *New-York*, to enquire into this Buſineſs.

Adjourned until 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M.* 16*th April*, 1691.

Ordered,

THAT upon all Debates ariſing in this Houſe, upon any Matter or Thing whatever, the Determination thereof ſhall be concluded by Majority of Votes of the Members preſent at the Time of Debate.

Ordered, That when the Majority of Repreſentatives are met together, it ſhall be eſteemed a Houſe; and ſo proceed to Buſineſs accordingly.

Ordered, That the Attorney General draw a Bill for the raiſing and levying of Two Thouſand Pounds, current Money of this Province, for paying and defraying the incidental Charges: (according to Eſtabliſhment) of One Hundred Fuſiliers, with their Officers, who are to ſtay and remain One whole entire Year for the Defence of this Place: In ſecuring its Frontiers, at or in the County of *Albany*; in ſuch juſt and equal Proportions as is hereafter expreſſed.

For *New-York*,	£. 400,	Brought over,	£. 1440,
For *Weſtcheſter*,	£. 140,	For *King*'s County,	£. 260,
For *Richmond*,	£. 120,	For *Queen*'s County,	£. 260,
For *Ulſter*, &c.	£. 250,	For *Orange* County,	£. 15,
For *Albany*,	£. 180,	For *Duke*'s County,	£. 25,
For *Suffolk*,	£. 350,		
	£. 1440	In all,	£. 2000

The Eſtabliſhment to begin at the 28th Day of *March* laſt, and to end on the 27th Day of *March* next enſuing, that ſhall be in the Year of our Lord 1692.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *h. A. M. April* 17, 1691.

Ordered,

THE firſt Payment of the ſaid *Two Thouſand Pounds*, one Moiety to be paid unto their Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General, on Midſummer Day next, at *New-York*; the other Moiety and laſt Payment, to be made on Lady Day, the 25th Day of *March* next, at *New-York* aforeſaid.

At the Report of the Committee appointed to ſettle Courts of Judicature, it was

Ordered, That the Attorney General draw up a Bill for the ſettling of Courts of Judicature, in Manner and Form following, *viz.*

For the Eaſe and Benefit of the Inhabitants of each reſpective Town and County, within this Province, that it ſhall be in the Power of any Juſtice of the Peace that reſides within any Town or County within this Province, to hear and determine any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, of the Value of *Forty Shillings*, and under: Provided, he do take unto his Aſſiſtance, at the Time of his hearing and determining ſuch Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, one of the Freeholders of the Town or Place where the Cauſe of Action doth ariſe; and alſo that any Perſon or Perſons that are ſummoned before him, may have the Liberty to have a Jury, to try the Matter of Fact; ſuch Perſon or Perſons paying for the ſame.

Ordered, That there be a Seſſions of the Peace held in each reſpective City and County within this Province, in Manner and Form following; That is, for the City and County of *New-York*, four Times a Year; that is to ſay, the firſt *Tueſday* in *May*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *Auguſt*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *November*, and the firſt *Tueſday* in *February*: For the City and County of *Albany*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *June*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *October*, and the firſt *Tueſday* in *February*: For *Weſt Cheſter*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *June*, and the firſt *Tueſday* in *December*: For *Ulſter*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *September*, and the firſt *Tueſday* in *March*: For the County of *Richmond*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *September*, and the firſt *Tueſday* in *March*: For *King*'s County, the ſecond *Tueſday* in *May*, and the ſecond *Tueſday* in *November*: In *Queen*'s County, the third *Tueſday* in *May*, and the third *Tueſday* in *September*: *Suffolk*, the laſt *Tueſday* in *September*, and the laſt *Tueſday* in *March*; *Orange* County to be annexed, and under the Juriſdiction of *York*, and *Dutcheſs* County to be annexed, and under the Juriſdiction of *Ulſter*.

That there be held a Court of Common Pleas, in every reſpective County, for the Hearing, trying and finally determining, of all Matters and Caſes Civil, and Cauſes tryable at the Common Law, of what Nature ſoever; to be held in each reſpective County, as above, from which Courts, there ſhall no Appeal or *Habeas Corpus* lye, for, or under the Sum or Value, of *Twenty Pounds*, which Court is to conſiſt of four Juſtices, commiſſionated in that County, at ſuch Places as uſual, that the Seſſions of the Peace, ſhall terminate in two Days, and that the Court of Common Pleas, ſhall begin the next Day after the Seſſions terminates, and alſo ſit two Days, and no longer.

That there be a Supream Court held at the City of *New-York*, the firſt *Tueſday* in *October*, and the firſt *Tueſday* in *April*, which ſhall conſiſt of one Judge and ſix Juſtices; which Court ſhall have all the Powers, Prerogatives, Pre-eminencies and Privileges, as the King's Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, have at *Weſtminſter Hall* in *England*. *Provided always*, That no Perſon ſhall have Liberty to appeal, from any of theſe Courts, but in Caſe of Error, and before ſuch his Appeal be granted, he ſhall give in Security, for three Times the Value of the Judgment, to pay treble Coſt, if the Judgment obtained be not reverſed; there ſhall be likewiſe Liberty of Appeals, from the Supream Court to the Governor and Council, for *One Hundred Pounds*, and upwards, giving in Security as above.

That the Courts of Mayor and Aldermen, in the Cities of *New-York* and *Albany*, have the ſame Powers of hearing and finally determining, of all Actions of *Twenty Pounds*, and under, as in the County Courts.

Ordered, That *Johannis Kipp*, *Dirck Weſſells*, *Henricus Beekman*, Colonel *Pierſon*, Captain *Stillwell*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, and Mr. *Pell*, or any Five of them; ſhall be a Committee to eſtabliſh the Fees, of all the Officers throughout the Province, and that they move that a Committee of the Council be joined with them, and that they call to their Aſſiſtance, all Perſons, or Papers, that are needful, and make Return thereof, to this Houſe, on *Monday* Morning next, by 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned the Houſe while 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *h. P. M. April* 17, 1691.

UPON farther Conſideration, of the Petition, preſented to this Houſe, it is Reſolved,

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Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, that *Jacob Leiſler*, *Samuel Edſall*, and divers others, aiding, aſſiſting and abetting him, in the diſſolving the Convention, that was convened at the City of *New-York*, for the Preſervation of the Peace, the Execution of Juſtice, and the Securing of this Province, for their Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, King and Queen of *England*; their Service was tumultuous, illegal, and againſt their Majeſties Right over this their Province, being a Dominion of the Crown of *England*.

Reſolved, That the Impriſoning of their Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects, into doleful and nauſeous Priſons, and there keeping them, by Force and Violence, without any Commitment or Aſſignment, of any legal Cauſe, was arbitrary and illegal, and againſt the Dignity of their Majeſties Crown in *England*, and a Violation of the Rights and Privileges, of their Majeſties loyal Subjects, inhabiting within this their Majeſties Province.

Reſolved, That the Proſcribing and the Forcing their Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects to flee their Habitations, and forſake the Care of their Families, by which the Strength of this Province was much weakened, was arbitrary, illegal and deſtructive to their Majeſties Intereſt in this Province.

Reſolved, That the Depredations made by the *French* and *Indians* upon *Schenectady*, by which many of their Majeſties Subjects were deſtroyed, and their Houſes burned, are only to be attributed to the Diſorders and Diſturbances, of thoſe who had uſurped a Power contrary to their Majeſties Authority, and the Right of Government over this Province.

Reſolved, That the Seizing and the forcible (taking by Men in Arms) of the Goods and Merchandizes, from the Merchants and Perſons inhabiting within this City and Province, was a Violation of their Majeſties Peace, the Deſtruction of their Laws, and the manifeſt Ruin of many of their good Subjects, inhabiting within this City and Province.

Reſolved, That the Levying and Raiſing of Money, upon their Majeſties Subjects, is arbitrary and illegal, and againſt the Rights and Privileges of their Majeſties Subjects, inhabiting in this Province.

Reſolved, That the Raiſing of Forces, and the keeping of their Majeſties Fort, againſt their Majeſties Officers and Soldiers, commiſſionated by them, was rebellious, and in Prejudice to their Majeſties Right and Dominion of this Province.

Reſolved, That the Denying of the Surrender of their Majeſties Fort, after the Arrival of their Majeſties Governor, and the Publication of their Majeſties Commiſſion in this Province, was rebellious, and againſt the Dignity and Authority of their Crown, over this their Province.

Ordered, For the Prevention of the like Miſtakes and Diſorders, amongſt their Majeſties Subjects in this Provine, for the Time to come, that theſe Reſolves be ſent up to the Governor and Council, with the Deſire of this Houſe, that they would be pleaſed to give the Concurrence of their Board thereunto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, on Monday Morning next, will take into their Conſideration, and prepare a Bill, for the Recognizing their Majeſties Right, as King and Queen of *England*, to the Dominion of this their Province of *New-York*; and alſo for the Support and Defence thereof, as it is now eſtabliſhed by their Majeſties Authority, againſt all foreign Force and Power, and all inteſtine War and Rebellion.

Ordered, That the Reſolves of this Houſe, be preſented unto his Excellency and Council, together with an Addreſs, of the Reſolution of this Houſe, to ſupport and defend their Majeſties Right and Dominion, over this their Province as it is now eſtabliſhed, by their Majeſties Authority, in the Adminiſtration of his Excellency, with our Lives and Fortunes, againſt all our Enemies.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, do wait upon his Excellency, to know when he would be attended with this Addreſs.

Adjourned until To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *h. A. M. April* 18, 1691.

THE Speaker, Reports to this Houſe, that he had waited upon his Excellency, according to their Order, who anſwered, That he would be attended with their Addreſs, this Morning at 8 o'Clock.

The Houſe did accompany the Speaker, with the Addreſs to his Excellency; who received it well, and replied, That he would ſerve and aſſiſt the Intereſt of the Country, with his utmoſt Power.

The ADDRESS was as follows, *viz.*

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

"WE their Majeſties moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, convened by their Majeſties moſt gracious Favour, in General Aſſembly in this Province; do, in all moſt humble Manner, heartily congratulate your Excellency's Arrival in this Goverment, and withal preſume to acquaint your Excellency, that as in our Hearts, we do abhor and deteſt all the rebellious, arbitrary and illegal Proceedings of the late Uſurpers, of their Majeſties Authority over this Province; ſo we do, from the Bottom of our Hearts, with all Integrity, acknowledge and declare, That there are none that can, or ought, to have Right to rule and govern their Majeſties Subjects here, but by their Majeſties Authority, which is now placed in your Excellency; and therefore we do ſolemnly Declare, that we will, with our Lives and Fortunes, ſupport and maintain the Adminiſtration of your Excellency's Government, under their Majeſties, againſt all their Majeſties Enemies whatſoever; and this we humbly pray your Excellency to accept, as the ſincere Acknowledgments, of all their Majeſties good Subjects, within this their Province; praying for their Majeſties long and happy Reign over us; and that your Excellency may long live and rule us, according to their Majeſties moſt excellent Conſtitution, of governing their Subjects, by a General Aſſembly."

By Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

JAMES GRAHAM, *Speaker.*

A Petition of Capt. *Thomas Stillwell*'s, relating to his former Service at *Albany*, read, and Ordered, that it be referred, to the Committee appointed for the ſame.

A Meſſage, from the Governor and Council, by Mr. *Monvile* and Col. *Willet*, relating to Capt. *Kidd*'s Service, in this Province; Copy of which as follows.

Saturday the 18*th of April*, 1691.

By his Excellency and Council,

"GABRIEL *Monvile*, Eſq; and *Thomas Willet*, Eſqs are appointed to attend the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and acquaint them of the many good Services, done to this Province, by Capt. *William Kidd*, in his attending here

" here with his Veſſels, before his Excellency's Arrival; and that " it would be acceptable to his Excellency and this Board, " that they conſider of ſome ſuitable Reward, to him for his " good Services."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. of the Council.*

The farther Conſideration, of the above Meſſage, relating to Capt. *Kidd*, to be referred until *Tueſday* Morning 8 o'Clock.

A Liſt of ſeveral Bills ſent to the Attorney General to be drawn up as followeth, *viz.*

1. *A Bill for Settling the Miniſtry, and allotting a Maintenance for them, in each reſpective City and Town, within this Province, that conſiſts of forty Families and upwards.*
2. *A Bill to appoint a Schoolmaſter, for the Educating and Inſtructing of Children and Youth, to read and write* Engliſh, *in every Town in the Province.*
3. *A Bill for Regulating the Abuſes, and better Obſervation, of the Lord's Day.*
4. *A Bill for Settling a Ferry between* Long-Iſland *and* Weſt Cheſter.
5. *A Bill for Defraying the neceſſary Charges and Expences, of each reſpective County within this Province.*
6. *A Bill for the Building a Bridge at* Spiting Devil.
7. *A Bill for Regulating the Highways throughout this Province.*
8. *A Bill for the Qualifying of Jury Men.*
9. *A Bill for the Enabling each reſpective Town within this Province, to regulate their Fences and Highways, and make ſuch prudential Orders, as may be needful for their Peace and orderly Improvements.*

Adjourned while Monday 2 o'Clock, P. M.

Die Luna, 2 ho. P. M. April 20, 1691.

MR. *George Farewell*, ſent by his Excellency, to attend this Board, in Order to Supply the Attorney General's Place, in drawing up what Bills, were prepared and made ready, who by Order of this Houſe, took with him the Minutes and Heads of the divers Bills on the other Side aforementioned; with a hearty Deſire of the Houſe, to expedite them with what Haſte poſſible; who ſaid he was obliged to attend their Majeſties Court To-morrow, having there private Buſineſs of his own, and he would acquaint his Excellency thereof.

Ordered, That the Committee for ſettling the Fees, be continued, and that they ſit and adjourn themſelves, from Time to Time, until they have fully compleated, and ended all.

An Order of Council brought into this Houſe, by Mr. Speaker, from the Upper Houſe, which is as followeth, *viz.*

By his Excellency and Council.

UPON reading this Day, the Reſolves of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and their Addreſs thereupon preſented to this Board, the Governor and Council do accept the ſame; conſent and agree therein, and deſire the Concurrence of the Repreſentatives, that they may be forthwith publiſhed, and that the Clerk, do wait upon their Houſe with this Minute.

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Saturday 18th April, 1691.

Mr. *George Farewell*, returned, and ſaid, That he had acquainted his Excellency, that he could not expedite all the Bills given him; but the Bills for Settling the Courts, and raſing the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, he would certainly bring to this Houſe, by 8 of the Clock, on Wedneſday Morning next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted this Houſe, That his Excellency was pleaſed to deſire the Opinion of this Houſe concerning a Reprieve (until their Majeſties Pleaſure ſhould be known) to the Priſoners, *Leiſler* and *Milbourn*, who had petitioned him to that Purpoſe, and ſhewed him their Petition.

Reſolved, That their Majeſties have only intruſted that Matter of Reprieving, with his Excellency alone; and they dare not preſume to give their Opinion thereupon; and that the Speaker do report this to his Excellency.

A Recommendation from divers Freeholders, in Reſpect to Mr. *Edward Slade*, Miniſter, to officiate as Paſtor or Miniſter, in this City; was read, and referred to his Excellency himſelf, as ordinary, and the only proper Judge, in this Matter.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants and Inhabitants of *New-York*, for themſelves and others; for the giving an Acknowledgment to Major *Ingoldſby*, for his good Service done to this Province, referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe, Friday Morning next.

Upon reading the Propoſals offered to the Conſideration of this Houſe, by the Merchants and Traders in the Port of *New-York*, touching Fees,

Ordered, That what relates to Fees of Officers, &c. be left to the Conſideration of the Committee, for the eſtabliſhing of the Fees, and to make Report thereof accordingly; and the other Part to fall under the Conſideration of this Houſe, with the Revenue.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the ſettling and quieting the Diſorders that have lately happened within this Province; and for the eſtabliſhing and ſecuring their Majeſty's preſent Government againſt the like Diſorders for the future.

Ordered alſo, That a Bill for the ſettling and confirming the Lands and Hereditaments of the Inhabitants within this Province, as have been formerly granted by the Governors of this Province.

Ordered alſo, A Bill for the indemnifying of all ſuch who have been active in the late Diſorders; except ſuch who are excepted.

Adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 10 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. April 21ſt, 1691.

THE Meſſage relating to Captain *Kidd*, referred to this Morning's farther Peruſal, is farther referred until the Revenue of this Province be ſettled.

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente, That Mr. *Merrett*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, and Mr. *Poland*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the Concurrence of this Houſe to the Publication of the Reſolves of this Houſe, agreed unto by his Excellency and the Council; and that his Excellency would be pleaſed to Order the Publication of them accordingly.

The Charter of Privileges, with the public Revenue of this Province, have been under the Conſideration of this Houſe; which is referred unto farther Conſideration at 2 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock, P. M.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. April 21ſt, 1691.

CAptain *Jackſon*, High-Sheriff of *Queen's* County, returned Burgeſs for the ſaid County Mr. *John Robinſon*, who was deſired by Mr. Speaker to wait upon Mr. *Chidley Brook*, to take the Oaths as directed, and Sign the Teſt: Captain *Whitehead* being ordered to attend him thither.

The Matter of the Revenue being taken into Conſideration, it is

Ordered, That Rum, Brandy, and all diſtilled Liquors imported, pay 4*d.* per Gallon. Every Pipe of *Madeira*, *Fayall*, St. *George's*, *Canary*, *Malaga*, Sherry, and all ſweet Wines, pay 40*ſ.* per Pipe. White, Red, and Rheniſh Wines, 20*ſ.* per Hogſhead. All Merchandizes exported, to pay Two *per Cent.* prime Coſt, except Salt, Bricks, Pantiles, Coals, Fiſh, Sugar, Molaſſes, Cotton Wooll, Ginger, Logwood, Braziletto, Fuſtick, (or any other ſort of dying Wood) Hides, Tobacco, Bullion and Plate.

The farther Conſideration of the Revenue to be referred until To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 8 ho. A. M.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. April 22d, 1691.

MR. *John Robinſon*, returned to ſerve in this Houſe for *Queen's* County, having taken the Oaths, and ſigned the Teſt, as uſual, is admitted a Member here; and took his Place accordingly.

The Bills for Settling the Courts, and raiſing £.2000 for ſettling the Frontiers at Albany, not being brought to this Houſe according to Appointment and Promiſe, the Houſe reſolves to proceed on the farther Conſideration of the Revenue.

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The Gentlemen of the Committee appointed to carry up the Concurrence of this Houſe to the Reſolves, returns, That his Excellency's Anſwer was, *It was very well.*

The farther Conſideration of the Revenue referred 'til 2 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned 'til 2 ho. P. M.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. April 22, 1691.

MR. *George Farewell* brought in the Bill for raiſing the £. 2000 to the View of the Houſe; upon which the Houſe did not think the Stile and Method of the Bill ſuitable to the Conſtitution of this Country; but ordered the Clerk of the Houſe to wait upon his Excellency, for the avoiding of Miſtakes, to diſcourſe with him about it.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 8 ho. A. M.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. April 23, 1691.

THE Clerk who had waited upon his Excellency, as was deſired by this Houſe, returned this Anſwer, That his Excellency was very well ſatisfied with the Care and Diligence of this Houſe, in the expediting the Affairs of this Province, and gives them Thanks for the ſame; and was much troubled the Attorney General ſhould depart this Place, and not take better Care to leave a Perſon to attend the Houſe of Repreſentatives; and to draw *De Die* in *Diem*, in the ſeveral Bills as the Houſe ſhould prepare; and that his Excellency would immediately endeavour his utmoſt to provide a Perſon qualified for that Buſineſs, that ſhould wholly attend it.

Reſolved, That the Duty of 10 *per Cent.* be paid upon all Merchandizes going up *Hudſon's River*, commonly called by, the Name of *Indian* Goods; as Duffils, Strouds, Blankets, Plains, Half-Thicks, Woollen Stockings, white Oznabrigs, Kettles, Hatchets, Hoes, red Lead, Vermillion, Cotton, red Kerſeys, Knives, and *Indian* Haberdaſhery; and that the Value of Prime Coſt, ſhall be at the Rates hereafter mentioned; *Provided*, that all Kettles, that ſhall contain above 8 Gallons, ſhall pay none of this Duty. *Indian* Duffils, valued at *per* Yard, 2*ſ.* 4*d.* *Indian* Strouds, half a Piece, 4*l.* a whole Piece, 8*l.* *Indian* Blankets, *per* Piece, 4*l.* *Indian* plains Cotton, *per* Yard, 1*ſ.* 6*d.* *Indian* Half-Thicks, *per* Yard, 1*s.* 10*d.* *Indian* white Oznabrigs, the *Engliſh* Ell, 8*d.* *Indian* Kettles, the 100 wt. 6*l.* *Indian* Hatchets the Dozen, 12*ſ.* *Indian* Hoes, the Dozen, 12*ſ.* red Lead, the 100 wt. 20*ſ.* Vermillion, *per* Pound, 4*ſ.* Cotton, *per* Yard, 1*ſ.* 4*d.* red Kerſey, *per* Yard, 2*ſ.* 6*d.* Knives, *per* Dozen, 3*ſ.* *Indian* Shirts, *per* Dozen, 20*ſ.* and all Sorts of *Indian* Haberdaſhery and Woollen Stockings, valued as in the former Act, made to that Purpoſe; which is there particulariſed.

A Petition of the Tanners read; and the Conſideration of it referred unto another Time.

Ordered, That for every Barrel of Powder, that is carried up *Hudſon's River*, to Pay, 6*ſ.*

That for every 100 Pound wt. of Lead, to Pay, 6*ſ.*

That for every Gun Barrel, or with a Lock, 6*ſ.*

The farther Conſiderations of the Revenue, to be referred while 2 o'Clock, this P. M.

The Copy of the Meſſage ſent by Mr. Pinhorn, *is as follows*, viz.

By the Governor and Council,

"WILLIAM *Pinhorn*, Eſq; appointed to attend the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and to acquaint them "of the Neceſſity of an Order, for the Support of the Judges "of Oyer and Terminer, and of the Supream Courts in this "Province; and that they will be pleaſed to remember, a "former Meſſage from this Board, referring to Capt. *Kidd.*"

Fort William Henry, *per Order*,
April 23, 1691. David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon Reading the Meſſage brought to this Houſe from the Governor and Council, by *William Pinhorn*, Eſq; it was ordered, that Mr. *John Robinſon* and Mr. *Whitehead*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe, had already on the 17th Inſtant, agreed to a Method for ſettling of Courts of Judicature, throughout this Province, wherein they had paid that Duty to their Majeſties, and to his Excellency, as to leave the commiſſionating and appointing of the Juſtices or Judges, of theſe reſpective Courts unto his Excellency, which was delivered to Mr, *Farewell*, who was appointed to do the Office of Attorney General to this Houſe, who did promiſe to bring the ſaid Bill, Yeſterday Morning to this Houſe; but neither Yeſterday Morning, nor as yet, is brought in; and that this Houſe has always had that due Regard to any Meſſage that hath come, and particularly that of Capt. *Kidd*, that they referred the Conſideration thereof, until the Revenue was eſtabliſhed, which has been ever ſince under the Conſideration of this Houſe, and is now before them.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock, P. M.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. April 23, 1691.

Ordered,

THAT four Pence, *per* Gallon, be paid on all Rum, that goes up *Hudſon's River.*

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 ho. A. M.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. April 24, 1691.

MR. *Robinſon* and Capt. *Whitehead*, that were appointed to carry up the Meſſage, concerning the Courts and Capt. *Kidd*, reports that they did deliver it accordingly.

The Petitions of the Repreſentatives of *Albany*, being read,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe according to the Purport thereof.

A ſecond Petition of the ſaid Repreſentatives, was read:

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to enquire into this Matter, and make Report thereof, to this Houſe next Seſſions.

Foraſmuch that the due Attendance which has been practicable in this Province, of the Attorney General, or ſome other fit Perſon, for the Drawing up of the neceſſary Bills, for their Majeſties Service, and the good Government of their Subjects, in this Province, has been very much neglected; and the Bills brought into this Houſe, not being drawn according to the Directions of this Houſe, by which Means, his Majeſty's Service much ſuffers, and the Country put to a vaſt Charge, by the Delay thereof; it is therefore Ordered, *Nemine Contradicente*, That this Houſe reſolves themſelves into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Ways and Means, for Remedy thereof; and for the future Diſpatch of their Majeſties and Country's Service; and the Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

The Grand Committee choſe Mr. *John Pell*, Chairman, who accordingly aſſumed the Chair.

Reſolved, That Mr. *James Graham* be requeſted by this grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to ſerve their Majeſties and this Province, by drawing up all ſuch Bills as ſhall from Time to Time be ordered; for doing whereof this grand Committee will deſire the Houſe to take Care that Satisfaction ſhall be made to ſaid Mr. *Graham* for his ſo doing.

Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair; and Mr. *John Pell* made the Report. (*ut Supra*)

Adjourned 'til 2 ho. P. M.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. April 24, 1691.

THE farther Conſideration of the Revenues referred until Monday, 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe requeſted Mr. Speaker to draw up, with all convenient Speed, the following Bills:

A Bill for the eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature.
A Bill for the quieting and ſettling Diſorders, *&c.*
A Bill for the confirming and ſettling of Lands, *&c.*
A Bill declaring what are the Rights and Privileges, *&c.*
A Bill for endemnifying all who have been active, *&c.*

Upon an Information brought into this Houſe, by ſeveral Members of the Houſe, declaring, That the ſeveral Laws made formerly by the General-Aſſembly, and his late Royal Highneſs *James* Duke of *York*, *&c.* And alſo the ſeveral Ordinances, or reputed Laws, made by the preceeding Governors and Councils, for the Rule of their Majeſties Subjects within this Province, are reported amongſt the People, to be ſtill in Force:

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That all the Laws conſented to by the General-Aſſembly, under *James*, Duke of *York*, and the Liberties and Privileges therein contained, granted to the People, and declared to be their Rights, not being obſerved, and not ratified and approved by his Royal Highneſs, nor the late King, are null, void, and of none Effect. And alſo the ſeveral Ordinances made by the late Governors and Councils, being contrary to the Conſtitution of *England*, and the Practice of the Government of their Majeſties other

other Plantations in *America*, are likewiſe null, void, and of none Effect nor Force within this Province.

A Petition of Captain *William Merrett*, and divers others read, &c.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect into the Matter of the above Petition; and make a Report thereof to this Houſe next Seſſion.

Adjourned 'till To-morrow 10 ho. A. M.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 25, 1691.

WILLIAM Demiere being returned to ſerve as Burgeſs for the County of *Ulſter*, came into this Houſe accompanied with Mr. *Henricus Beekman*, who delivers, That the ſaid *Demiere* has been with his Excellency, and taken the Oaths and ſigned the Teſt, which has qualified him to ſit in this Houſe; which he did, and took his Place accordingly.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, was read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

A Petition of *Gilbert's* read; and ordered thereupon, That the Committee for Fees take it into Conſideration; and that the Magiſtrates here, *viz.* Alderman *Merrett*, and Alderman *Kipp* make Report hereof to the Mayor, that the Subject may be redreſſed from this grievous Oppreſſion.

The Bill above for ſettling Courts, &c. read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed and brought to the Houſe on *Monday*, 2 o' Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjourned 'till *Die Lunæ*, 2 ho. P. M.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1691.

MR. Speaker brought in the Bill for the ſettling, quieting, and confirming, &c. read the firſt time.

Ordered, A ſecond reading.

Read a ſecond Time; and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, for Amendments.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for the quieting and ſettling Diſorders, &c. read a firſt Time.

Ordered, A ſecond reading.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Charter of Privileges; read the firſt Time.

Ordered, A ſecond reading.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts engroſſed, and read the third Time, and paſſed; and ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent, by Alderman *Merrett* and Alderman *Kipp*, and one Repreſentative out of each County.

Ordered, The Bill for the ſettling, quieting, and confirming, &c. with its Amendments by the Committee, be read; and the Amendments approved, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Charter of Privileges read a ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, &c. read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, To be engroſſed.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 8 ho. A. M.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1691.

THE Bill for quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, &c. read the third Time, and paſſed.

Ordered, To be ſent to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Adjourned till 2 ho. this Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 28, 1691.

THE Charter of Privileges read, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Schaick*, and Mr. *Beekman*, do carry to the Governor and Council, the two Bills as above, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That a Bill for ſettling the Militia, be forthwith brought in, and that the Speaker, be deſired to draw it up, with all convenient Speed.

Mr. Speaker, is deſired to draw up a Bill, for the Eaſe of People ſcrupulous in Swearing.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the Settling of Fairs throughout this Province.

That a Bill be brought in, for the Confirmation of the ſeveral Marriages, during the Time of the late Troubles; and that for the future, Juſtices of the Peace, be qualified to marry.

A Bill for the better Ordering and Rule of *Indian* and Negro Slaves.

A Bill for the Regulating of Weights and Meaſures.

A Bill for the Aſcertaining the Gauge of Caſk.

A Bill for the Probate of Wills, and regulating Letters of Adminiſtration.

Mr. *Pell*, deſires Liberty to go *Weſtcheſter*, to ſwear the ſeveral Juſtices for that County.

The two Gentlemen, that carried the two aforeſaid Bills to his Excellency and Council; returned and ſay, they delivered them accordingly.

Mr. *Beekman*, one of the Members of this Houſe, informing that his Wife is ſick, and ſome other urgent Occaſions; deſires Leave of this Houſe to go Home, and has Liberty accordingly.

Adjourned till To-morrow 10 ho. A. M.

Die Mercurij, *A. M.* 10 *ho. April* 29, 1691.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, by Mr. *Monvile*, and Mr. *Pinhorn*, as followeth, *viz.*

By the Governor and Council.

Ordered,

"THAT Mr. *Monvile* and Mr. *Pinhorn*, do wait upon the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and recommend to "them the Expediting of a Bill for regulating the Extrava- "gance of Tradeſmen and Labourers Wages, that Work by "the Day, in this Province."

Fort William Henry, *April* 28, 1691.

per Order, David Jamiſon. *Clk. Council.*

Ordered, That the Attorney General do draw up a Bill forthwith, for the Regulating of Labourers Wages, &c.

Adjourned till 2 ho. P. M.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1691.

ADJOURNED till Friday 10 ho. A. M.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 1*ſt*, 1691.

A Bill for the Enabling each reſpective Town, to regulate their Fences and Highways, throughout this Province.

Read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ditto Bill, read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Bill for Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Adminiſtration.

Read the firſt Time and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ditto Bill, read a ſecond Time and ordered to be engroſſed.

Upon Information brought to this Board, that Mr. *Dally* the *French* Miniſter, had received a Paper or Petition that was ſigned by ſeveral of the Inhabitants of *Harlem* and *Weſtcheſter*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dally* be ſent for, to give this Houſe Information of the Matter; Mr. *Dally* the *French* Miniſter, appeared to this Houſe, who was told by an Interpreter, that this Houſe was informed *(ut Supra)* and did aſk him whether he had that Paper or Petition; who anſwered both in *Engliſh* and by his Interpreter, that he would not give any Anſwer to any Body.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dally*, refuſing to Anſwer this Houſe, be committed for his Contempt, to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, and there to remain until he ſhall make Anſwer, or be diſcharged by this Houſe.

Adjourned 2 ho. P. M.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 1, 1691.

KILLIAN *Van Renſſelaer* returned Burgeſs, for the Manor of *Renſſelaer-Wyck*, in the County of *Albany*; having taken the Oaths and ſigned the Teſt as uſual, is admitted a Member here, and took his Place accordingly.

The Petition of *Killian Van Renſſelaer* was read:

Ordered, That the Petitioner attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, Lord of the Manor of *Renſſelaer-Wyck*, moves this Houſe, That a Bill for the Naturalization of the Petitioner, ſhould not be ordered, until he be heard in that Matter.

The Bill for ſettling the Militia read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent; and that Colonel *Pierſon*, Captain *Cortlandt*, and Captain *Demiere* do carry up this Bill, as above.

Mr. *Monvile* moved this Houſe, That Mr. *Dally* being ſorry, deſired to be heard, and would give the Houſe Satisfaction.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dally* appear; who ſays, "That ſome Time this Week he did receive a certain Paper, to which was ſeveral Subſcriptions; and being afraid the People might come to ſome Trouble about it, he gave it to his Wife, and ſays ſhe did burn it."

Ordered, That Mr. *Dally* be diſcharged from the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, paying him and the Clerk of this Houſe their Fees.

A Bill for regulating the Abuſes, and better Obſervation of the Lord's Day; read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

A Bill for Settlement of the Miniſtry, *&c.* read the firſt Time; and not anſwering the Intent of this Houſe, is rejected, and ordered that another Bill be brought in.

A Bill to appoint a Schoolmaſter in each reſpective City and Town, *&c.* read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 10 ho. A. M.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 2, 1691.

A Bill for Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration, *&c.* read the third Time, and paſſed this Houſe, and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

A Bill for the enabling each reſpective Town within this Province, to regulate their Fences, *&c.* read the third Time, and paſſed this Houſe; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Agreed, that 12*d. per* Gallon, Exciſe, be put upon all Brandy, Rum, and other diſtilled Liquors, from 15 Gallons and under, retailed throughout the Province. An Exciſe of 6*s.* upon each Barrel of Beer and Cyder ſold by retail throughout the Province. And alſo 12*d. per* Gallon for all Wine retailed under 5 Gallons.

Agreed, that the Duties upon Beaver and Peltry ſhall be and ſtand as formerly.

Adjourned 'til *Die Lunæ*, 2 ho. P. M.

Die Lunæ, May 4, 2 *ho. P. M.* 1691.

A Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, *&c.* returned to this Houſe from the Governor and Council, by Colonel *Bayard*, with ſeveral Amendments, to which this Houſe have agreed, and ordered to be ſent to the Secretary to be enrolled.

A Bill for the enabling each reſpective Town, *&c.* to regulate their Fences, *&c.* returned to this Houſe by Colonel *Bayard*, with its Amendments; to which this Houſe have agreed, and ordered to be ſent to the Secretary, to be enrolled.

A Bill for ſettling, quieting, and confirming unto the Cities, Towns, Manors, *&c.* their ſeveral Grants, Patents, and Rights, *&c.* returned to this Houſe by Colonel *Bayard*, with its Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinſon* and Captain *Howell* do wait upon the Council with this Bill, to confer with them about the meaning of their Amendments.

A Bill for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, *&c.* returned to this Houſe by Colonel *Bayard*, with its Amendments; to which the Houſe have agreed, and ordered to be ſent to the Secretary, to be enrolled.

A Bill for ſettling the Militia, *&c.* returned to this Houſe by Colonel *Bayard*, with its Amendments.

Ordered, That Captain *Cortlandt* and Colonel *Pierſon* do wait upon the Council with this Bill, to confer with them about the meaning of their Amendments.

Upon further peruſal of the reſpective Amendments and ſeeming Aſſents of the Governor and Council, we do find that ſome of their Amendments contain an Aſſent of the Governor and Council, and others of them only of the Council; and yet all under the Teſt of *David Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council. Therefore it is ordered, that Mr. *Weſſels*, Colonel *Pierſon*, Captain *Demiere*, Mr. *Robinſon*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, Mr. *Pell*, and Alderman *Merret*, be appointed a Committee, to enquire and examine what hath been the former Cuſtom, Practice, and Manner of the Governor and Council, ſignifying of their Aſſent to the Bills ſent up to them, and returned to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, of the former General-Aſſembly; and that they make Report thereof immediately.

Mr. *Pell* Chairman of the Committee, reports that it was the former Cuſtom, Practice and Manner of ſignifying the Aſſent of the Governor and Council, to ſuch Bills as was ſent up by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Governor to put his Sign Manuel to ſaid Bills.

Ordered, That Four of the aforeſaid Gentlemen do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them that it hath been the former Cuſtom and Practice, in the General Aſſemblies for this Province; for the Governor to ſign ſuch Bills as were aſſented to, by the Governor and Council, and returned to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, it being the dutiful Deſire of this Houſe, and they humbly pray, that his Excellency and Council, would be pleaſed to continue the ſame Method, being moſt conſonant to the Cuſtoms of *England*, and their Majeſties other Plantations in *America*.

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1691.

ADJOURNED till 2 ho. P. M.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 5, 1691.

A Bill againſt keeping Swine, &c. read the firſt Time. *Ordered*, A ſecond Reading.

Ditto, Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

This Houſe taking into their Conſideration, what Buſineſs lies now properly before them, do find that the ſeveral Bills, that they have agreed to, to be convenient for the Support of their Majeſties Government here, and for the good and peaceable Government of their Subjects within this Province, have not been brought into this Houſe, ſo timely as expected, and now the Seſſions drawing near the Cloſe by the Neceſſity of the Governor's going up for *Albany*; it is ordered, That this Houſe reſolves itſelf into a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire into the Cauſe of ſuch Delays and Obſtructions, and alſo, to repreſent unto his Excellency, the Governor and Council, that ſome ſpeedy and effectual Care may be taken for the future Diſpatch of their Majeſties and Country's Service; and the Speaker left the Chair.

The Grand Committee choſe Mr. *Pell* Chairman, and he took his Place in the Chair accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Grand Committee doth find, that what was recommended to them by the Governor and Council, to be, firſt, An Addreſs to their Majeſties, to which the Houſe has conſented, and is now before the Governor and Council; this Houſe waiting to give their hearty Concurrence thereunto.

Reſolved, That we do farther find recommended unto us, a Committee to review and report the Laws, Courts and Salaries, of the Judges.

An Act *for Miniſters in every Town and their Maintenance.*

An Act *for the Quieting of the late Troubles, and Aſſurance of the People in General, from any Purſuit ſaving to every one his particular Action.*

The Support of the Garriſon at *Albany*, &c.

The Conſiderations and Continuation of the Revenue, with ſuch Amendments and Additions as may be neceſſary.

On the 14th of *April*, we do alſo find that the Houſe ordered that the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds*, was to be raiſed and levied for the Support and Maintenance of one Company of Fuſileers, for the Defence of the Frontiers at *Albany*.

On the 16th of *April*, the Minutes of this Houſe was given to the Attorney General, to draw a Bill for the ſame.

On the 17th Ditto, this Houſe did agree to the Regulating the Courts of Judicature, and gave him the Minutes to draw up a Bill to that Purpoſe.

On the 18th Ditto, this Houſe made an Addreſs to his Excellency, giving him the Aſſurance with their Lives and Fortunes, to ſupport and maintain their Majeſties Government of this Province.

We did order the Attorney General to draw a Bill for the Settling of the Miniſtry, and their Maintenance in every Town.

And alſo did think fit to Order likewiſe, for the good and peaceable Government of their Majeſties Subjects here, to draw the ſeveral Bills following:

A Bill to appoint a Schoolmaſter, for the Educating and Inſtructing of Children and Youth, to read and write *Engliſh*, in every Town in this Province.

A Bill for regulating the Abuſes and better Obſervation of the Lord's Day.

A Bill for ſettling a Ferry between *Long-Iſland* and *Weſtcheſter*.

A Bill

A Bill for the Defraying the neceſſary Charges and Expences, of each reſpective County and Town within this Province.

A Bill for the Building a Bridge at Spiting Devil.

A Bill for the Regulating of Highways throughout this Province.

A Bill for the Qualifying of Jurymen.

A Bill for the Enabling each reſpective Town within this Province, to regulate their Fences, and make ſuch prudential Orders, *&c.*

April 20. Mr. *Farewell* came to this Houſe from his Excellency, and ſaid it was his Excellency's Order, That he ſhould ſupply the Attorney General's Place, and draw up what Bills were ordered by this Houſe; and accordingly all the foregoing Bills were delivered to him; who ſaid, that he could not expedite all the Bills given him, having private Buſineſs of his own, but the Bills for ſettling the Courts, and raiſing the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, he would certainly bring to this Houſe on *Wedneſdoy* next, by 8 of the Clock in the Morning; this Houſe did likewiſe Order, that the three following Bills ſhould be brought in, *viz.*

A Bill for the ſettling and quieting the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province, and for the Eſtabliſhing and Securing their Majeſties preſent Government againſt the like Diſorders for the Future.

A Bill for ſettling and confirming the Lands and Hereditaments of the Inhabitants within this Province, as hath been formerly granted by the Governors of this Province.

A Bill for the endemnifying all ſuch as have been active in the late Diſorders.

On the 21ſt and 22d Ditto, The Houſe did agree to the raiſing a Revenue for the Support of the Government of this Province, as formerly eſtabliſhed, with ſome few Amendments.

On the ſaid 22d Day, Mr. *Farewell* brought in the Bill for raiſing the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, which could not be read, but by the Speaker; upon which the Houſe did not think the Stile and Method of this Bill ſuitable to the Conſtitution of this Country; but ordered the Clerk of the Houſe to wait upon his Excellency, for the preventing of Miſtakes, and to diſcourſe him about it, which the Clerk did, and returned this Anſwer, That his Excellency was very well ſatisfied with the Care and Diligence of this Houſe, in the expediting the Affairs of the Province, and gave them Thanks for the ſame, and was much troubled the Attorney General ſhould depart and not take better Care, to have a Perſon to attend the Houſe, and to draw *De Die* in *Diem*, the ſeveral Bills this Houſe ſhould order, and that his Excellency would immediately endeavour his utmoſt, to provide a Perſon qualified for the Buſineſs, that ſhould wholly attend it.

April 24, *Die Veneris*, The Houſe being ſenſible of the Neglect of bringing in the Bills that were ordered; did reſolve themſelves into a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, who did report to the Houſe as follows, That *James Graham* be requeſted by the Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to ſerve their Majeſties and this Province, by drawing up all ſuch Bills as from Time to Time be ordered; for doing whereof this Grand Committee, will deſire the Houſe to take Care, that Satisfaction ſhall be made to the ſaid *Graham* for his ſo doing.

April 24, *P. M.* Mr. Speaker was ordered to draw up the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill for the eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, *&c.*

A Bill for the quieting and ſettling Diſorders, *&c.*

A Bill for the confirming and ſettling of Lands, *&c.*

A Bill declaring what are the Rights and Privileges, *&c.*

A Bill for endemnifying all thoſe who have been active, *&c.*

Die Sabatii, *April* 25, Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

April 27, *Die Lunæ*, Mr. Speaker brought in the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill for quieting and ſettling Diſorders, *&c.*

A Bill for confirming and ſettling Lands, *&c.*

A Bill declaring what are the Rights and Privileges, *&c.*

April 28, Mr. Speaker was ordered to bring in the following Bills, *viz.*

At the ſame Time Mr. *Beekman* and Mr. *Van Schaick*, carried up two Bills to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

A Bill to eaſe People that are ſcrupulous in Swearing,

A Bill for the Settling the Militia, *&c.*

A Bill for the Settling of Fairs, *&c.* throughout this Province.

A Bill for the Confirming of Marriages during the Time of the late Troubles, *&c.*

A Bill for the better ordering and governing *Indian* and Negro Slaves.

A Bill for the regulating Weights and Meaſures, *&c.*

A Bill for the aſcertaining the Gauge of Caſk, *&c.*

A Bill for the Probate of Wills and regulating Letters of Adminiſtration.

May 1ſt, Mr. Speaker brought in the following Bills, *viz.* and ſaid he was afraid, he could not anſwer the Expectation of the Houſe, by drawing the remaining Bills, that was recommended to him, having his own private Buſineſs which took up his Time when he was not attending the Service of the Houſe.

A Bill for the Enabling each reſpective Town within this Province, to regulate their Fences and Highways, *&c.*

A Bill for Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Adminiſtration.

May 1ſt, *P. M.* Mr. *Farewell* brought in a Bill for the ſettling of the Miniſtry; which was read, and not anſwering the Intent of the Houſe, was rejected, and another Bill was ordered to be brought in, drawn up to that Purpoſe.

A Bill for the better Obſervation of the Lord's Day, *&c.*

A Bill to appoint School-maſters, &c.

May 2d, This Houſe did agree to an Eſtabliſhment of an Exciſe, which was the compleating of the whole Revenue; and it was ordered, that a Bill ſhould be brought in accordingly.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

BY this preceding Journal, your Excellency will perceive the Care and Diligence of this Houſe, in their ſpeedy Diſpatch of all Things recommended to them by your Excellency and Council; and alſo of their Induſtry for the providing ſuch neceſſary Laws for the Good of their Majeſties Subjects, in as ſhort a Time as the Buſineſs of this Seſſion would well permit; and underſtanding that your Excellency intends in a few Days for *Albany*, we find ourſelves obliged, by the Duty we owe to their Majeſties, your Excellency and Council, in all humble Manner, to repreſent unto your Excellency, That the Want of the Preſence of an Attorney General, or ſome other fit and proper Perſon acquainted with their Majeſties Intereſt, and the former Conſtitutions of this Province, for the drawing up of ſuch Bills as has been found neceſſary for their Majeſties Service, and the Good of their Subjects here; has been very prejudicial to their Majeſties Intereſt, and obſtructive to the good Intentions of this Houſe, to ſerve their Majeſties and your Excellency, as well as to the great Charge and Expence of the Country; therefore humbly Pray, that your Excellency would be pleaſed with all convenient Speed, to conſtitute and appoint an Attorney General, or ſome other fit and proper Perſon, acquainted with their Majeſties Intereſt, and the former Conſtitution of this Province, to attend the preſent Service of this Houſe, otherways their Majeſties Intereſt muſt very much ſuffer; and we alſo humbly Pray, that your Excellency would be pleaſed to believe, that we have with all Sincerity, demonſtrated our Zeal for their Majeſties Service, by the eſtabliſhing a Revenue, *&c.* for the Support of their Majeſties Government here; ſo that if we had not found a real Delay in the Matter, and an impoſſibility to do their Majeſties Service without ſuch a Perſon be appointed, we ſhould not have moved herein; and we farther declare, that we have no other Intention by this Addreſs, but to remonſtrate to your Excellency, the plain Matter of Fact, that your Excellency, may in your Prudence, provide a ſpeedy Relief.

Upon Notice that Mr. Secretary *Clarkſon*, was at the Door of this Houſe, Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Clarkſon* came with a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, and ſaid this Houſe, muſt attend his Excellency at the Fort immediatly, which accordingly they did.

The Governor was pleaſed to acquaint this Houſe, that the Addreſs agreed upon to be ſent unto their Majeſties, was engroſſed and now ready to be read; which was done accordingly; *Approved*, *Nemine Contradicente*, and ſigned by the Governor and Council, the Speaker, and each Member of the Houſe, with their Clerk; and the Houſe returned and adjourned, till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning. The Addreſs as follows,*

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1691.

A Bill for the Defraying the public and neceſſary Charges, *&c.* read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 6, 1691.

MR. *Pell* Chairman of the Grand Committee, reports as is aforeſaid, to which the Houſe agrees, and orders the ſaid Report to be fairly drawn out; and that Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Weſſels*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Poland*, Capt. *Demire*, Mr. *Renſſelaar*, and Mr. *Duksberry*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deliver this Addreſs, and that the Clerk gets this ready by To-morrow, 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

The Petition of *Peter Dallius*, *French* Miniſter, read, and ordered, That *Henricus Solinus* and *Adolphus Varrick*, Miniſters of

* The Addreſs is miſſing.

of the *Dutch* Congregations, and the reſpective Elders of the *French* Churches, within this City, examine the Allegations of the Petitioner; and report to this Houſe on *Tueſday* next, the State of the whole Matter.

Adjourned till To-morrow 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1691.

MR. *Pell*, and the Reſt of the Gentlemen ordered to wait upon his Excellency, with the Addreſs, reports, That they had been with his Excellency, who ſaid the Council was not to ſit till 4 o'Clock.

Adjourned 'till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

THE Houſe met, and there not being a ſufficient Number to do any Buſineſs; adjourned 'till To-morrow, 10 o' Clock in the Morning, the Houſe ſtaying 'til near 4 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *h. A. M. May* 8, 1691.

Ordered,

THAT the ſeveral Bills hereafter mentioned, be delivered to Mr. *Farewell* and Mr. *Emett*, who are ſaid to be appointed by his Excellency to draw the Revenue Bills.

A Bill for the regulating and qualifying of Jury-Men, *&c.*

A Bill for the endemnifying all ſuch as have been Active, *&c.*

A Bill to eaſe People that are ſcrupulous in ſwearing, *&c.*

A Bill for the ſettling of Fairs throughout this Province, *&c.*

A Bill for confirming Marriages during the late Diſorders; and that Juſtices of the Peace may be qualified to marry for the future.

A Bill for the better ordering and regulating *Indian* and *Negro* Slaves.

A Bill for the regulating of Weights and Meaſures, *&c.*

A Bill for aſcertaining the Gauge of Caſks.

A Bill for the deſtroying of Wolves, *&c.*

A Bill for the raiſing of £. 2000, *&c.*

A Bill to avoid vexatious and letigious Suits at Law.

A Bill for the eſtabliſhing a Revenue for the defraying the public Charge of the Province.

A Bill for building a Bridge at *Spiting Devil.*

Reſolved, That all theſe Bills are abſolutely neceſſary for their Majeſties and Country's Service, to be paſſed this Seſſions; and ordered that they be immediately drawn up, this Houſe having no other Buſineſs to do at preſent.

A Bill declaring what are the Rights and Privileges of their Majeſties Subjects, ordered to be read three Times, and paſſed and ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell* and Col. *Pierſon*, do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Governor and Council.

Ordered; That Mr. *Weſſels*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Beekman* and Mr. *Demier*; be a Committee to inſpect the Charges and Diſburſments made in the County of *Albany*, in the late Troubles, and make Report thereof, to this Houſe next Seſſions.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *h. P. M. May* 8, 1691.

MR. *Pell* the Chairman of the Committee, that carried up the Addreſs, reports that he delivered it to his Excellency and Council, which was read in his Preſence; his Excellency's Anſwer was, that they would conſider of it, and give an anſwer to it.

Col. *Pierſon* reports, That he delivered the Charter of Privileges to his Excellency and Council.

A Bill for the Obſervation of the Lord's Day, read a ſecond Time and committed.

A Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany*, &c. read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 9, 1691.

MR. Speaker, acquaints this Houſe, that laſt Night he received a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, brought by Mr. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *Brook*, as followeth:

At a Council, held at *Fort William Henry*, May 8, 1691.

PRESENT,

His EXCELLENCY the Governor, *&c.*

MR. Cortlandt *and Mr.* Brook, *are deſired to report unto the Houſe of Repreſentatives, that his Excellency and Council, are very ſenſible of their Induſtry in their Majeſties and Country's Service; that his Excellency and Council, hath been ready at all Times, to paſs their Bills, and that ſince the Method of drawing of Bills, is miſunderſtood, a Conferrence be had thereupon To-morrow Morning, by* 8 *of the Clock.* per Order,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to his Excellency and Council, for their great Readineſs, at all Times, to paſs ſuch Bills, as has been recommended to them; and that this Houſe will attend his Excellency and Council, and conſer with them concerning the Method of drawing of Bills; and that Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Weſſells*, and Mr. *Pell*, do manage this Conference.

The Petition of *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, of *Amſterdam*, was rejected.

Voted, Nemine Contradicente, That whoſoever adviſed his Excellency to ſend the Attorney General out of this Province during the Seſſions of this Aſſembly, were Obſtructors of their Majeſties Intereſt, and the good Settlement of this Government.

The Revenue Bill read a-firſt, a ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, by Mr. *Monviel*, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, May 9, 1691.

PRESENT,

His EXCELLENCY, the Governor, *&c.*

Ordered,

THAT *Col.* Dudly, *Col.* Bayard, *and Mr.* Nicolls, *be a Committee of this Board, appointed to meet with a Committee of Repreſentatives, to be appointed to ſettle a Method for the expediting the remaining Buſineſs of this Seſſions of the Aſſembly; and that they ſit at Mr.* Matthews's, *at* 2 *of the Clock in the Afternoon this Day; and that Mr.* Monvile *do forthwith wait upon the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to acquaint them thereof.*

Per Order,

DAVID JAMISON, *Cl. Cl.*

A Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany*, &c. read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Bill for the defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge of this Province read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Committee ordered to join with the Committee of the Council, to ſettle the Buſineſs of the Houſe, were, Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Weſſells*, and Mr. *Robinſon*; and that they attend at this Houſe at 2 o'Clock this Afternoon.

That Mr. Speaker be pleaſed to bring in a Bill for the ſettling the Salary of the Aſſembly, &c. with an Ordnance or Eſtabliſhment of Fees.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Pell*, and Mr. *Weſſells*, reports, That they delivered the Meſſage to the Governor and Council, and his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, That the Addreſs that was delivered Yeſterday, did ſeem to reflect upon him: The Speaker ſaid, There was no ſuch Intent of the Houſe; but that they were ſenſible of the great Care his Excellency had taken for their Majeſties and Country's Service; and that this Houſe, upon Occaſion, had given ſignal Demonſtration of their Senſe thereof, to his Excellency; and that their being ſo great an Obſtruction, they were afraid his Excellency was ill adviſed.

And that his Excellency farther ſaid, He had purſued his Inſtructions, and did not find it to be the Duty of the Attorney Gen. to attend this Houſe; upon which the Speaker produced an Order of Council, dated the 16th of *April*, Declaring it was the Duty of the Attorney General to attend this Houſe, and that Matter being already reſolved, there was no Need of Conference.

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock a Monday Morning.

Die Luna, *May* 11*th*, 10*th ho. A. M.* 1691.

A Meſſage brought to this Houſe by Mr. *Cortlandt*, and Mr. *Brook*, as followeth, viz.

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, May 11, 1691.

PRESENT,

His Excellency the Governor, *&c.*

A *Memorial relating to the Revenue, received and dut by the former Accounts, delivered to this Board, by* Chidly Brook, *Eſq; Collector, &c. read, and ordered that it be preſented to the Repreſentatives, by* Stephen Cortlandt *and the Collector, for their Conſideration.* per Order,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

And at the ſame Time moved that this Houſe, might attend his Excellency and Council immediately, which accordingly they did.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker reports that his Excellency was pleaſed to acquaint this Houſe, that he underſtands there is very great Diſquiet and Diſſatisfaction amongſt the People of this Province, ſome being diſpleaſed that the Priſoners were not executed, and others declaring that he had not Power to execute them; of which he deſires the Advice of this Houſe, what may be proper for the quieting and ſecuring the Government.

Ordered, That the humble and hearty Thanks of this Houſe, be given to his Excellency, for the great Care he takes in preſerving the Peace and Quiet of this Province, and that he be deſired to appoint his Council to confer with this Houſe, upon what was recommended to their Conſideration, and that Mr. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *Merret*, do wait upon his Excellency accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 11, 1691.

THE Gentlemen that carried up the Meſſage to his Excellency, reports, That they did deliver it to his Excellency; who ſaid, That ſome Time this Afternoon he would appoint ſome of the Council to join with this Houſe, to confer about that Affair.

Mr. *Pinhorn* brought a verbal Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, That his Excellency with his Council were now ready to attend the Conference at the Fort; where the Houſe immediately went to wait upon his Excellency and Council, and returned.

The Revenue Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed.

A Bill for the enabling the City and County of *Albany*, &c. read a third Time and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Adjourned 'til 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 12, 1691.

A Bill for the Allowance of the Repreſentatives, read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Do. Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Do. Bill read a third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

A Bill for defraying of the publick Charge, &c. of each County, read a third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for the raiſing and levying of £. 2000, read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Do. Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered, In regard that the above Bill for raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds*, has not been diſpatched ſo ſoon as deſigned by this Houſe; it is therefore ordered, that the 25th Day of *July* ſhall be inſerted, inſtead of the 25th Day of *June*.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 12, 1691.

ADJOURNED 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1691.

THE Bill for raiſing the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, read three Times, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

A Bill to eaſe People ſcrupulous in ſwearing, read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Do. Bill read a ſecond Time; ordered to be engroſſed.

Do. Bill read a third Time, and paſſed; and ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Howell*, and Mr. *Robinſon*, do carry up the following ſix Bills to the Governor and Council, *viz.*

A Bill to eaſe People ſcrupulous in ſwearing.

A Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany*, &c.

A Bill for raiſing the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, &c.

A Bill or Charter of Privileges.

A Bill for defraying the public, &c.

A Bill for Allowance for Repreſentatives, &c.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 13, 1691.

THE Revenue Bill read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent: And that Mr. *Kipp*, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Robinſon*, and Mr. *Renſſelaer* do carry it up.

The Committee for ſettling Fees, &c. brought in their Report thereof, with a Catalogue annexed, as follows.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell* do carry up the Catalogue of Fees.

The Petition of *James Yare* read, and recommended to his Excellency for Relief; and that an Addreſs be made to him, that he may order the Receiver General to pay him *Twenty Pounds*; and that his Excellency take Care to pay for the Cure.

The Petition of *Richard Greenor* read, and ordered *Five Pounds, ut Supra*; and his Excellency to pay the Cure.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1691.

Ordered,

THE Members of *New-York* to be a Committee together, with all or any of the Members of this Houſe, when they are in Town, to examine, enquire, and prepare, to Report to this Houſe next Seſſions, all ſuch Matters and Things whatever, as may conduce to the good and welfare of this Government.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee, examine and report the Petition of Capt. *Merret*, and make Report as ordered.

That the ſaid Committee examine and report the Petition of Mr. *Jackſon* and Mr. *Lee*.

That the ſaid Committee do examine and report the Petition of Col. *Willet*, and divers other Gentlemen; with the Petition of Capt. *Stilwell*.

Ordered, That Mr. Collector be indemnified for all the Duties and Cuſtoms, that he has received, ſince he entered into that Office at *New-York*; and that he make ſuch Payments thereof, as he ſhall be adviſed by this Houſe, and that he be hereby enabled to call in all the Arrearages, during all the ſaid Time.

Ordered, That his Excellency be addreſſed unto, to order, the Receiver General, to pay to Capt. *William Kidd*, *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, Current Money of this Province, as a ſuitable Reward, for the many good Services done to this Province.

Ordered, That his Excellency be addreſſed to, to order the Receiver General, to pay unto the Hon. Major *Richard Ingoldſby*, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Current Money of this Province, as a ſuitable Reward, for the many good Services done to this Province.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 14, 1691.

Ordered,

THAT the Speaker bring in a Bill, that all the Duties and Cuſtoms, that hath been received by the Collector, and are ſtill due, be given to his Excellency as an Acknowledgment, paying out of the ſame, the Monies above ordered, and the Arrearages due in the Month of *June*.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1691.

A Bill for the Pardoning of ſuch as have been active in the late Diſorders, and preventing vexatious Suits, read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ditto Bill read a ſecond Time and committed.

A Bill to enable his Excellency to defray his extraordinary Expences, and to indemnify the Collector and Receiver General, for the Receipt of ſeveral Sums of Money, on Pretence of Cuſtoms and Duties.

The foregoing Bill read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ditto Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 15, 1691.

DITTO Bill read a third Time, and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

The

* This Catalogue not to be found.

The indemnifying Bill, read a third Time and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Excellency, that he would pleaſe to order the Receiver General, to pay unto Mr. *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds Ten Shillings*, Current Money of this Province, for Salary, Houſe Rent and Salaries to Clerks, Officers, &c. and Books, Pens, Ink and Paper, and other incidental Charges; during the Seſſions of this General Aſſembly.

A Meſſage brought from the Governor and Council, by Mr. Secretary *Clarkſon*, is as followeth:

PRESENT,

His Excellency the Governor, *&c.*

UPON the Clamour of the People daily coming to his Excellency's Ears, relating to the Execution of the Priſoners, condemned of Treaſon, and having had the Opinion of the major Part of the Repreſentatives now met and aſſembled, for the Execution of the principle Offenders; he was pleaſed to offer to the Council, his Willingneſs to do what was moſt proper, for the Quiet and Peace of the ſaid Country; intending ſpeedily to remove for *Albany*, and demanded of the Council their Opinion; whether the Delay of the Execution of Juſtice, might not prove dangerous at this Conjuncture; whereupon it was unanimouſly Reſolved, That as well for the Satisfaction of the *Indians* as the aſcerting of the Government and Authority, reſiding in his Excellency, and preventing Inſurrections and Diſorders for the Future, it is abſolutely neceſſary that the Sentence pronounced againſt the principal Offenders, be forthwith put in Execution.

May 14, 1691. *per Order*,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *h. A. M. May* 16, 1691.

THIS Houſe according to their Opinion given, do approve of what his Excellency and Council have done.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do, with all convenient Speed, ſend to the Repreſentatives of each reſpective County, Copies of what Acts have been paſſed this Seſſions; and alſo Copies of the Minutes or Journal of the Houſe; for which he ſhall be paid accordingly, by the Repreſentatives of each County.

The Houſe went to the Fort to his Excellency and Council; who, altogether, went to the Town-Hall, and there read off and proclaimed the ſeveral Acts following, *viz.*

A Liſt or Catalogue of the ſeveral Bills ſent up from this Houſe to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent, and ordered to be enrolled, as follows, *viz.*

A Bill *for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature*, &c.

A Bill *for quieting and ſettling Diſorders*, &c.

A Bill *declaring what are the Rights and Privileges*, &c.

A Bill *for ſettling the Militia*, &c.

A Bill *to enable each reſpective Town within this Province, to regulate their Highways, and make prudential Orders*, &c.

A Bill *for the ſetling, quieting and confirming unto the Cities, Towns, Counties, Manors*, &c. *their ſeveral Grants*, &c.

A Bill *for the enabling the City and County of* Albany, &c.

A Bill *for the Allowance to Repreſentatives*, &c.

A Bill *for the defraying the public Charge of each reſpective County*, &c.

A Bill *for the raiſing and levying* Two Thouſand Pounds, &c.

A Bill *to eaſe People ſcrupulous in Swearing*, &c.

A Bill *for eſtabliſhing a Revenue*, &c.

A Bill *to enable his Excellency*, &c. *and indemnify the Collector*, &c.

A Bill *for pardoning of ſuch as have been active in the late Diſorders*, &c.

Adjourned till *Monday*, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1691.

THE Houſe went a ſecond Time to the Fort, to his Excellency and Council, who altogether went to the Town-Houſe, and read of and proclaimed the Acts, which the badneſs of the Weather prevented doing a *Saturday* laſt; and after accompanying his Excellency to the Fort, returned to this Houſe.

The Bill, to eaſe People ſcrupulous in Swearing, was returned to this Houſe by Col. *Willet*, ſigned by the Governor, but the Houſe not having a ſufficient Number of Members, deſired it might be brought to them again in the Afternoon:

At the ſame Time a Proclamation was brought, with a verbal Requeſt from his Excellency and Council, to have this Houſe ſubſcribe it, who ſaid that after the Governor and Council had ſigned, they would ſign too.

The Accompts of the Expences and Salaries, *&c.* of this Aſſembly, the Clerk gave in to Col. *Bayard*, who deſired to peruſe them, after the Clerk had ſhewed them to his Excellency; who ſaid, after ſome Debate, about the Order thereof, given in, he approved and allowed very well of it, and ſaid he had given the Order of the Houſe thereupon, to the Collector and Receiver General, and order was taken about it.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 18, 1691.

THIS Afternoon the Houſe did wait upon his Excellency and Council, being ſent for to confer about ſome Buſineſs, and then returned to the Houſe; and Mr. Speaker, adjourned the Houſe, until the 8th of *September* next; according to his Excellency's Opinion, that it was convenient ſo to do, which he ordered the Preſident to acquaint Mr. Speaker, and the Houſe of it, and gave them all hearty Thanks for their good Service done their King and Country, and alſo for their particular Kindneſs to him.

Long live King William *and Queen* Mary.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Septem.* 8, 1691.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment; and the Liſt being called over, there was found none Preſent but *James Graham*, *William Merrett*, Major *Henricus Beekman*, and Captain *William Demiere*; the Clerk acquainted them, That according to the Speaker's Order he had ſent Summonſes to give the Members of the reſpective Counties timely Notice of their being here at the Day of Adjournment.

It is agreed, That Alderman *William Merrett*, and Mr. *Beekman*, do wait upon the Commander in Chief and Council, and acquaint them, that ſome of the Members were met according to the Adjournment to that Day, and their not being a ſufficient Number to make a Quorum, adjourned 'til To-morrow, 8 o' Clock in the Morning.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 8 ho. A. M.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Septem.* 9, 1691.

THE Liſt being called over, there was found only Preſent, *James Graham*, *William Merrett*, *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*, *Johannis Kipp*, *Henricus Beekman*, *William Demiere*, *John Pell*, *Henry Pierſon*, *Matthew Howell*, and *Daniel Whitehead*.

Ordered, That a Meſſenger be ſent to *King's* County, to require the Repreſentatives to make their immediate Appearance here at this Houſe; and that they pay the Charge of the Meſſenger, having ſent no Excuſe.

Ordered, That Captain *Whitehead* acquaint Mr. *Robinſon* to make his ſpeedy Appearance here.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell* and Mr. *Cortlandt* do wait upon the Commander in Chief and Council, and tell them, We not being a full Houſe have adjourned until To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Adjourned accordingly.

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Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. Septem. 10, 1691.

THE List being called over, there were present only *James Graham, William Merrett, Jacobus Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Henricus Beekman, John Pell, Henry Pierson, Matthew Howell, Nicholas Stillwell, John Poland,* and *Elias Duksberry.*

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 10, 1691.

THE List being called over, there were Present *James Graham, William Merrett, Jacobus Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Henricus Beekman, William Demiere, John Pell, Henry Pierson, Matthew Howell, Daniel Whitehead, John Poland,* and *Elias Duksberry.*

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp* and Captain *Demiere* do wait upon the Commander in Chief and Council, and acquaint them, That we attend to know if they have any Business with this House, for the King and Country's Service.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 11th, 1691.

THE List being called over, there were present *James Graham, William Merrett, Jacobus Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Henricus Beekman, William Demiere, John Pell, Henry Pierson, Matthew Howell, Daniel Whitehead, John Poland, Elias Duksberry, John Robinson,* and *Nicholas Stillwell.*

A Message by Colonel *Bayard* and *Chidly Brook,* Esqrs, brought from the Commander in Chief and Council, as followeth, *viz.*

By the Commander in Chief and Council, at Fort William Henry, *the 11th of* September, 1691.

PRESENT.

JOSEPH DUDLEY,
FREDERICK PHILIPSE,
NICHOLAS BAYARD,
STEPHEN VAN CORTLANDT,
CHIDLY BROOK,
} Esqrs.

"COLONEL *Bayard* and *Chidly Brook,* Esqrs, are desired to acquaint the house of Representatives, That the "first Thing offered to their Consideration is the Maintenance "and Defence of the Frontiers at *Albany,* this following Winter; "which in their Opinion requireth a more considerable Force "than what is already provided.

"And that Major *Schuyler's* late Expedition to *Canada,* which "hath proved very successful, hath cost above *Eleven Hundred* "*Pounds,* the Accounts whereof shall be presented to their House "if desired; that this Charge is more than what can be sup-"ported by the present Revenue; and that they would con-"sider of some method of raising Money for defraying the ex-"traordinary Charges of the Government, occasioned by the "War."

per Order, &c.
DAVID JAMISON, *Clk. Coun.*

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 11, 1691.

THE List being called over, were Present the several and respective Persons, *(ut Supra.)*

Adjourned 'til *Thursday September* 17, 1691.

Die Jovis, September 17th, 1691.

THE Roll being called over, there were present only *James Graham, William Merrett, Jacobus Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Dirck Wessells, Levinus Van Schaick, Killian Van Rensselaer, Henricus Beekman,* and *William Demiere,* who not being a Quorum,

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 17th, 1691.

THE Roll called over, there was present *James Graham, William Merrit, Jacobus Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Dirck Wessells, Levinus Van Schaick, Henricus Beekman, William Demier, Henry Pierson, Matthew Howell, Elias Duksberry, and Killian Van Rensselaer.*

Lambert Dorland, returned Representative for the County of *Richmond,* in the Place of *John Dally,* deceased, came into the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duksberry* attend the Commander in Chief and Council, with Mr. *Lambert Dorland* that he may take the Oath to qualify him to sit a Member in this House.

Mr. *Duksberry* reports, That *Lambert Dorland* had taken the usual Oaths; who was ordered to take his Place accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wessells* and Mr. *Demiere* wait upon the Commander in Chief and Council, and desire of them a Copy of the Letters sent to the neighbouring Colonies, for their Assistance in the Reinforcement of *Albany,* this ensuing Winter, and their Answer, to be perused by this House, for their farther Information.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow 10 ho. A. M.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Septem.* 18, 1691.

THE Roll called over, there was present *James Graham, William Merrett, Jacobus Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Dirck Wessells, Levinus Van Schaick, Henricus Beekman, William Demiere, Henry Pierson, Matthew Howell, Nicholas Stillwell, Elias Duksberry, Lambert Dorland, Killian Van Rensselaer,* and *John Poland.*

The Letters brought by Mr. *Wessells* from the Commander in Chief and Council, were read, and ordered to be returned; whereby it appearing that our Neighbours, contrary to their Duty, deny to assist us against the common Enemy, in this Time of eminent Danger.

Ordered, That the reinforcing of *Albany* be taken into Consideration.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock P. M.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 18, 1691.

THE Roll called over, there was only present *James Graham, William Merrett, Johannis Kipp, Dirck Wessells, Levinus Van Schaick, Killian Van Rensselaer, Henry Pierson, Matthew Howell, Nicholas Stillwell, Elias Duksberry, William Demiere, John Poland, Henricus Beekman,* and *Lambert Dorland.*

The Petition of *Otto Garrison* read.

The Petition of the City of *New-York* read.

The Petition of the Freeholders of *Richmond* read.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 9 ho. A. M.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Septem. 19, 1691.

THE Consideration of the reinforcing of *Albany,* being under Debate, it was moved, That it would be convenient that the People that have withdrawn themselves from the Province, should be called Home first; the Question being put, Whether that of *Albany,* or the calling Home of the People, should be first considered? It was carried by the Majority of Votes, That the calling Home of the People should be the first Thing considered by the House.

Ordered, That there be Commissioners appointed in each respective County, to enquire into the Hurt and Damages that hath been done unto their Majesties Subjects, inhabiting within this Province, during the Time of the late Disorders of the usurped Government of *Jacob Leisler,* deceased, and others; and that all Persons that have been so damnified, do bring their Claims in to such Place as these Commissioners shall appoint, in each respective County, within———Days after the Publication hereof. And that these Commissioners shall have Power and Authority to call before them all such Persons as are complained against, and all others that may give them any true and certain Knowledge of the Matter complained of; and upon their Oaths truly and faithfully to assert the Damage, as it do appear to them in Truth and Equity. And that all Actions that has commenced, or are to commence, since the present Settlement of this Government, and all Judgments and Executions had thereon, are hereby superceded and made void. And all Persons that have withdrawn themselves for Fear of any Suit or Action, or any Damage or Hurt that they have done to any Person under the usurped Government of *Jacob Leisler* aforesaid, are hereby required

required to return unto their ſeveral and reſpective Habitations, within———Days; and there uſe, exerciſe and follow their reſpective Occupations, as accuſtomed, without any Let or Moleſtation, then anſwering to ſuch Complaints as aforeſaid. And if any Perſon ſhall willfully abſent himſelf after the Time herein expreſſed, he ſhall be deemed and eſteemed as a Contemner of the Authority of this Government, and Judgment ſhall proceed againſt them, as by Default; and their Eſtates, real and perſonal, ſhall be liable to ſatisfy for the Damage done and laid againſt them.

Ordered, That *One Hundred and Fifty* Men be raiſed for the Reinforcement of *Albany*, to be ready to be embarked from the City of *New-York* by the 15th of *October* next, and their Pay to commence from the ſaid Day until the 15th of April; during which Time, they are to continue in the Service for the ſecuring and defending the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*.

Adjourned 'til Monday, 8 ho. A. M.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 21, 1691.

JOSEPH *Theale* returned by the High Sheriff to ſerve as Burgeſs, for *Weſtcheſter*, appeared in this Houſe, and was accompanied after reading his Indenture, to the Commander in Chief and Council, to take the Oaths as uſual, by Mr. *Pell*.

Mr. *Pell* returned from the Commander in Chief and Council, with his Colleague *Joſeph Theale*, who he ſays, has taken the Oaths as uſual and ſigned the Teſt, which qualified him for a Member of this Houſe, and he took his Place accordingly.

Adjourned until 2 ho. P. M.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1691.

THE Report from the Committee relating to the Expence of *Albany*, before *Leiſler*'s Time, was read and approved, and the Conſideration thereof referred till another Time.

The Petition of the Priſoners in the Common Goal, read and rejected, as not being under the Cognizance of this Houſe.

The humble requeſt of Capt. *Lockhart*, relating to Tanning, Gauging of Caſk, *&c.* read, and the Conſideration thereof, referred until another Time.

The Petition of the Merchants of the City of *New-York*, read and rejected.

The Petition of *Daniel Waldron*, read, and recommended to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Relief.

The Petition of the Freeholders of the County of *Richmond*, read.

Adjourned until 9 ho. A. M.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1691.

THE Queſtion being put to the Houſe, that their is *One Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, to be raiſed for the Paying and Maintaining of 150 Men, from the 15th of *October* to the 15th of *April* next; whether this *One Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be raiſed in Money or in Proviſion, to be paid at *New-York*, at the Merchant's Current Money Price, the 25th of *March* next; it was carried by the major Vote of the Houſe, for the latter.

Ordered, That a Bill be drawn up for the Raiſing of 150 Men, and the *One Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, for the paying and defraying the Charge thereof.

Ordered, That a Bill be drawn up for the Regulating the Proceedings againſt the Offenders in *Leiſler*'s Time.

Ordered, That the *One Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed in ſuch equal Proportions, as the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, formerly levied, was done in each reſpective County.

Adjourned until 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 22, 1691.

THE Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen, read, *&c.*

Ordered, That a Bill he brought in accordingly.

Ordered, A Bill be brought in, to ſecure inteſtate Eſtates, and taking Care of the Over Sight of Orphans.

Adjourned until 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 23, 1691.

MR. Speaker brought in the Bill for the Regulating of Damages, done in the Time of the late Diſorders, and for the Uniting the Minds of their Majeſties Subjects in this Province; and for calling Home ſuch of their Majeſties Subjects, that have lately abſented themſelves from their Habitations, and the uſual Places of their Abode; read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Adjourned until 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 23, 1691.

DITTO Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 10 ho. A. M.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 24, 1691.

MR. Speaker brought in the Bill, for the Raiſing and Paying 150 Men, to be forthwith raiſed for the Defence and Reinforcement of *Albany*, for 6 Months.

Read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ditto Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Member of each County, to be the Committee, *viz. Mr. Kipp, Levinus Van Schaick, Killian Van Renſſelaer, Henricus Beekman, John Pell, Matthew Howell, John Robinſon, Nicholas Stilwell, Elias Dukſberry.*

Adjourned until 2 ho. P. M.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 24, 1691.

DITTO Bill read a third Time and paſſed, and ordered to be ſent up to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Aſſent.

A Bill for regulating the Buildings, Streets, Lanes, Wharfs, Docks and Alleys, of the City of *New-York*; read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Time.

Ditto Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Pierſon*, Mr. *Kipp*, Mr. *Van Schaick* and Mr. *Beekman*, do carry up the Bill *(Ut Supra)* to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Aſſent.

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock A. M.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 25, 1691.

A Bill to divide this Province and Dependencies, into Shires and Counties; read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Do. Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Do. Bill read a third Time, and paſſed, and ordered to be ſent up to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Aſſent.

The Bill for regulating the Buildings, *&c.* read a third Time, and paſſed, and ordered to be ſent up to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Alderman *Merret*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Beekman*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*; do carry up the two Bills *(Ut Supra)* to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Aſſent.

The Gentlemen returned from the Fort ſay, they delivered the two Bills *(Ut Supra)* and the Commander in Chief and Council ſay, it is very well, they will make all the ſpeed imaginable.

Adjourned till 2 ho. P. M.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 25, 1691.

MAJOR *Cortlandt* and *Chidly Brook*, Eſq; brought to this Houſe, an Order of Council, with a Petition from the Merchants of *New-York*, relating to Trade, both which as followeth:

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *the 25th of Sept.* 1691, *A. M. Veneris.*

PRESENT,

The Commander in Chief, *&c.*

JOSEPH DUDLEY,
FREDERICK PHILIPSE,
NICHOLAS BAYARD,
STEPHEN VAN CORTLANDT,
CHIDLY BROOK,
THOMAS WILLETT. } Eſqrs.

"UPON reading the Petition of ſundry Merchants of the City of *New-York*, wherein they propoſe ſeveral

" veral Things to be done for the Advantage of their Majes-
" ties Revenue and the Trade and Navigation of this Province.
" *Ordered*, That Col. *Cortlandt* and *Chidly Brook*, Esq; do
" carry a Copy of the said Petition to the House of Repre-
" sentatives, and acquaint them that the Commander in Chief and
" Council, do recommend the Matter of the said Petition to
" their Consideration, as being very much worthy of their
" Care."

per Order,
David Jamison, Cl. Council.

To the Honourable their Majesties Commander in Chief, and their Majesties Council of the Province of New-York.

The Petition of the Merchants of the City of *New-York*, whose Names are subscribed.

Humbly Sheweth,

" THAT by the Navigation and Traffic of *New-York*, (almost) the whole Revenue for the Support and
" Maintenance, of their Majesties Government of this Pro-
" vince, does arise and grow, and altogether depend upon
" the same.

" That by the Importation of *European* Goods from *Bos-*
" *ton*, and other Places, the Money, Bullion, Furs, and other
" Returns are drawn away from hence; whereby the Mer-
" chants are disabled to send for Goods directly from *Eng-*
" *land*; and by that Means, our Number of shipping being
" decreased, our Seamen diminish, and Trade discouraged;
" our Provisions and other Produce of the Country, will lie
" upon our Hands, for Want of Exportation; and our Neigh-
" bours will be able in a short Time, not only to set their own
" Price upon whatever Goods they bring to us, but also upon
" such Goods of our own Production, as they transport from
" us.

" That the Exportation of Wheat to any of the neighbour-
" ing Colonies, is a great Detriment to this City and Province,
" and the imperishing and Destruction of Numbers of People,
" viz. Boatmen, Millers, Bolters, Bakers, *&c.* who otherwise
" get a Livelihood, and maintain their Families out of the
" same.

" That the Exportation of Whale Oyl, taken and made in
" this Province, otherwise than from this City, is manifestly
" hurtful to Trade, and a general Inconvenience to this City
" and Province; our Neighbours thereby reaping all the Pro-
" fit and Gain of the Labour, Hazard and Industry, of the Peo-
" ple of this Government.

" They therefore humbly pray, That the Premisses taken
" into Consideration, it may be

" *Ordained*, That no Whale Oyl may be exported, but what
" shall be brought to this City.

" That no Wheat shall be exported from this Province, but
" for the *Madeira* Islands only.

" That the Ten *per Cent.* formerly laid upon all *European*
" Goods that do not come directly from *England* hither, over
" and above the Two *per Cent.* already imposed, may again be
" taken, received and paid.

" And that the Imposition at the Weigh-House may be ap-
" plied towards the fortying and reparing the Works about
" this City, whereby the Merchants and other the Inhabitants
" will be eased and relieved from that Burthen, and the Exac-
" tion of Weigh-Meney the more willingly complied with; and
" that the Imposition on Logwood may be abated, *&c.* And
" your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever pray, *&c.*

Rip Van Dam, *James Mills*, *A. De Peyster*,
Stephen De Lancey, *Thomas Wenham*, *Samuel Burtt*.
Christopher Gore, *Charles Lodwick*, *John Barbarie*,
Richard Jones,

Which Petition was read; and upon Debate, the farther Consideration thereof referred until another Time.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 10 ho. A. M.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho. A. M. Septem.* 26, 1691.

THE Question being put whether the Petition (*ut Supra*) should be wholly rejected in the General, or the Particulars thereof referred to farther Consideration? It was carried for the latter.

The Question being put, Whether the Consideration of said Petition shall be now debated, or referred 'til another Time? It was carried by the former to consider of it now.

Upon Consideration of the first Article of the Petition, it is considered, that to Restrain the Importation of *European* Goods from *Boston*, &c. at this Juncture, would be a Grievance to the Inhabitants of this Province.

Upon the Consideration of the Exportation of Wheat, it is carried by the Majority of Votes, That it is not convenient to Export it at this Juncture.

Upon the Consideration of that Article of the Exportation of Whale Oyl, it is considered, That their Majesties in their Letters Patent, have reserved the Appointment of Ports to himself and the Governor for the Time being; therefore this House do not think it convenient to meddle in it.

The Consideration of the Weigh House does not properly lay before this House at this Time.

Ordered, That this House do Address the Commander in Chief and Council, that a Monthly Fast be kept throughout this Province once every Month, until the Month of *June* next, as follows:

Die Sabatii, September 26, 1691.

House of Representatives for the Province of *New-York*.

The Address of the Representatives of this Province, to the Commander in Chief and Council, for the proclaiming a Day of Fast and Humiliation, once a Month, until the Month of *June* next.

May it please your Honours,

THE Representatives convened in General-Assembly, are deeply sensible, that the manifold Sins and Transgressions of the Inhabitants within this Province, have justly provoked the Almighty God, and are the chief and only Cause of his Displeasure, and of the sore and grievous Afflictions that this Province doth now and hath for several Years last past laboured under; and being now visited with the great Calamities of a burthensome War, and a Blast upon the Corn: We do therefore find ourselves obliged in all Duty and Humility to hearken unto his Rebukes, and to take hold of that most excellent Invitation of our blessed Saviour in the Gospel of St. Matthew, *where he dispenseth his great Love in these Words*, Come unto me, all ye that Labour and are heavy Laden, and I will give you Rest in the Faith and Hope thereof. *We humbly supplicate your Honours, in Behalf of ourselves, and all the Inhabitants of this Province, that for the Removal of the Almighty's Displeasure, and the sore and grievous Afflictions that we now groan under; and also that his Majesty's Arms employed in Europe and this Province against his Enemies, and for the Defence of the Protestant Religion, may be Prosperous and Successful, that a Day of Fast and Humiliation may be appointed once a Month, until the Month of* June *next, for the implering the Divine Assistance and Relief of our Most Gracious God in the Premisses.*

Adjourned 'til Monday, 10 ho. A. M.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Septem.* 28, 1691.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Beekman*, Mr. *Kipp*, and Mr. *Wessells* do carry up the Address concluded on last *Saturday*.

Major *Monvile* brought the following Order of Council to this House.

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *the 28th of* September, *Lunæ, A. M.*

" UPON reading the Address of the Representatives of this Province, to the Commander in Chief and
" Council, setting forth, their Sense of the Displeasure of the
" Almighty God for our manifold Sins, by the blasting of the
" Corn, *&c.*

" *Ordered*, That the first *Wednesday* in every Month 'til the
" Month of *June* following, be observed and kept a Fast Day;
" and that Proclamation be made throughout the whole Pro-
" vince to enjoin the strict Observation thereof; and that all
" Persons be inhibited any servile Labour on the said Days.
" And Major *Monvile* prayed to carry this Minute to the House
" of Representatives."

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

Colonel *Cortlandt* and *Chidly Brook*, Esqrs, brought in to this House the 3 Bills sent up with their several Amendments; which Amendments are as followeth, *viz.*

Upon reading the Amendments sent with this Bill,

1. This House doth agree to the first Amendment, and hath rectified it in the Bill accordingly.

2. This House cannot agree to the second Amendment, in regard it would frustrate the equitable Design of the Bill.

3. This House does not think it convenient that Mr. *Cortlandt*, (who hath many Relations concerned in Claims) should be named in the third Amendment; but submit, that the Commander in Chief and Council shall nominate who they think fit in his Stead.

4. This House doth agree to the fourth, and hath rectified it in the Bill accordingly.

5. This House cannot agree to the fifth Amendment, concerning that the Time limited in the Bill is sufficient for the Return of any Person absent, that is beyond the Seas.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell* and Mr. *Duksberry* do carry up this Bill, with the Amendments agreed to, by this House; and do desire,

deſire, that according to the Cuſtom of this Houſe, all Bills aſſented to by the Commander in Chief and Council, be returned unto this Houſe, under the Teſt Manual of the Commander in Chief, as formerly accuſtomed.

By Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,
JAMES GRAHAM, *Speaker.*

Adjourned 'til 2 ho. P. M.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 28, 1691.

UPON reading the Amendments of the Bill for dividing the Province, *&c.* this Houſe has agreed to all the Amendments, and corrected them in the Bill accordingly; except *Nutten-Iſland,* which belongs to his Majeſty's Fort and Garriſon, and ought not to be comprehended in the County.

Upon reading the Amendments of the Bill for regulating, *&c.* the Houſe cannot agree thereunto, becauſe it would defeat the whole Intent of the Bill; therefore humbly pray that it may paſs without any Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell* and Mr. *Dukſberry* do carry up to the Commander in Chief and Council, the two Bills *(ut Supra)* with their Amendments.

Upon reading the Petition of the Repreſentatives of the County of *Albany,* recommended by the Commander in Chief and Council, for Anſwer, this Houſe did receive the Report of the Petitioners, and did approve thereof; but not knowing of any Fund to be aſſigned for the repaying of it, was referred to a farther Conſideration. And upon farther Conſideration it was ordered, That the Arrearages of Exciſe due at *Albany,* from the 29th of *May,* Anno 1689, to the 17th of *March* following, be raiſed and collected, and paid in to the City Treaſury, for the reimburſing the Petitioners; and the Remainder to be paid out of their Majeſties Revenue, as it ariſes.

Ordered, That the *Albany* Repreſentatives do carry up their Petition to the Commander in Chief and Council, with its Indorſements.

The Report of the Committee appointed for the viewing and examining the Petition for Money due to Mr. *Merrett,* and others, is as follows, this Houſe approving thereof:

In Purſuance of an Order of this Houſe, we have viewed and examined the Allegations of the Petitioners, *William Merrett,* and others; and we do find, that by an Audite made on the 5th of *February,* 1684, there was due unto the ſeveral Petitioners the Sum of *Four Hundred Twenty-ſix Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and four Pence*; and that at the ſame Time there was received from the Country, by the reſpective Sheriffs therein named, the Sum of *Eight Hundred Seventy-three Pounds, Ten Shillings and two Pence*; out of which they were to pay the Petitioners Demands. And we do find there was farther due unto the Petitioners the Sum of *Forty Pounds, Three Shillings, and Seven Pence,* being the Charge of the ſaid Audite; and that there was due to the Public for the payment thereof, the Sum of *Sixty-nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Six-Pence*; ſo that we humbly offer as our Report, that this Houſe ought to Addreſs the Commander in Chief and Council, and deſire them to iſſue out an Order to call the reſpective Sheriffs to an Account for ſaid Money, that it may be applied to the paying and ſatisfying the Petitioners; and if upon Inquiry it be found, that the reſpective Sheriffs have paid any of the Sums contained in the ſaid Audite, and that the ſaid Money hath been applied to any other Uſe, that we do think that ſuch Perſons as have received the ſaid Money, ought to Account to the Petitioners for the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be ſent up to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Approbation accordingly.

Ordered, That the Report relating to the Petition of Col. *Willett,* &c. be drawn up fair, and brought into the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till To-Morrow, 10 ho. A. M.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1691.

MR. *Cortlandt* brought in the two Bills, *viz.* a Bill for regulating of Damages, *&c.* and the Bill to divide the Province, *&c.* with their Amendments; upon reading the Amendments of the Bill, for regulating of Damages, *&c.* the Houſe doth agree to the Amendment inſtead of *Death*; but cannot Conſent to the Clauſe *incapable,* being of ſo large an Extent, that the perfect Meaning thereof cannot be rightly underſtood.

Upon reading the Amendments of the Bill for dividing the Province, this Houſe doth agree to the Amendments.

Ordered, That Alderman *Merrett* and Capt. *Demier,* do carry up the two Bills, *(ut Supra)* and beg the Commander in Chief and Council, to diſpatch the Bills that are before them in order to the Diſmiſſion of this Houſe, whoſe urgent Occaſions preſſes their return Home to their reſpective Counties.

Upon Reading the Petition of the Merchants, recommended by the Commander in Chief and Council, it was ordered that the Conſideration of this Houſe, ſhould be had thereupon immediately, and reſolved, that to reſtrain the Importation of *European* Goods from *Boſton,* &c. at this Juncture, would be grievous to the Inhabitants of this Province.

It is likewiſe Reſolved, That the Exportation of Wheat ſhould be reſtrained at this Juncture, and the Appointment of Ports being reſerved in the Governor in the Letters Patents, *&c.* do not think it convenient to meddle in it, but ſubmit it to the Governor and Council, and alſo that the Matter of the Weigh-houſe, does not properly lye before this Houſe at this Time.

Ordered, That the aforeſaid Reſolves, be carried up to the Commander in Chief and Council, with the Deſire of this Houſe, that they iſſue out their Proclamation accordingly.

Alderman *Merrett* and Capt. *Demier* upon their return, Report, That the Commander in Chief ſaid, he would paſs no Bills, until the Money Bill came up, and then he would paſs them all together; where was preſent, Col. *Dudley,* Col. *Bayard, Chidly Brook,* and Col. *Willett,* it being the Privilege of this Houſe, to ſend up their Bills when they pleaſe; and always the Cuſtom, that what Bills are ſent up for the Governor and Councils Aſſent, to be returned unto them, under the Governor's Hand aſſented unto.

Adjourned till 2 ho. P. M.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 29, 1691.

MR. *Brook* and Col. *Willett,* brought in the Bills for regulating Damages, *&c.* ſigned by the Commander in Chief, and alſo the Bill for regulating *New-York,* was ſigned.

Ordered, That Alderman *Merrett,* Alderman *Kipp,* Mr. *Pell* and Mr. *Van Schaick*; do carry up the Bill for raiſing and paying 150 Men, *&c.* to the Commander in Chief and Council, for ther Aſſent, and deſire a Conferrence upon the Bill of *New-York.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Expedition for *Albany,* under Col. *Dungan,* brought in their Report; which was read and approved, and ordered to be carried up to the Commander in Chief and Council, for their Peruſal, the Report as followeth:*

Adjourned till To-Morrow, 10 ho. A. M.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1691.

Ordered,

THAT the Bill returned for the Regulating of Damages done, *&c.* from the Commander in Chief in Council ſigned with their Aſſent, be ſent up to the Secretary to be enrolled.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 10 ho. A. M.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. October* 1, 1691.

UPON reading the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York,* together with the Proviſo, tranſmitted to this Houſe, by Order of the Commander in Chief and Council for Conſideration;

Ordered, That the Proviſo be annexed to the ſaid Bill, and ſent up to the Commander in Chief, and Council, for their Aſſent; and that the Commander in Chief and Council, may aſſeſs the Value of the Lots in Controverſy, as is deſired in ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That Alderman *Merrett* and Alderman *Kipp,* Mr. *Van Schaick,* and Mr. *Whitehead,* do carry up the ſaid Bill and Proviſo, and acquaint the Commander in Chief, That this Houſe waits their Commands, when to attend them for the Publication of Acts paſſed this Seſſions, and the Proclamation, and will then adjourn to the Time directed; and that they carry up the Report of the Expedition at *Albany.*

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, bring in his Account of the Expences, Houſe Rent, Salaries, *&c.* during this Seſſions of the General-Aſſembly, that order may be taken accordingly, for the ſpeedy Paying thereof; was done, and read, and approved.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made unto his Honour the Commander

* This Report is miſſing.

Commander in Chief and Council, that they would please to order the Receiver General, to pay with all speed unto *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this House, the Sum of *Fifty Four Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Six-pence*, Current Money of this Province, for Salary, House Rent, and Salaries to Clerks, Officers, &c. with other incident Charges, during this Sessions of the General Assembly, as appears by his Account brought in.

Ordered, That the Bill to divide the Province, be sent up to the Secretary to be enrolled.

Also the Bill for regulating of Buildings in *New-York*, &c. be sent up to the Secretary to be enrolled.

Also, the Bill for raising and levying 150 Men, &c. be sent up to the Secretary to be enrolled.

Adjourned till To-morrow 9 ho. A. M.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 2, 1691.

A Message by Col. *Willett*, as followeth; and the Matter referred till next Sessions.

By the Commander in Chief and Council.

THE *Commander in Chief and Council, having had Consideration of the remaining Part of the Rate raised for defraying the Charge of the Expedition to* Albany, *under Colonel* Dungan, *standing out, amounting to £.* 1129 3*s.* 6*d. judge it reasonable, the same should be raised and paid to the Officers concerned, and that it will be requisite, a Bill be prepared this or the next Sessions for that Purpose; (and that Col.* Willett, *do carry the same.*

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

The House attended the Commander in Chief and Council to the Fort, and went with them to the City Hall, and published the Four following Laws, *viz.*

A Bill *for the Regulating of Damages done*, &c.
A Bill *to divide this Province*, &c.
A Bill *for regulating of Buildings in* New-York, &c.
A Bill *for raising and levying* 150 *Men*, &c.

After the Publication of the Laws, the House returned, and adjourned until the 19th Day of *April*, it being the third *Tuesday* in that Month.

Vivat Gulielmo & Mariæ.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Province of *NEW-YORK.*

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 16, 1692.

THIS Morning, Mr. Speaker came to the Houſe according to Adjournment, and ordered the Liſt of the Repreſentatives to be called over, and there was preſent only, *William Merrett, Jacobus Van Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Dirck Weſſels, Levinus Van Schaick, Killian Van Ranſſelaer,* and *John Pell.*

Adjourned 'til 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 17, 1692.

THE Roll being called over, were found abſent only *John Robinſon, William Demiere,* and *Henricus Beekman.*

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Captain *Whitehead,* do wait upon the Commander in Chief and Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe is met according to Adjournment; and waits to know if they have any Thing to communicate to them for their Majeſties Service.

A Meſſage brought from the Commander in Chief and Council, by Colonel *Nicholas Bayard,* and *Chidly Brook,* Eſqrs, for this Houſe to attend them at the *Fort* immediately; which was as follows:

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *Auguſt* 17, 1692.

Reſolved,

"THAT Colonel *Nicholas Bayard,* and *Chidly Brook,* Eſqrs, "do wait upon the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to give "them the Thanks of this Board for their Readineſs; and to "acquaint them, That the Commander in Chief and Council "do wait their Preſence to receive what may be for their Ma-"jeſties Service, which is forthwith deſired.

per Order,

DAVID JAMISON, *Clk. Coun.*

Ordered, That this Houſe attend the Commander in Chief and Council accordingly.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe as followeth:

The Heads of the Commander in Chief's Speech, Gentlemen, which he did but now declare unto us, are, firſt, The preſent State of Albany; *the People diſcontented; our Settlements forſaken;* Schenectady *garriſoned but with* 30 *Men; the* Half-Moon *garriſoned but with* 40 *Men; the Fortifications out of Repair;* Queneſtagione *wholly deſerted, tho' needful to be garriſoned; near* 50 *Men wanting of the* 200 *lately raiſed; the Acts of Aſſembly not duly executed; to enquire where the Defect lies; no more than only £.* 1625 *received in part of the £.* 3500 *due; the late Expedition to* Albany *coſt near £.* 1000; *the* Indians *weary of the War, which were with great Induſtry reclaimed until a Settlement from* England; 300 *Men needful for reinforcing of* Albany, *after the* 1*ſt of* October *next; the Charge thereof £.* 3500; *the Revenue exhauſted; and the Government indebted £.* 3000; *all which is recommended to the Care of this Houſe.*

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 17, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT the Speech of the Commander in Chief, with the Examination of the two *French Indians,* and the Propoſitions made by the Commander in Chief, with the five Nations of Indians, be read to the Houſe.

Captain *Cortlandt,* Chairman of the Committee reports, That according to the Direction of this Houſe, he did ſeveral Times acquaint Mr. *Cortlandt,* one of the Committee of the Council, that he was ready with the Reſt of his Brethren to attend the Service recommended to them; but that he could never oblige them to affix any certain Time, whereby they could proceed no further in that Buſineſs.

Ordered, That all Matters be laid aſide; and the Commander in Chief's Speech only to be taken into Conſideration.

Upon the Conſideration of the Commander in Chief's Speech, ordered, That Captain *Cortlandt,* Mr. *Van Schaick,* Mr. *Kipp,* Captain *Demiere,* Major *Howell,* Mr. *Pell,* and Mr. *Robinſon,* or any three of them, be a Committee to enquire into the State of the Revenue, and of the Expence of the Government, and make Report thereof to this Houſe on *Monday* Morning next, by 8 of the Clock.

Reſolved, That it is abſolutely neceſſary to Reinforce the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*; and that the Conſideration thereof be referred 'til To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 18, 1692.

THE further Conſideration of the Commander in Chief's Speech, referred 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 18, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT Major *Merrett,* Colonel *Pierſon,* Mr. *Theale,* Mr. *Dukſberry,* Mr. *Dorland,* Mr. *Stillwell,* Mr. *Poland,* Mr. *Whitehead,* Mr. *Ranſſelaer,* and Captain *Weſſels,* be a Committee to enquire into the neceſſary Supplies for the reinforceing of *Albany*; and to make Report thereof to this Houſe To-morrow, by 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

Adjourned 'til 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 19, 1692.

ADJOURNED 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 19, 1692.

IT being moved that the Conſideration for the Supplies of *Albany* ſhould be laid aſide for ſome Time, it was put to the Houſe, Whether that ſhould be the firſt Conſideration, or not? And it was carried in the Negative.

Reſolved, That by the Majority of Votes in the Houſe, that it is needful for the Security of the Frontiers at *Albany,* that 300 Men be raiſed and to continue there, from the Firſt of *October* next, to the Firſt of *May* following.

Ordered, That Major *Merrett,* Major *Beekman,* Col. *Pierſon,* Capt. *Whitehead,* Capt. *Theale,* Mr. *Dukſberry,* Mr. *Poland,* Capt. *Stilwell,* or either of them; Capt. *Weſſells* and Capt. *Renſſelaer,* be a Committee, to enquire into the Grievances of this Province, and to fit *De Die* in *Diem,* until they make Report to this Houſe by *Monday* 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee ſhall examine and report to this Houſe, what may be the eaſieſt and beſt Way, for the Raiſing and Paying of 300 Men, for the ſecuring the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany,* from the Firſt of *October,* to the Firſt of *May* next, and bring in their Report a *Tueſday* Morning by 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

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Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 22, 1692.

THE Liſt being called over, there was found abſent, *Jacobus Van Cortlandt, Johannis Kipp, Levinus Van Schaick, Elias Dukſberry, Lambert Dorland, John Pell, Joſeph Theale, Matthew Howell, Daniel Whitehead, John Robinſon, Nicholas Stillwell*, and *John Poland*.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 23, 1692.

THE Liſt being called over, there was found abſent, *Johannis Kipp, John Robinſon, Nicholas Stilwell*, and *John Poland*.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the State of the Revenue, *&c.* brought in their Report to this Houſe, which was read and approved.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Grievance of this Province, brought in their Report, which was likewiſe read and approved.

Ordered, That Major *Merrett* and Capt *Demier*, do wait upon the Commander in Chief and Council, and deſire that the Bill for the Probate of Wills, and the Ordinance for the Eſtabliſhment of Fees, that has lain before them ever ſince the firſt Seſſions of this Aſſembly; may be with all conveniency paſſed, the Want thereof being a great Grievance to their Majeſties Subjects the Inhabitants of this Provice.

Ordered, That a Bill may be drawn for the better Obſervation of the Lord's Day, and that each reſpective Town within this Province have a Miniſter or Reader, to read Divine Service.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to prevent Swearing, Curſing and Drunkenneſs.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to impower every City and County, to make a levy for the building of Houſes of Correction, for the Puniſhment of Vagabonds, Whoredom and other Diſorders.

Adjourned till 2 ho. P. M.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 23, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT the Houſe do reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to examine and enquire into the Ways and Methods, for the raiſing and paying of the 300 Men, and to ſit *De Die ad Diem*, until they make Report thereof to this Houſe; and Mr. Speaker left the Chair, after he had adjourned the Houſe till *Thurſday*, 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 25, 1692.

ADJOURNED till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 25, 1692.

NO Reſult of ſaid Committee, and it was

Ordered,

That the Houſe be reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the eaſieſt Ways and Methods, for the raiſing and paying of 300 Men, agreed upon for the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the Firſt of *October*, to the Firſt of *May*, and that they adjourn *De Die ad Diem*, until they make Report thereof unto this Houſe.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 26, 1692.

THE Report of the Committee appointed to conſider of the eaſieſt Ways and Methods, for the raiſing and paying of 300 Men, agreed upon for the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, &c. as followeth, *viz.*

That 220 Men be raiſed out of the Counties underwritten, according to their ſeveral and reſpective Quotas, *viz. New-York* 60 Men, *Weſtcheſter* 25 Men, *Richmond* 10 Men, *King's* County 34 Men, *Queen's* County 44 Men, *Suffolk* 45 Men, *Orange* County 2 Men; *Item*, That each County do raiſe, pay and maintain their own Men, according to the King's Eſtabliſhment; with all incidental Charges, according to Proportion:

Item, That the County of *Ulſter*, and *Dutcheſs*, do raiſe and maintain 80 Men at *Albany*, from *December* 15, to the laſt of *February* following, at their own proper Charge, with Officers and all other incidental Charges, that ſhall ariſe thereon, and that an Addreſs be made to the Commander in Chief, to appoint and commiſſionate Officers out of their reſpective County, and that *Albany*, do find Houſe Room, Fire and Candle Light.

John Pell, Chairman.

The Report of the ſaid Committee being read to the Houſe, was approved of; the Queſtion being put to the Houſe, whether approved or not, it was carried by 13 for the Affirmative, and but 5 for the Negative.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *h. P. M. Auguſt* 26, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT an Addreſs be made to the Commander in Chief, *&c.* That the ſeveral and reſpective Troops of Horſe of this Province, may be diſbanded during this War, as being unſerviceable.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the Raiſing, Paying and Maintaining of 220 Men, for the Securing and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, for 7 Months, from the Firſt of *October* next, to the Firſt Day of *May* following.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the raiſing of 80 Men in the County of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*, for the Security and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, for Months, from the 15th Day of *December* next, to the laſt Day of *February* following.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 27, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT Major *Merrett* and Capt. *Demier*, do wait upon the Commander in Chief and Council, and deſire that a Bill be brought in, for the Probate of Wills, and an Ordinance for Eſtabliſhment of Fees, having lain before them ever ſince the firſt Seſſions of this Aſſembly, and may with all conveniency be paſſed, the Want thereof being a great Grievance to their Majeſties Subjects, the Inhabitants of this Province.

Upon further peruſal of the Commander in Chief's Speech; it is

Ordered, That there be a Member of each County, or any five of them to be a Committee, and do enquire into the Charge of the late Expedition to *Albany*, and to the Means and Ways, for the ſpeedy raiſing a Fund, for the defraying the ſaid Charge; and that Capt. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Van Schaick*, *Killian Van Renſſalear*, Captain *Demier*, *Elias Dukſberry*, *John Pell*, Colonel *Pierſon*, *Johannis Robinſon*, and Capt. *Stillwell*, be this Committee, and make report thereof to this Houſe, a *Monday* by 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That a Member of each County, *viz.* Major *Merret*, Mr. *Kipp*, Capt. *Weſſels*, Major *Beekman*, *Lambert Dorland*, *Joſeph Theale*, Capt. *Howell*, Capt. *Whitehead*, and Mr. *Poland*, or any five of them, be a Committee, to enquire into the Cauſe why the late Acts of Aſſembly, that have been made for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, have not been duly executed, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, and make report of the Defects, of the Men, and of the Arrearages of the Tax, appointed for the paying the Men and defraying the incidental Charges thereof, on *Monday* 2 o'Clock, P. M.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock a *Monday* Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 29, 1692.

THE Houſe being met according to Adjournment, did attend their Duties, but the Arrival of his Excellency Colonel Benjamin Fletcher, didput ſome Stop to their proceeding to Buſineſs, and did adjourn till To-morrow 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 30, 1692.

ADJOURNED 'til 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 31, 1692.

ADJOURNED till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Septem.* 1, 1692.

ADJOURNED till 3 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Septem.* 1, 1692.

A Verbal Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Nicolls*, to command the Attendence of this Houſe immediately, at Mr. *Philipſe's*, where his Excellency and Council are now ſitting.

Upon which Meſſage Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe, to wait upon his Excellency and Council as aboveſaid.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe as followeth.*

Some Doubts ariſing in the Houſe, whether they were a lawful Aſſembly or not, the Conſideration thereof was referred till To-morrow Morning; and in the mean Time it was ordered, that Col. *Pierſon*, Capt. *Howell*, and Capt. *Whitehead*, who made the Scruple, ſhould with the Speaker, diſcourſe Col. *Smith*, and the reſt of the Council, concerning that Matter, that it might be fairly repreſented to his Excellency.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1692.

MR. Speaker reports to the Houſe as followeth, *viz.*

That purſuant to the Order of this Houſe Yeſterday, he went to Col. *Smith*, along with ſuch of the Members that ſcrupled the Legality of the ſitting of this Aſſembly, and acquainted him with the Matter in their Preſence, who declared his Opinion, that this was a lawful Aſſembly; but in regard it was a Scruple, he would take an Opportunity to diſcourſe the Governor concerning it, and report the ſame this Morning. Mr. Speaker doth further report, that he had acquainted his Excellency with the Scruple, who replied, that if he had not thought us a lawful Aſſembly, he would not have ſent for us, and given us any Directions for their Majeſties Service, but he would acquaint the Council with the Scruple, and ſend us down their Opinion, by one of the Members in the Morning.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by *Chidly Brook*, Eſq; as followeth.

At a Council held at *New-York*, September 2, 1692.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to offer, that he underſtood ſome ſcruple was moved in the Houſe of Repreſentatives, whither or not, the Aſſembly being called by the late Governor SLOUGHTER, were a lawful Aſſembly, and that their Debates thereupon, did impede their Diſpatch of other Affairs, that required preſent Expedition for their Majeſties Service, whereupon it is reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That being continued by ſeveral Adjournments until this Time, they are a lawful Aſſembly; *Ordered*, That *Chidly Brook*, Eſq; do attend the Houſe of Repreſentatives to acquaint them thereof, that there may be no Loſs of Time in their Majeſties Affairs; his Excellency is alſo pleaſed to offer the Draught of an Act againſt Privateers and Pirates, which was recommended to him by their Sacred Majeſties, in order to be enacted by the Aſſembly of this Province, to be declared by the ſaid *Chidly Brook*, Eſq; to the ſaid Houſe, that it may be enacted accordingly.

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon reading the Reſolves of the Governor and Council, Mr. Speaker examined every Member one by one, who did affirm that they were a lawful Aſſembly, according to the Laws of this Province, and the Powers and Authority of their Majeſties Letters Patents, now publiſhed by his Excellency Col. *Fletcher*, only the Repreſentatives of *Suffolk* County, continued obſtinate and would not be convinced, therefore Time was given them until 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Septem.* 2, 1692.

THE Repreſentatives of *Suffolk* County, being aſked whither they had ſatisfied their Scruples, ſaid no, and continued their Obſtinacy, without giving any new Argument or Reaſon; whereupon the Houſe reſolved as followeth.

Reſolved, That the Repreſentatives now convened in General Aſſembly by their Majeſties Writ, under the Great Seal of this Province, are lawfully aſſembled, being met according to the ſeveral Adjournments of their Houſe, and the Directions of their Majeſties Letters Patents.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for the raiſing and paying of 220 Men, for the Reinforcement and Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, for 7 Months.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for the Raiſing of 80 Men, in *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, to be employed for the Reinforcing and Security of *Albany*, from the 15th of *December* next, to the Firſt of *March* next enſuing.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Adjourned till To-morrow 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1692.

THE Bill for raiſing 220 Men, *&c.* was read a ſecond Time, and ordered that there be an Amendment in the ſaid Bill, that they be paid in the equal Proportions according to their ſeveral and reſpective Quotas, and that Mr. Speaker, do wait upon his Excellency, to know of him how the ſaid 220 Men ſhall be formed into Companies, *&c.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker draw up an Addreſs, to congratulate his Excellency's ſafe Arrival, *&c.*

A Bill for the reſtraining and puniſhing Privateers and Pirates, read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Adjourned till *Monday* 10 ho. A. M.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1692.

MR. Speaker brought in the Addreſs to his Excellency, which was read and ordered to be engroſſed.

Adjourned till 2 o' Clock Afternoon.

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* The Report is miſſing.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 5, 1692.

THE Addreſs to his Excellency was read again and approved. Capt. *Cortlandt* reports, That his Excellency will receive the Addreſs of this Houſe, To-morrow at 9 o'Clock in the Morning, which Addreſs is as followeth.

To his Excellency and Council.

The Humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, convened in General Aſſembly.

THE *Repreſentatives being ſenſible of the great Inconveniencies that hath happened to the Government, through the Neglect that hath been in the collecting and paying the Levies, lately made for* * * * * §

The Bill for raiſing and paying the 220 Men, read the ſecond Time, amended, and ordered to be committed; and that a Member of each County be the Committee.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Septem. 6, 1692.

THE Houſe waited upon his Excellency with the Addreſs *ut Supra*; being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reports, That his Excellency gives his hearty Thanks to this Houſe, *&c.*

The Committee reports, That the Amendment to be added to the Bill, ſhall be, That Beef ſhall be at 32/6 *per* Barrel, Pork at 50*s. per* Barrel, tried Tallow at 4*d.* 1-2 *per* Pound, and merchantable Winter Wheat at 4*s. per* Buſhel.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Willett*, as follows:

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, September 6, 1692.

Ordered,

"THAT Colonel *Nicholas Bayard* and *William Nicolls*, Eſqrs, be appointed a Committee of this Board; and "the ſaid Colonel *Nicholas Bayard* and *William Nicolls*, Eſqrs, "are hereby appointed a Committee of this Board, to concert "with a Committee of the Houſe of Repreſentatives to be "appointed, upon an Addreſs to their Majeſties, according to "the Propoſal of that Houſe made this Day; and that Colonel "*Thomas Willett* do wait upon the ſaid Houſe, to acquaint "them thereof."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

The Bill for raiſing the 220 Men read, with the Amendments, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill for reſtraining and puniſhing Privateers, Pyrates, *&c.* read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Petition of divers of their Majeſties faithful Subjects read, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſame Committee to enquire into the Cauſe why the late Acts of Aſſembly that have been made for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, &c. have not been duly executed, *&c.* do alſo enquire into the Defects of the Men, and of the Arrearages of the Taxes appointed to pay, and of the incidental Charges that did ariſe thereon; and that all Perſons that have any Papers or Writings do attend them; and make Report thereof to this Houſe To-morrow, by 8 o'Clock in the Morning; and to take to their Aſſiſtance and Help Mr. *Robinſon*, Captain *Demiere*, and Captain *Van Schaick*, or any two of them.

Ordered, That Major *Pell*, Colonel *Pierſon*, Mr. *Robinſon*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, Captain *Cortlandt*, and Captain *Demiere*, or any three of them, do join with the Committee of the Council to concert upon an Addreſs to their Majeſties, to give our hearty Thanks to their Majeſties for their Care in ſending his Excellency to be our Governor; and to repreſent the State of the Province.

Adjourned until 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 6, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT Major *Merrett* and Captain *Demiere* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, to deſire, That the Bill for the Probate of Wills, and the Ordinance for the Eſtabliſhment of Fees, that has lain before them ever ſince the firſt Seſſions of this Aſſembly, may be with all conveniency paſſed; the want thereof being a great Grievance to their Majeſties Subjects the Inhabitants of this Province.

The Bill for the raiſing of 80 Men in *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, *&c.* read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

§ The Remainder of this Addreſs is loſt.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Septem. 7, 1692.

THE Bill for raiſing the 220 Men, *&c.* read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

The Bill for raiſing the 80 Men for *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, *&c.* read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Colonel *Pierſon*, Major *Merrett*, Major *Beekman*, and Major *Pell*, do carry up the two Bills, *ut Supra.*

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 7, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in to look after Orphans and inteſtate Eſtates.

The Bill for reſtraining and puniſhing Privateers and Pyrates, read the third Time, paſſed, and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow, 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. Septem. 8, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT Captain *Howell* and Captain *Whitehead* do carry up the Bill for reſtraining and puniſhing Privateers and Pyrates, *&c.*

The Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the Council to addreſs their Majeſties, do Report, the Addreſs was ready; which was read and approved, and ordered to be engroſſed; this Houſe being ready thereupon to give their Concurrence thereunto, and that Care may be taken to diſpatch it to their Majeſties. The Addreſs was as follows:

To the King *and* Queen's *Moſt Excellent Majeſties.*

YOUR Majeſties moſt faithful, humble, and obedient Subjects, your Council and the Repreſentatives for your Majeſties Province of New-York, *now met in General-Aſſembly, being deeply ſenſible of your Majeſties great Grace and Favour, in conferring the Command of this your Province upon his Excellency Colonel* Benjamin Fletcher, *your Majeſties Captain General and Governor of theſe Parts; by whoſe Conduct, Prudence, and other requiſite Abilities, we have entire Confidence and firm Belief that this your Majeſties Province will be happily governed, and your Majeſties Affairs well and faithfully adminiſtred. As alſo being heartily affected with your Majeſties princely and gracious Care, in ſending over ſuch Ammunition, Arms, and other Stores of War, fit for the Defence of your Majeſties Subjects here; do therefore, with moſt grateful Hearts for theſe your royal Benefits, tender your Majeſties our moſt humble and cordial Thanks and Acknowledgments for the ſame; and with all dutiful Submiſſion offer to your Majeſties royal Conſideration,*

That when theſe Countries were poſſeſſed by the Dutch Weſt-India *Company, they always laid Pretences (and had the moſt Part of it within their actual Juriſdiction) to all that Tract of Land (with the Iſlands adjacent) extending from the* Weſt *Side of* Connecticut River, *to the Lands lying on the* Weſt *Side of* Delaware Bay, *as a ſuitable Portion of Land for one Colony or Government; all which, including the Lands on the* Weſt *of* Delaware Bay *or* River, *were in the Duke of* York's *Grant, from his Majeſty King* Charles *the Second; whoſe Governors alſo poſſeſſed thoſe Lands on the* Weſt *Side of* Delaware Bay *or* River; *that by ſeveral Grants, as well from the Crown as from the Duke, the ſaid Province has been ſo diminiſhed, that it is now decreaſed to a very few Towns and Villages; and the number of Men fit to bear Arms in the whole Government not amounting to* 3000, *who are all reduced to great Poverty and Neceſſity. That by Reaſon of the near Situation of the neighbouring Colonies, contiguous and adjacent to* New-York, *and their being without all Government from the Crown, free from all Impoſitions, Taxes, Charges of Government whatſoever, or Contributions towards the Expence of this War, the People of this Province do forſake their Dwellings here, and ſettle in the other Colonies, whereby the Strength of this Province is enervated, its Trade decayed, Revenues leſſened, and upon all Levies of Men for the Common Defence, our Neighbours harbouring all Deſerters, we are thereby wholy bereft both of thoſe Men and that Money, which the War we are engaged in with the* French *and their* Indians, *continually requires. That the Security of* Albany *(being a Place to which the Five moſt warlike Nations of* Indians *upon this Main of* America *have always traded and had Reſort) is of ſuch Conſequence, that the Safety of* Virginia, Maryland, *and the Reſt of your Majeſties Colonies on this Main depend much upon it; that the* French *with their* Jeſuits *and other Prieſts, by Pretext of Religion, fair Words, Preſents, Threats, and all other Practices and Artifices, have long endeavoured, and ſtill do ſtrive to corrupe*

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thoſe Indians *in their Inclinations to the* Engliſh, *and to get them to Side with our Enemies, againſt us. If* Albany *ſhould be loſt (which GOD prevent) thoſe* Indians *have no Place for their Commerce and Supply of Arms, Ammunition, and Cloathing, but* Canada; *ſo that preſt by their Want they would be forced to leave us, go over to the Enemy, and turn their Arms upon the* Engliſh; *who being for the moſt Part ſettled ſingly in Plantations, would be wholly left to the Spoil of a vagrant, barbarous, and mercileſs Enemy; who by Reaſon of their Poverty, vaſt Lakes, Wilderneſs, Swamps and Inacceſſable Mountains; by an Army of Ten Thouſand Men, in many Years, can neither be extirpated nor reduced to Obedience: That the Defence of* Albany *lying wholly upon this ſmall poor Province, has ſo exhauſted it, that without your Majeſties royal Commiſeration and Relief, it will abſolutely ſink under its burthen, and its Inhabitants muſt either be ruined, or forced to leave their Habitations.*

This being the true State and Condition of this your Majeſties Province, we cannot but eſteem it our Duties, humbly to acquaint your Majeſties with the ſame, and earneſtly to pray, that your Majeſties will graciouſly be pleaſed, either by ſending us a ſufficient force and ſupplies from England, *or by your Majeſties ſpecial and direct orders, to the ſeveral adjacent Colonies to aſſiſt us in the Defence of this important Place, or by ſuch other Means as your Majeſties in your moſt princely Wiſdom, ſhall think fit to redreſs, this the diſtreſſed Province, and render us capable of defending our ſelves from our Enemies, and ſupporting your Majeſties Government and Intereſt in this Country.*

And that the Almighty God will protect your Majeſties Royal Perſons, defeat all your Enemies Deſigns, and continue Succeſs to your Majeſties Arms, both by Land and Sea; proſper all your royal Undertakings, and for ever crown you with immortal Bleſſings, is, and always will be, our conſtant Wiſhes and Prayer.

This Addreſs was ſigned by the Gentlemen of the Council, and by all the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

Ordered, That Col. *Pierſon*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Weſſells* and Major *Beekman*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, that the Buſineſs of abſolute Neceſſity they had diſpatched with all poſſible Speed, that the other Matters now before them, are of ſuch a Nature that it will take a conſiderable Time before they can be brought to Perfection; we beg, it may be deferred until an other more ſuitable Time, and the Seaſon of the Year alſo requiring the Preſence of many of the Members home about their domeſtick Concerns, do pray, that they may be with all conveniency diſmiſſed.

The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Cauſe, why the late Acts of Aſſembly was not executed, *&c.* was read and approved.

Ordered, That *Nine Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Eleven-pence Farthing*, which is found the Ballance there, be applied towards the defraying the laſt Expedition to *Albany*.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor and Council, that his Excellency would iſſue out his Directions for the ſpeedy Collection of the Arrearages, due upon the late Acts of Aſſembly, made for the Reinforcement of *Albany*, and that after the Officers and Soldiers employed in that Service are paid, the Surpluſage amounting to *Nine Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Eleven-pence Farthing*, may be appropriated and paid to the Perſons that advanced Money for the late Expedition to *Albany*.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 8, 1692.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Lawrence* and Col. *Willett*, as followeth.

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *Sept.* 8, 1692.

"UPON reading of the Bill for raiſing of 80 Men, "in *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, *&c.* the Governor "and Council, do conſent to the paſſing of the ſame, with "the Clauſe, *viz. And be it Enacted by the Authority afore-"ſaid*, That if any Officer Civil or Military within the ſaid "County, ſhall neglect, refuſe or delay, to perform and ex-"ecute the ſeveral and reſpective Articles and Clauſes of "this Act by them proper to be done, according to the true "Intent and Meaning of the ſame, he or they, ſo denying, "refuſing or neglecting, ſhall be liable to ſuch Penalties, re-"ſpectively as are in Caſe of ſuch refuſal, neglect and de-"lay: *Provided*, in an Act of this Seſſions, entitled, *An "Act for the raiſing and paying* 220 *Men*, &c. *Ordered*, Col. "*Thomas Willett* and *John Lawrence*, Eſq; do attend the "Houſe of Repreſentatives this Day, to acquaint them of "the Reſolutions of this Board, concerning ſaid Bill, and "that they alſo from his Excellency and Council, recommend "to them the Care of providing for the Payment of the Ar-"rears of the former Taxes, a credit or fund for the Subſiſ-"tance of the 220 Men, and for the Payment of the Debts "of the Revenue.

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker draw up a Repreſentation of what this Houſe have done for their Majeſties Service, &c.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Septem. 9, 1692.

THE Addreſs to his Excellency, brought in by Mr. Speaker, was read, and approved, and ordered to be engroſſed; and that Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Stilwell* and Capt. *Howell*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry it up, which was as followeth, *viz.*

To his Excellency and Council.

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives convened in General Aſſembly.

THE Repreſentatives being ſenſible of the great Inconveniency, that hath happened to the Government, through the Neglect that hath been in the Collecting and Paying the Levies lately made for the Reinforcing of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, whereby the Reputation of the Government hath ſuffered, and thoſe Subjects employed in that Service much diſcouraged, do therefore think it needful, and humbly pray; that his Excellency would forthwith, iſſue out his Warrants, to the reſpective Juſtices of each reſpective County, to pay unto their Majeſties Receiver General, all the Arreages of the Levies, appointed as aforeſaid, at a certain Day, which his Excellency ſhall appoint, and upon Default thereof to cauſe Execution with the utmoſt Severities of all the Penalties, appointed by the reſpective Acts of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That three Perſons *ut Supra*, carry up this Addreſs, and do alſo acquaint his Excellency and Council, That upon the Report of a Committee of this Houſe, appointed to examine the Arrearages of the Levies, the Defects that have been therein, and the incidental Charges thereof; they do find when the Arrearages are duly paid to their Majeſties Receiver General, there will be (after the Officers and Soldiers are paid, that have been effectually employed in the Reinforcement of *Albany*, and the incident Charges thereof, a ſurpluſage of *Nine Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Eleven Pence Farthing*, which this Houſe humbly prays, may be appropriated and paid to ſuch Perſons as have advanced Money, for the defraying the Charge of the late Expedition to *Albany*.

That there will not be Occaſion for the raiſing a Credit or Fund, for the Subſiſting the 220 Men, in regard there is already, the Credit of the whole Province engaged for it by the Act, which if duly executed, as we do not in the leaſt doubt, being now under his Excellency's Care, will ſufficiently anſwer any Perſon or Perſons that does undertake the Subſiſting of the 220 Men aforeſaid.

Upon reading a Meſſage, brought by Col. *Willet* and Mr. *Lawrence*, from his Excellency and Council, it is ordered, That Major *Merret* and Capt. *Cortlandt*, do wait upon the Governor and Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe, purſuant to his Excellency's Directions, had taken effectual Care that the Arrearages of the Levies, ſhould be forthwith collected, which doth amount to the Sum of *Three Thouſand three Hundred* and *Twenty-four Pounds*, and that they had alſo ordered a Tax to be levied, for the Reinforcement and Security of *Albany*, which with the Charge of the County of *Ulſter*, does amount to *Three Thouſand two Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*; both which Sums in the whole amount to the Sum of *Six Thouſand, ſix Hundred* and *Thirty-four Pounds*, the Arrearages in probability muſt be paid in a Month, and the Reſidue by the Firſt of *April* next, which is thought to be as great a burden as the Inhabitants at this Juncture are well able to bear, ſo are not capable at this Time, to make any more Levies for the defraying the other Debts, of the Government; it is thought that if there were an additional Duty now eſtabliſhed upon Trade, that the Seaſon of the Winter being ſo near, that it would frighten away the few Veſſels we do expect, and thereby leſſen the Revenue rather than advance it; but that in due Time the Debts of the Governmet may be duly paid, we humbly pray the Governor and Council, that they would appoint Auditors to inſpect the proper and juſt Debts of the Government, and make a true and perfect State thereof, that in the next Aſſembly, there may be a Fund eſtabliſhed for the Payment of them; and that there be a Computation of the neceſſary Charge of the Government likewiſe ſtated, that the certain Incomes of the Revenue may not for the Future be exhauſted; and alſo, that there may be a certain Method, fot the equal and proportionable Aſſeſſing of Subſidies; we do pray, that his Excellency would appoint Commiſſioners

Commissioners in each respective County, for the making an Estimate of their Estates, that for the future there may not be such Uncertainties; and this House is further of Opinion, that we being now under a regular Settlement by their Majesties Authority to his Excellency.

Col. *Willet* brought down from the Governor and Council, three Bills, *viz.*

The Bill for raising and paying of 220 Men, *&c.*

The Bill for raising 80 Men in *Ulster* and *Dutchess* County.

And the Bill to restrain and punish Privateers and Pyrates.

A Message from the Governor and Council, by Mr. *Nicolls*, as followeth.

At a Council held at *Fort William Henry*, Sept. 9, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT William Nicolls, *Esq; do wait upon the House of Representatives, and in behalf of this Board, desire them to dispatch the Bills now before them, in order to attend his Excellency, by three o'Clock this Afternoon; also to acquaint them, that this Board have agreed to their Proposition of his Excellency's issuing of Warrants, to the Justices for pressing of Payment of the Arrearages of the Taxes, and appointing of Commissioners, to make a true Estimate of the Estates, of the several Counties, and Auditors to audite and make report of the Debts and Charge of the Government.*

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Rensselaer*, Mr. *Poland* and Mr. *Dorland*, do carry up the three Bills to the Governor and Council.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 9, 1692.

UPON reading of the Petition of divers of their Majesties faithful Subjects, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Act relating to said Petition, ought to be executed according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, bring in the Account of the Expences and Charges, with the House Rent, Salaries, and Salaries to Clerks, *&c.* of this Sessions of Assembly, that Care may be taken for the speedy Payment thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinson* and Capt. *Demier*, do examine the Account of the Charge of this Assembly, and report, what the whole doth amount unto, by To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1692.

A Verbal Message by Judge *Johnson*, for this House to attend upon his Excellency and Council immediately; whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended his Excellency and Council accordingly.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reports as followeth.

That his Excellency had given the Royal Assent to all our Bills, and that this House do attend his Excellency, with the usual Solemnity, to the Publication of the Acts.

Ordered, That an Address be made to his Excellency the Governor and Council, to order their Majesties Collector and Receiver General, to pay to *John Clapp*, Clerk of this House, the Sum of *Thirty-eight Pounds, Fourteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, which is for so much due for Salaries to Clerks, Door Keeper, House Rent, and several other Expences, during this last Sessions of Assembly, as *per* Account thereof, this Day brought into the House doth appear.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 *h. P. M. Sept.* 10, 1692.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Willet* and *John Lawrence*, Esq; as followeth.

At a Council held at *Fort William Henry*, the 10th Day of Sept. 1692. P. M.

"*Ordered*,

"THAT Col. *Thomas Willet* and *John Lawrence*, Esq; do attend the House of Representatives, and "acquaint them that his Excellency the Governor, hath "prorogued the Assembly to the 14th Day of September "Instant".

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

And Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Vivat Gulielmo & Mariæ.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Province of NEW-YORK.

[There is a Chaſm of the Votes from the beginning of this Seſſion 'til this Time.]

Ordered, THAT neither the Perſons that projected the ſaid Bill for monopolizing, nor them that encouraged the ſame, be the Committee of ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That all the Amendments ſent down by the Governor and Council to this Houſe, except the Amendment of the 5 *per Cent.* &c. be rejected; and that the Bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Houſe reſolves into a grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to agree upon the eaſieſt and moſt convenient Way for the making a ſuitable Acknowledgment or Gratuity to his Excellency the Governor.

The Report of the grand Committee of the whole Houſe, was brought in by Mr. *John Pell*, Chairman, and was read and approved of by the whole Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*; and ordered, That Mr. Speaker do bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Report as followeth, viz. *

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1692.

THE Bill for ſatisfying and paying the Debts of the Government, with its Amendments and Additions, was read the third Time; and ordered to be paſſed and ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for the Preſent to his Excellency the Governor, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Ditto Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Report of the Committee of the Bill about monopolizing, was read, and approved of accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ranſſelear*, Mr. *Garton*, and Mr. *Whitehead*, do carry up the Bill for the eſtabliſhing the Revenue, with the Amendments; and to acquaint his Excellency and Council, That what Buſineſs is now before this Houſe, will be diſpatched To-morrow, and pray a ſpeedy diſmiſſion.

The Petition of divers of their Majeſties faithful Subjects read; the Houſe will take Care accordingly.

Ordered, That a Committee to conſiſt of a Member of each County, do enquire into the eaſieſt and beſt Way for the healing of our Breaches, reconciling of our Differences, and uniting the Hearts of their Majeſties Subjects in this Time of Danger; and make Report thereof to this Houſe To-morrow Morning by 8 o'Clock; and that the ſaid Petition be committed to the ſaid Committee, for their Examination; and that they Report to the Houſe what they will think moſt convenient for anſwering the ſame.

Adjourned 'til 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 10, 1692.

AN Order of Council brought down by *John Lawrence*, Eſq; as follows, *viz.* †

Ordered, That Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Garton*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, Mr. *Robinſon*, and Mr. *Whitehead*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join with the Committee of the Council, to confer upon their Propoſals ſent down.

Upon reading the Amendments ſent down to the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, *ordered*, That the Committee above, that is appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council, &c. do alſo confer about their meaning of their Amendments to ſaid Bill.

The Bill for granting unto their Majeſties the Rate of one Penny *per* Pound upon all the real and perſonal Eſtates within the Province, &c. to be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for his Care of the Government, was read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Novem.* 10, 1692.

ADJOURNED 'til To-morrow, 8 ho. A. M.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 11, 1692.

UPON three Times reading the Amendments ſent down by the Governor and Council, to the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, &c. are of Opinion, that they are not Amendments, but Articles that defeat the whole Deſign of the Bill; therefore this Houſe cannot agree unto them.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Schaick*, Mr. *Robinſon*, and Mr. *Cortlandt*, do carry up the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts, &c. with its Amendments, to the Governor and Council.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by *John Lawrence*, Eſq; with ſaid Bill.

A Bill brought down from the upper Houſe for the eſtabliſhing and confirming of the Rules and Orders of their Majeſties Weigh-Houſe, read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Houſe does agree to the Amendment of the Poſt-Office.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Novem.* 11, 1692.

UPON reading the Amendments ſent down in the Bill, for the ſatisfying and paying the Debts of the Government, the Houſe cannot agree unto the ſaid Amendments, for the Intent of the Bill is, that all who are the preſent Creditors to the Government, ſhould be paid at the Times and in equal Proportions, as is mentioned in the Bill, without reſpect to ſuch Monies, as was lately raiſed upon Bond; the Committee of the Council, and this Houſe having agreed, that there would be a ſurpluſage upon the Subſidue Bills, ſufficient for the diſcharge thereof.

It was moved in this Houſe, that the Seſſions drawing near to a cloſe, that they would take into their Conſideration, what ſhall be a Recompence to the Speaker, for his Services done the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Houſe reſolves themſelves into a Grand Committee, of the whole Houſe, to conſider upon a ſuitable Acknowledgment to be given unto Mr. Speaker, for his great Care and Pains, in the drawing up the ſeveral Bills, and di-

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vers other Things for their Majeſties Service, and the Good and Welfare of this Province.

Who having deliberately taken the Premiſſes into Conſideration, do *Nemine Contradicente*,

Reſolve, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Mr. Speaker, for the many good Services done in behalf of their Majeſties and this Province, and that an Addreſs be made to his Excellency the Governor and Council, to order their Majeſties Collector and Receiver General, to pay unto Mr. Speaker, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, Current Money of this Province, as the Acknowledgement of this Houſe, for ſuch ſignal Services.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *John Butler* as Chairman with the Committee, reports to the Houſe as above, which by the Houſe was approved, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 12, 1692.

MR. *Butler* brought in the Report of the Committee of this Houſe, joined with the Committee of the Council, to confer upon a Conferrence to their Propoſals ſent down, which was read, and is approved, and is as followeth.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Council and Repreſentatives in *New-York*, the 10th of *November* 1692.

PRESENT,

Col. Bayard, Col. Smith, Chidly Brook, Eſq; } of the Council.

Mr. Butler, Mr. Van Schaick, Mr. Cortlandt, Mr. Garton, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Robinson. } of the Repreſentatives.

Colonel *SMITH.*

Gentlemen,

THE firſt Point we are to confer of, is the Continuation of the Revenue, eſtabliſhed upon their Majeſties for at leaſt five Years, which in your Bill you have limitted to Two.

Will it not ſeem remarkable, that notwithſtanding their preſent Majeſties are of our own Religion, have wrought for us and the Proteſtant Religion in general, ſo great a Deliverance, the great Care they have taken and the Charge they have been at in protecting of the Government, by their Ships of War, and otherwiſe their Maintenance of the two Companies in Garriſon, hereby their Coffers in *England*, formerly maintained at the Charge of the Province, and the Ordinance and great Quantities of Ammunition and Stores ſent hither, at their great Charge and Expence for the Benefit of this Province, nevertheleſs, though the like Revenue was formerly given to King *James* for Life, you do now limit the ſame to two Years.

Mr. *BUTLER.*

May it pleaſe your Honours,

WE are not wanting in our Duty to their Majeſties, nor do we intend any Abridgment to their Majeſties Revenue, but on the contrary we have Regard to the heavy Burthen and great Poverty of the People of this Province, who are ready to ſink under it; you are Eye-Witneſſes hereof; conſider the Circumſtances of our Neighbours on both Sides, who are without Government, free of all Taxes, all Duties, Services, and have got both our Trade and Inhabitants; our Houſe is full of the daily Complaints of Merchants, who are threatning to follow the Reſt, if Trade ſhall be ſo clogged, whilſt our Neighbours go free. We had it under Conſideration to have found out another Method for ſettling a Revenue upon their Majeſties, and to have eaſed the Merchant and Trader; but we are in hopes daily of having theſe neighbouring Colonies of *Connecticut*, the *Jerſies*, *Pennſylvania* and *New-Caſtle*, annexed to us, as formerly; which Hope is our greateſt Support. And we find it needful to encourage the few Traders that are amongſt us, with the Expectation of having the Trade of this Province ſhortly eaſed of theſe Burthens, or our Neighbours to bear an equal Share with us.

Colonel *SMITH.*

Gentlemen,

THE next Thing to be conſidered, is the Trade betwixt this and *Boſton*:--They draw away our Staple Commodities of Flour, which we have tranſported to the Weſt-Indies, to the great Injury of the Trade and Navigation of this Province: Will it not be convenient to clog that Trade, by laying *One Shilling* upon every 100 *lb.* of Flour, to ſtop their tranſporting of our Produce to the Weſt-Indies?

Mr. *BUTLER.*

May it pleaſe your Honours,

THE Reaſon of that Trade, was chiefly their Want of Bread for Conſumption at *Boſton*; and it was a Profit to us, to our certain Knowledge. Wheat, at *Boſton*, was then 5*s.* a Buſhel, when ſold here for 3*s.* 6*d.* which is Demonſtration enough, that they could not ſpoil our Markets in the Weſt Indies.

Colonel *SMITH.*

Gentlemen,

THE laſt Thing we propoſe is, That 5 *per Cent.* be laid upon all European Goods imported into this Province from the neighbouring Plantations, as a Mean between 10 *per Cent.* formerly laid (to ſtop that Trade wholly) and nothing whereby this indirect Trade will be ſufficiently clogged, but ſo that upon Occaſion we may be ſupplied with ſuch Things as they may have whilſt we want them.

M. *BUTLER.*

May it pleaſe your Honours,

WE have this, or ſomething to that Purpoſe, under Conſideration, for the Payment of the Debts of the Government, which in convenient Time will come before you.

Ordered, That Mr. *Butler* Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Garton*, Captain *Whitehead*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, and Mr. *Robinſon*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe

Houſe having diſpatched all Buſineſs that was recommended to them for their Majeſties Service, do now, in the Behalf of all the Inhabitants and Traders to and from this Province, moſt humbly deſire his Excellency and Council, that there may be a Regulation of Fees eſtabliſhed throughout the Province; and that a Committee of the Council may be forthwith appointed, to join with a Committee of this Houſe, for that Purpoſe; the further Delay thereof being ſo great an Oppreſſion, that this Houſe cannot give Satisfaction to the Subject without it.

A Bill brought down by *John Lawrence*, Eſq; from the upper Houſe, for the eſtabliſhing and confirming of the Rule and Orders of their Majeſties Weigh-Houſe, and read, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage brought down by *John Lawrence*, Eſq; as follows, *viz.**

Upon reading the Meſſage brought to this Houſe from the Council, ordered, That Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Robinſon*, Mr. *Merrett*, and Mr. *Kipp*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join with a Committee of the Council, for the Regulation of the Fees. And,

Ordered, That Major *Merrett* and Mr. *Cortlandt* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and give them the Thanks of this Houſe, for their great and favourable Conſideration in ſatisfying the Subject in this Matter.

Adjourned 'til Monday, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 14, 1692.

Ordered,

THAT Captain *Cortlandt* and Mr. *Kipp* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe is met, and waits their Commands.

Jacobus Cortlandt returned, reports, That his Excellency and Council was met; and attends this Houſe to proclaim the Acts.

Upon which, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to the *Fort*, where with his Excellency and Council, *&c.* they all went to the State-Houſe, and proclaimed theſe 7 Acts following, *viz.*

A Liſt of the Acts proclaimed this Seſſion of Aſſembly, *viz.*

1. *An Act for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, for the Eaſe and Benefit of each reſpective City, Town, and County within the Province.*
2. *An Act for ſettling of Fairs and Markets in each reſpective City and County throughout the Province.*
3. *An Act for the ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates, and regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration.*
4. *An Act for the encouraging a Poſt-Office.*
5. *An Act for the ſatisfying and paying the Debts of the Government.*
6. *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Revenue upon their Majeſties, for the defraying the publick and neceſſary Charges of the Government.*
7. *An Act granting to their Majeſties the Rate of One Penny* per *Pound upon all the real and perſonal Eſtates within the Province, to be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for his Care of the Province.*

And after waiting upon his Excellency to the *Fort* again, returned to the Houſe; and Mr. Speaker reports, That the Governor was pleaſed to deſire us to go and conſult amongſt ourſelves, what would be the ſuitableſt Time for an Adjournment; and the Houſe are of Opinion, that ſome Time in *March* will be a ſuitable Time for an Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinſon* and Mr. *Tuthill* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe are of Opinion, that ſome Time in *March* next will be a ſuitable Time for an Adjournment; and pray his Excellency will be pleaſed accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 14, 1692.

THE Clerk of the Aſſembly having brought in an Account of Houſe Rent, his and other Officers Salaries, together with other incidental Charge ariſing by this Houſe, during this Seſſions of Aſſembly, was read, and approved by the Houſe.

* This Meſſage is miſſing.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Excellency and Council.*

James Marſhall the Meſſenger of the Council came to this Houſe, and acquainted Mr. Speaker, that his Excellency and Council, did deſire their Attendance there immediately.

Upon which Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to the Fort, to his Excellency and Council.

Mr. Speaker and the Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair; and reports that it was his Excellency's deſire, to adjourn to the 20th Day of *March* next, being the *Monday* in *March*, and the Houſe is adjourned to that Time.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 20, 1692-3.

THIS Morning according to Adjournment, Mr. Speaker came to the Houſe, and ordered the Roll to be called over, and there were found only preſent, *Dirck Weſſels*, *Levinus Van Schaick*, *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, the Repreſentatives of the City and County of *New-York*, Capt. *Garton*, *Cotrt Stuyveſant*.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 21, 1692-3.

THE Roll of the Repreſentatives being called over, there were found abſent, *Cornelius Barnes*, *John Tuenifſen* *John Tuthill*, *Henry Pierſon*, *John Robinſon*, *Daniel Whitehead* and *John Butler*.

Ordered, That a Meſſenger be ſent to the Repreſentatives of *King*'s and *Queen*'s County, That they make their Appearance here To-morrow, to attend the Service of this Houſe, according to their Duty.

Ordered, That Mr. *Kipp*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, Mr. *Garton* and Mr. *Morgan*, do wait upon the Governor and Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe is met and attends their Pleaſure, for their Majeſties Service.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, *A. M. March* 22, 1692-3.

Ordered,

THAT whomſoever is abſent after the Ringing of the Bell, and calling over the Liſt of this Houſe, ſhall pay one piece of Eight, except upon any lawful Excuſe.

Mr. *Jamiſon* brought a Meſſage from the Governor and Council, and acquainted this Houſe that they were at the Fort, and deſired the Attendance of this Houſe with the Speaker immediately; and Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly, and went with the Houſe to the Fort.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe his Excellency's Speech, That his Excellency was pleaſed to acquaint this Houſe, that he was glad to ſee them again there, to attend their Majeſties Service and the Good of their Country, and for that End he did now recommend them, the Settlement of a Miniſtry throughout the Province, being a Matter they were upon the laſt Seſſions, and hoped they would take effectual Care to encourage ſo good a Work, being for the good of their Souls and the Extirpation *

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given unto his Excellency for his favourable Speech and his Care of the Frontiers of this Province, by the great Diſpatch he made in his perſonal Appearance there, upon the late Invaſion by the *French*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Weſſells*, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Kipp*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Tuenifſen*, Mr. *Tuthill* and Mr. *Barnes*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with this Meſſage.

Ordered,

* This Addreſs is loſt.

* *The Speaker's Report ends here.*

Ordered, That the Consideration of his Excellency's Speech be laid aside until some other Time.

Ordered, That the Committee to whom the Bill for Monopolizing was committed, do immediately proceed upon that Matter, according to their own Resolves, and make report thereof, To-morrow Morning by 8 o'Clock; and the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 23, 1692-3.

UPON reading the Report of the Committee aforesaid,

Ordered, That the said Committee be continued upon the same, and to make their Report thereof, in their convenient Time.

The Gentlemen that carried up the Thanks of this House, to his Excellency, returned and do report, That his Excellency desires that the first Thing taken in Hand be the Consideration of the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, be the first Business this House goes about accordingly, and that all other Business be laid aside.

Resolved, That there be raised Two Hundred effective Men, besides Commission Officers, for the Reinforcement of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the first Day of *May* next, until the first Day of *May*, then next following; and One Hundred Men from the first Day of *November* next, until the fifteenth Day of *March* next following.

Ordered, That all the Members of the House be a Committee, to agree upon the easiest and best Means, for the raising and paying the said Men, &c.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 23, 1692-3.

MR. *Pell* Chairman of the Committee, reports, that the easiest and best Way that they can conceive, for the defraying the Charge of the Forces for the Reinforcement of *Albany*, be by a Tax as formerly, which the House approves of.

Ordered, That the Committee, do forth-with consider of the other Branches of the Governor's Speech, and make report thereof, To-morrow Morning by 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 24, 1692-3.

MR. *Pell*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed to consider of the other Branches of the Governor's Speech, doth report, That the easiest and best Way, for the raising of the Forces appointed for the Reinforcing of *Albany*, &c. would be best to be directed by his Excellency, and that the same be divided into four Companies, and that for the Encouragement of this Province, his Excellency be prayed, to procure Drums to be beat in the neighbouring Colonies for the raising of Volunteers to form the said Companies, and for their Encouragement that there be allowed to all such Volunteers as shall be employed as aforesaid, the Sum of *Twelve Pence per* Day, Current Money of this Province to each Volunteer. *Always Provided*, That if there be not a sufficient Number of Volunteers raised to make up the Force aforesaid, so that his Excellency shall be constrained to make Detachments of the Militia, within this Province, in Proportion as formerly, that then the Establishment to be as formerly, only *Eight Pence per* Day, and the House doth approve thereof.

Ordered, That a Levy be made of *Six Thousand Pounds*, for the paying of the said Forces, according to this Establishment following.

Ordered, That the Committee proceed immediately upon proportioning the Quota of each respective County, for the Payment of the said £. 6000.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 24, 1692-3.

THE Committee reports, That they had not concluded, and desired the Speaker to continue with them; when several Propositions were made, but no Conclusion;

Ordered, That the Committee proceed to their Business, and adjourn 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 25, 1692-3.

MR. *Pell*, Chairman, reports, That the Committe could not agree, and desired Mr. *Speaker's* Assistance; where-

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upon several Propositions were made, and after many Debates, the following Allotments were concluded, being carried by Majority of Votes; and,

Ordered, That a Levy of *Six Thousand Pounds* be made throughout this Province, for the paying and maintaining the Forces to be raised, for the securing of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the first of *May*, 1693, to the first of *May*, 1694, in such Quotas and Proportions as are hereafter specified, *viz. New-York*, £. 1450, *Suffolk*, £. 1200, *Queen's* County, £. 1000, *King's* County, £. 900, *Westchester*, £. 560, *Ulster*, £. 630, *Richmond*, £. 230, and *Orange*, £. 30.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Adjourned 'til Monday, 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 27, 1693.

MR. Speaker brought in the Bill for the raising of *Six Thousand Pounds*, for the Payment of 300 Volunteers, and their Officers, to be employed in the Reinforcement of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the first of *May* next, to the first of *May* then next following, in the Year of our Lord 1694.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be committed to the above-said Committee; and make Report thereof To-morrow Morning, by 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 28, 1693.

THE Committee brought in their Report; upon which it was ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The other Branches of his Excellency's Speech being taken into Consideration, particularly the building a Stone Fort at *Albany*, divers Propositions, &c. were made, but can be no Conclusion until 2 o'Clock.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 28, 1693.

THE Bill, &c. not being engrossed,

Ordered, That the respective Committees do forthwith proceed upon what Business lies before them, and make Report thereof to this House To-morrow, 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 29, 1693.

UPON reading the Report of the Committee,

Ordered, That the Committee formerly appointed to join with a Committee of the Council for the enquiring into the Debts of the Government, do join with the said Committee of the Council and adjust the same; and confer upon such Methods and Ways as they shall judge needful for the removing the Doubts lately raised concerning the Act for the satisfying and paying the Debts of the Government.

The Bill for the raising 300 Men and *Six Thousand Pounds*, &c. was read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

Ordered, That Major *Morrets*, Major *Wessels*, Major *Pell*, Captain *Whitehead*, Mr. *Barns*, Captain *Garton*, Mr. *Morgan*, and Mr. *Tuthill*, do carry up this Bill to his Excellency and Council.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 30, 1693.

SEVERAL Debates arising about the Bill for monopolizing, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed for the Regulation of the Act about the Debts of the Government, &c. reports, That the Gentlemen of the Council appointed to confer with them, not being at Leisure, desire some further Time; and ordered, That they have further Time accordingly.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 30, 1693.

A Message from the Governor and Council by Colonel *Cortlandt* and *Chidley Brook*, Esqrs, brought unto the House by Mr. *Wessels*, as followeth, viz.‡

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Upon reading the ſaid Meſſage it was ordered, That Mr. *Garton*, Mr. *Robinſon*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, and Mr. *Tuthill*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join with the Committee of the Council, that are appointed to concert upon the Heads of ſaid Meſſage.

The Bill for calling *Long-Iſland* the Iſland of *Naſſau*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Adjourned 'til 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 31, 1693.

MR. *Robinſon*, one of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council, reports as follows, *viz.*†

The Bill for calling *Long Iſland* the *Iſland* of *Naſſau* read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 31, 1693.

THE Charge of the late Expedition to *Albany*, being under Conſideration,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to enquire into the Debts of the Government, or any two of them, be a Committee, to enquire into the amount of the Revenue, ſince his Excellency's arrival, and how far it falls ſhort in defraying the neceſſary Charge of the Government during that Time.

The Bill abovelaid, read the third Time, paſſed, and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morrow 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 1, 1693.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Rutſen* and Mr. *Pierſon*, do carry up to the Governor and Council, the Bill for calling *Long Iſland*, the *Iſland* of *Naſſau*.

Mr. *Cortlandt* one of Committee, reports, that purſuant to the order of this Houſe, he had attended Mr. *Cortlandt* the Auditor, who told him the Accomptant had not made up the Accounts ſince his Excellency's Arrival, therefore he could not give this Houſe any Satisfaction at preſent in that Matter.

Mr. *Van Schaick* one of the Committee appointed, *&c.* purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, did wait upon the Gentlemen of the Council, who were deſired to confer with them, concerning the Doubts lately raiſed, about the Act for payment of the Debts of the Government; who ſaid that the Governor and Council, had already appointed a Committee to ſtate the Debts of the Government, with Relation to that Act, and that Col. *Cortlandt* one of the Committee, would this Day acquaint them with it, and after the Council break up would appoint ſome Time that a Conference might be had thereupon accordingly.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Charge of the late Expedition to *Albany*, &c. be referred until the Committee make a more particular Report thereof.

Ordered, That the Committee formerly appointed for the ſettling of the Miniſtry and Schoolmaſters, do forthwith proceed upon that Buſineſs.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, by *John Lawrence*, Eſq; as followeth, with an Amendment, that the Bill for calling *Long Iſland* the *Iſland* of *Neſſau*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinſon*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Barnes*, Mr. *Garton* and Mr. *Van Schaick*, or any two of them, be a Committee to deſire a Conference with a Committee of the Council, about the Addition of the Bill, for calling *Long Iſland* the *Iſland Naſſau*, *&c.* brought down from the Governor and Council, by Mr. *Lawrence*.

Adjourned till Monday 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 3, 1693.

THE Committee appointed for the Regulation of Fees, reports that purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, that they did wait upon Mr. *Cortlandt*, who was appointed to be a Committee of the Council, to join with them in the Premiſſes, who ſaid, that Mr. *Nicolls*, was out of Town, and that he had Buſineſs and could not attend the ſame; whereupon the Committee of this Houſe, did proceed in ſome Regulations, which are now tranſcribing, and deſired ſome further Time to make their Report.

Ordered, That they do make their Report by Wedneſday Morning next.

The Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the Council, to examine into the Debts of the Government, *&c.* do report, that purſuant to the Direction of this Houſe, they did wait upon Auditor *Cortlandt*, who told them that his Excellency and Council, had already appointed a Committee to enquire into that Matter, and that he could not move any Thing therein, until he received Directions from his Excellency and Council, and that he would acquaint them with the Deſire of this Houſe, and then proceed as his Excellency ſhould direct.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinſon*, Capt. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Kipp*, Major *Weſſels* and Capt. *Van Schaick*, be a Committee of this Houſe, and do wait upon the Governor and Council, and deſire that a Committee of their Board, may be appointed to join with them, for the plainer aſcertaining the Debts of the Government, that are to be paid by the Duties lately raiſed for that Purpoſe, and alſo for the removing the Doubts and Queſtions, that have riſen concerning the Meaning of that Act.

The Committee appointed for the Settling of a Miniſtry throughout the Province, deſire that they may have further Time, for the Conſideration thereof.

Ordered, That they make Report of their Proceeding to this Houſe, on Thurſday Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Van Schaick*, Mr. *Garton*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Barnes*, Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *Morgan*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to enquire into the former Settlement of the Weigh Houſe, and to report to this Houſe, what Regulations therein may be needful to be ſettled upon their Majeſties, for the defraying the Charge of the Government.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 4, 1693.

MR. *Cortlandt* reports that the Committee did wait upon his Excellency and Council, according to the Order of this Houſe, and that his Excellency was pleaſed to acquaint them, that they were now buſy upon that Matter, and that they would appoint a Committee upon that Buſineſs.*

† This report is loſt.

* *The Votes from this Time, till the 7th of* September 1693, *are wanting.*

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Province of *NEW-YORK.*

A LIST of the ſeveral Repreſentatives, returned to ſerve in the *General-Aſſembly*, for their ſeveral and reſpective Cities and Counties, as followeth, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*,

James Graham, Speaker.
William Merret,
Jacobus Van Cortlandt,
Johannis Kipp.

City and County of *Albany* and *Renſſelaer's Wyck*,

Dirck Weſſels,
Ryer Jacobs,
Killian Van Renſſelaer.

County of *Weſtcheſter*,

John Pell,
Joſeph Theale.

King's County,

Coert Stuyveſant,
Johannis Van Ecklen.

Queen's County,

Daniel Whitehead,
John Jackſon.

County of *Suffolk*,

Henry Pierſon,
John Tuthill.

Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County.

Thomas Garton,
Jacob Rutſen.

County of *Richmond*,

Thomas Stilwell,
John Shadwell.

Die Jovis, A. M. September 7, 1693.

THIS Morning (in Purſuance of their Majeſties Writ) the ſeveral Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*, and City of *Albany*, viz. *James Graham*, *William Merrett*, *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*, *Johannis Kipp*, and *Dirck Weſſels*, gave their Attendance for their Majeſties Service; and no other of the Repreſentatives appearing, they ordered the Clerk of the Houſe of Repreſentatives to wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him therewith; The Clerk being returned did inform the ſaid Gentlemen, That his Excellency did adjourn them 'til To-morrow Morning, 10 o'Clock. And they were adjourned 'til that Time.

Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. Septem. 8, 1693.

THIS Morning came to the Houſe, *James Graham*, Major *William Merrett*, *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*, *Johannis Kipp*; Major *Weſſels*; Major *Pell*, *Joſeph Theale*, the two Repreſentatives returned for the County of *Weſtcheſter*; *Thomas Stillwell*, *John Shadwell*, the two Repreſentatives returned for the County of *Richmond*; and *Johannis Van Ecklen*, one of the Repreſentatives returned for *King's* County: No more of the Repreſentatives appearing, the Clerk was ordered to wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him therewith: The Clerk being returned, informs the Members preſent, That his Excellency did hope that To-morrow there might be a full Houſe; and that

that he did adjourn them until To-morrow Morning, 10 o' Clock. And they were adjourned 'til that Time.

Die Sabatii, 10 ho. A. M. Septem. 9, 1693.

THE ſeveral Members following coming to the Houſe, and finding neither the Members of *Suffolk* and *Ulſter* Counties come, thought it convenient to adjourn themſelves 'til *Monday* Morning next, 10 o'Clock. The Members now preſent are, Mr. *Graham*, Major *Merrett*, Captain *Cortlandt*, Captain *Kipp*, Major *Weſſels*, Captain *Whitehead*, Captain *Jackſon*, the two Repreſentatives returned for *Queen's* County, *Thomas Stillwell*, *John Shadwell*, and *Johannis Van Ecklen*.

Die Lunæ, 10 ho. A. M. Septem. 11, 1693.

THIS Morning came to the Houſe, all the Members, ſave only thoſe of the Counties of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*, who did all wait upon his Excellency at the *Fort*, purſuant to their Majeſties Writ, his Excellency deſiring thoſe Members preſent to return to the Houſe, where he had appointed Colonel *Cortlandt* and Colonel *Bayard* to attend them, and adminiſter unto them the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, and to Sign the Teſt.

The ſeveral Members returned to the Houſe, were Colonel *Cortlandt* and Colonel *Bayard* brought a Dedimus Poteſtatem to ſwear them; which Oaths to each Member particularly was adminiſtered, and the Teſt ſigned, *ſave only* John Shadwell, *one of the Repreſentatives for the County of* Richmond, *who did refuſe taking the ſame, upon which was diſmiſſed.* Then the Houſe adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon, according to the Direction of Colonel *Bayard*, who did inform them, That his Excellency did expect them at the *Fort* at that Time.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 11, 1693.

THE Houſe meeting, went all to the *Fort*, to wait upon his Excellency and Council, as directed, where his Excellency was pleaſed to deſire them to return to their Houſe and chuſe them a Speaker, and to preſent to his Excellency To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe returned: And,

After ſome Debates, the Houſe did chuſe *James Graham*, Eſq; their Speaker, who uſed many urgent Arguments to be excuſed; but the Houſe being unanimous, all roſe up and conducted him to the Chair, upon his taking of which, the Houſe requeſted of him that upon his being approved by his Excellency, he would pleaſe to Addreſs his Excellency and Council, in behalf of this Houſe, and Demand that their Rights, Privileges and Cuſtoms may be confirmed to them. Imprimis, That none of the Members nor their Servants be arreſted or moleſted during the Seſſions; that they may have freedom of Acceſs to his Excellency and Council when Occaſion preſents; that they may have Liberty of Speech, and a favourable Conſtruction made upon all Debates that may ariſe among them; and for the Removal of all Miſunderſtandings between the Governor and Council and this Houſe; a Committee of the Council may be appointed to join with a Committee of this Houſe, to confer on ſuch Matters as ſo occur; and that theſe their Demands may be approved by his Excellency and Council, and entered in their Council Books accordingly.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 12, 1693.

THE Houſe met, and went all to the Fort, and did preſent *James Graham*, Eſq; to his Excellency to be their Speaker, who was approved of by his Excellency accordingly; upon which Approbation, Mr. Speaker did addreſs his Excellency and Council, as was deſired by the Houſe in their Behalfs, and did demand that their Rights, Privileges, &c. ſhould be continued to them as uſual, &c. which Addreſs, was approved of by his Excellency and Council accordingly.

And then his Excellency was pleaſed to make a ſhort Speech to the Houſe, the Heads of which were as followeth, *viz.*

1. *The Settling of the Miniſtry.*
2. *Their Majeſties Revenue, to be ſettled during Life.*
3. *A Fort to be built in this City.*
4. *The re-building the Chapel in the Fort.*

The Houſe returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe his Excellency's Speech, *ut Supra.*

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be given unto his Excellency for his favourable Speech.

Ordered, That Major *Merrett*, Mr. *Theale*, Major *Weſſels*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Rutſen*, Col. *Pierſon* and Mr. *Stillwell*, be a Committee to agree upon the eaſieſt and beſt Methods, for the calling and ſettling a Miniſtry, in each reſpective Precinct throughout the Province, and make report thereof To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Ordered, That if any of the Members of this Houſe, be abſent after Ringing the Bell, and calling over the Liſt of the Houſe, ſhall forfeit for the ſame *Six Shillings.*

Mr. *Rutſen*, one of the Members for *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, came to the Houſe, and was requeſted by Mr. Speaker, to go to the Fort, to Col. *Cortlandt* and Col. *Bayard*, and take the Oaths appointed to be taken, and ſign the Teſt.

Mr. *Rutſen* returned, declares that he hath taken the Oaths appointed, &c. and ſigned the Teſt; then took his Place in the Houſe accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Kipp*, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Ryer Jacobs*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Stephens*, Mr. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Tuthill*, be a Committee for the ſettling and regulating the Fees, throughout the Province, and make Report thereof, To-morrow Morning by 8 o'Clock.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of his Excellency's Speech be referred until To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till To-morrow 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 13, 1693.

THE Report of the Committee for ſettling the Miniſtry, read, and ordered to be re-committed to the ſaid Committee for farther Conſideration, till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe took into Conſideration, that part of the Governor's Speech, relating to the Revenue during their Majeſties Lives, and many Debates did ariſe, that the further Conſideration thereof, was thereupon referred till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 13, 1693.

IT was moved by the Members of *Naſſau Iſland*, that it was a great Grievance that there were not Ports eſtabliſhed in each County of the ſaid *Iſland*, and that the Matter ſhould be conſidered by the Houſe before any other Thing; whereupon many Debates did ariſe, and the Queſtion was put, whether his Excellency ſhould be addreſſed for the eſtabliſhing Ports in the reſpective Counties as deſired? And it was carried by the Majority of Votes in the Affirmative, whereupon it was

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made unto his Excellency, for the eſtabliſhing of one Port, in each reſpective County in the *Iſland* of *Naſſau*, with Liberty for Shipping to enter and clear, load and unload, according to Law; at *Southold* in the County of *Suffolk*, at *Oyſter Bay* in *Queen's* County; and at the Eaſt End of *Graveſend* Beach for *King's* County.

The Committee for ſettling a Miniſtry, deſired till To-morrow for their Report.

Then the Houſe took into their further Conſideration, that Part of the Governor's Speech, relating to the ſettling the Revenue, during their Majeſties Lives, and ſpent ſome Time thereupon, but came to no Concluſion, but deſired that the further Conſideration thereof might be referred till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock accordingly, and in the mean Time all Committees to be revived, and attend their reſpective Buſineſs committed to them, and make their reports To-morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 14, 1693.

MR. *Rutſen*, one of the Members of this Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act againſt Monopolizing, unlawful Forfeitures, and other Inconveniencies*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The further Conſideration of the Revenue, &c. being taken into

into Consideration, many Debates did arise, but came to no Conclusion; and it was

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof, be referred till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 14, 1693.

THE Report of the Committee for calling and settling a Ministry, being read, several Debates did arise thereon, so it was re-committed to the said Committee for further Consideration.

Then the House took into their Consideration the further Consideration of the Revenue, during their Majesties Lives; and it was *Resolved*, That the Members of each County, be a Committee to examine this Matter, and all the Debates that hath arisen thereon, and make report thereof, To-morrow Morning at 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 15, 1693.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Jackson* and Mr. *Stephens*, do wait upon the Governor and Council, and deliver the Address of this House, for the establishing of Ports upon the Island of *Nassau*.

The Report of the Committee for settling the Ministry, read, and approved of; and, *Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in for the establishing of it accordingly.

The Committee appointed to consider upon the settling the Revenue, upon their Majesties during Life, desires some further Time to confer thereupon; and it was

Ordered, That they have further Time to consider upon the same, and make their Report, at 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Upon the Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Building of a Fort at *New-York*, &c. it was

Ordered, That Col. *Pierson*, Major *Merrett*, Major *Wessels*, Major *Pell*, Capt. *Jackson*, Capt. *Stilwell* and Major *Rutsen*, be a Committee of this House, to discover how far his Excellency designs the necessary Fortifications of this City shall be, and to make an Estimate of the Charge thereof, and make Report thereof to this House, with all convenient Speed.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 15, 1693.

MR. *Jamison*, brought to the House, from his Excellency and Council, a Memorial of Col. *Andrew Hamilton*, relating to the Post Office, with an Order of the Governor and Council annexed; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Member of each County for their Consideration, and to make Report To-morrow at 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

The further Consideration of the settling the Revenue, &c. not being concluded upon by the Committee, it is desired by them, that they may be continued until To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the settling the Revenue, upon their Majesties during their Lives, be re-committed to the same Committee, and that they make report thereof To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

The Bill for Monopolies, &c. read the second Time, and rejected.

Ordered, That all the Members of this House, be a Committee of Grievances, to receive and report the Grievances and Oppressions of the People of this Province, from Time to Time, and make report thereof, as Grievance appears.

Ordered, That all Committees be revived and attend their respective Business, and make report thereof, To-morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 10 ho. A. M. Sept. 16, 1693.

THE Report of the Committee for settling the Revenue, upon their Majesties during their Lives, &c. was read; and the Question being put, whether the House did approve of it or no, it was carried by Majority of Votes, that they did approve thereof, the Affirmative being Twelve, and the Negative Five.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for continuing the Act, entitled, *An* Act*

For the Continuance of it five Years longer than the said Act mentions.

Mr. *Rutsen* one of the Members of this House, brought in a Bill without any Title, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be committed to the whole House, to consider of it.

Adjourned till 7 o'Clock a Monday Morning.

* *The Title of the Act is left Blank in the Manuscript.*

Die Lunæ, 7 ho. A. M. Sept. 18, 1693.

THE Catalogue of Fees read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Thomas Hicks*, *John Smith*, *William Creed* and *Peter Chock*, was read, and referred to further Consideration.

The House took into Consideration the other Branch of the Governor's Speech, relating to the rebuilding the Chapel in the *Fort*; and it was committed to the Committee appointed for Fortification; and make their Report To-morrow Morning, at 8 o'Clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker draw up what Bills are ordered by this House; for which he shall have reasonable Satisfaction.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Septem. 19, 1693.

MR. Speaker brought in the Bill for confirming unto their Majesties the Revenue established for the defraying the necessary Charge of the Government five Years longer than the Term therein mentioned; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Speaker brought in the Bill for settling the Ministry, and raising a Maintainance for them, in the City and County of *New-York*, County of *Richmond*, *Westchester*, and *Queen's* County.

Read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Do. Bill read a second Time, and ordered to be committed to the former Committee of the whole House.

The Bill for confirming the Revenue, &c. read the second Time and ordered to be engrossed.

The Representation of *Frederick Philipse*, &c. read to the House; and, *Ordered*, That said Representation be recommended to the Mayor and Aldermen of this City for the speedy Redress therein.

The Report of the Committee about the Chapel, &c. being read, ordered to be recommended to the said Committee.

The Memorial of Colonel *Hamilton* read a second Time, and recommitted for further Consideration to the said Committee of the whole House.

The Catalogue of Fees read the second Time, and ordered a third reading.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Septem. 20, 1693.

THE several Reports committed, were read, and approved.

The Bill for bolting, &c. read the third Time and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

The Bill confirming to their Majesties the Revenue, &c. read the third Time and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thale*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Ransselaer*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Rutsen*, and Mr. *Ecklen*, do carry up the Bill for preventing unlawful Seizeures and Forfeitures, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Pierson*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Kipp*, Mr. *Jackson*, Mr. *Stephens*, and Mr. *Stillwell*, do carry up the Bill confirming to their Majesties the Revenue, &c.

The Catalogue of Fees read the third Time, and the House does approve of the Report of the Committee thereon; and ordered, that it be sent up to the Governor and Council, praying his Excellency that he may establish the same; *Ordered*, that Mr. *Tuthill* and Mr. *Ecklen* do carry up the Catalogue of Fees to the Governor and Council.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 20, 1693.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, with a Petition of the Freeholders of the County of *Westchester*, brought down by *Chidley Brook*, Esq; and Colonel *Caleb Heathcoote*, which was both read; and the Consideration of said Petition referred to the Committee of the whole House.

Upon reading the said Minute of Council,

Ordered, That Colonel *Pierson*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Kipp*, Major *Wessels*, Mr. *Jackson*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Rutsen*, Mr. *Ecklen*, and Mr. *Jacobs*, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Council, upon the Amendment of the

the Bill of the Revenue, ſent down by the Governor and Council; and make their Report thereof to this Houſe To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Septem.* 21, 1693.

THE Bill for ſettling the Miniſtry, with its Amendments, *&c.* read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Major *Merrett*, Major *Pell*, Mr. *Whitehead*, and Mr. *Stillwell*, do carry up to the Governor and Council the Bill for ſettling the Miniſtry.

John Teuniſen, returned one of the Members for the County of *Richmond*, came to the Houſe and brought a Certificate from Colonel *Bayard*, that he had taken the Oaths appointed, and ſigned the Teſt; ſo took his Place in the Houſe accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1693.

ADJOURNED 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1693.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Judge *Pinborn*, with the Bill for ſettling the Miniſtry, with an Amendment annexed.

The Houſe having conſidered the Amendment, ſent down to the Bill, for ſettling the Miniſtry, *&c.* cannot agree thereunto, but pray that it may paſs without that Amendment, having in the drawing of the Bill, had a due regard to that pious Intent of ſettling a Miniſtry, for the Benefit of the People.

Ordered, That Capt. *Jackſon* and Mr. *Tuthill*, do carry up the ſaid Bill, for ſettling the Miniſtry, *&c.* with the Conſideration of the Houſe, annexed to the ſaid Bill.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 22, 1693.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this Houſe, do bring in the Account of the Expences, Houſe Rent, his, and other Officers Salary, *&c.* expended during this laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly.

The Account of the Houſe Rent, Expence, Salary, *&c.* brought in by the Clerk, was read, and approved of; and,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Excellency the Governor and Council, to order their Majeſties Collector and Receiver General, to pay to *John Clapp*, Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds, Eight Shillings* and *Six-pence*, which is for ſo much due for Salaries to Clerks, Door Keeper, Houſe Rent, and ſeveral other Expences, during this laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly, as *per* Account thereof, this Day brought into the Houſe doth appear.

Mr. *Jamiſon* Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage to the Houſe, from the Governor and Council, requiring the immediate Attendance of this Houſe at the Fort; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the Fort accordingly; where his Excellency in Council, was pleaſed to acquaint them, that the Bill for ſettling the Revenue upon their Majeſties for five Years longer, as alſo the Bill for ſettling the Miniſtry, he had paſſed them; and alſo that he did prorogue them, until the 10th Day of *January* next; and the Houſe was prorogued till that Time.

☞ *The Governor after this Prorogation, muſt have diſſolved this Aſſembly, as appears by the Sequel.*

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of *NEW-YORK.*

A LIST of the ſeveral Repreſentatives, returned to ſerve in the *General-Aſſembly*, for their ſeveral and reſpective Cities and Counties, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*,

Peter De Lanoy,
Samuel Staats,
John Spratt,
Robert Blackwell.

Queen's County,

Daniel Whitehead,
John Jackſon.

King's County,

Henry Filkin,
Johannis Van Ecklen.

Suffolk,

Henry Pierſon,
Matthew Howell.

Richmond,

Thomas Stilwell,
John Teuniſen.

Weſtcheſter,

John Pell,
Humphry Underhill.

City and County of *Albany*,

Dirck Weſſels,
Ryer Jacobs.

Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County,

Jacob Rutſen,
Thomas Garton.

Renſſelaer's Wyck,

Killian Van Renſſelaer.

Die Jovis, A. M. Marth 1, 1693-4.

THIS Morning, according to their Majeſties Writ, ſome of the Repreſentatives choſen for their reſpective Counties, attended at the Place appointed by the Sheriff, in order to wait upon his Excellency at the *Fort*, as the ſaid Writ directed; but no more than four appearing, *viz. Peter De Lanoy*, and *John Spratt*, two of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*; *Johannis Van Ecklen*, for *King's* County; and *John Teuniſen*, for *Richmond*, they did refer their waiting upon his Excellency, until more of the Repreſentatives appeared.

Die Veneris, A. M. March 2, 1693-4.

THIS Morning came to the Houſe, *Peter De Lanoy, John Spratt, Samuel Staats*, three of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*; *Daniel Whitehead, John Jackſon*, the two Repreſentatives for *Queen's* County; *Henry Filkin, Johannis Van Ecklen*, the two Repreſentatives for *King's* County; *Henry Pierſon*, one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Suffolk*; *Thomas Stillwell, John Teuniſen*, the two Repreſentatives for the County of *Richmond*; and *Humphry Underhill*, one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Weſtcheſter*; who did all wait upon his Excellency at the *Fort*, where his Excellency told them, That he deſired them to return to their Houſe; where two Gentlemen, appointed by him and Council, *viz.* Judge *Pinhorn* and Colonel *Cortlandt*, were ordered to adminiſter unto them the Oaths as uſual, and to ſee them ſign the Teſt, they having a Dedimus Poteſtatem for that Purpoſe.

The Gentlemen returned did order the Clerk to acquaint the ſaid two Gentlemen, That if they pleaſed, they would wait their coming at their Houſe, at 2 o'Clock; where the ſaid Gentlemen with the Clerk of the Council did ſwear the ſeveral Repreſentatives *(ut Supra)* and alſo ſee them all ſign the Teſt.

Dit

Die Sabatii, A. M. March 3, 1693-4.

THIS Morning, the ſeveral Repreſentatives above, with *John Pell*, and the other Repreſentatives for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, came to the Houſe, and from thence went all up to the *Fort*, to wait upon his Excellency and Council; where his Excellency was pleaſed to direct them to return to their Houſe, and chuſe them a Speaker.

The Houſe being returned, they did chuſe Colonel *Henry Pierſon* to be their Speaker, and did conduct him to the Chair accordingly: Mr. Speaker adjourned the Houſe 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 ho. P. M. March 3, 1693-4.

THE Houſe met, and went to the *Fort* to his Excellency and Council, and did preſent Colonel *Henry Pierſon* to his Excellency, as their Speaker; whom his Excellency did approve of, and did Report as follows, That his Excellency was pleaſed to aſſure them, that all their Rights, Privileges, *&c.* ſhould be continued to them, as uſual.

The Houſe returned: Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and did adjourn the Houſe 'til *Monday*, 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. March 5, 1693-4.

THIS Afternoon came to the Houſe, Colonel *Henry Pierſon*, Speaker, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *De Lanoy*, Mr. *Spratt*, Mr. *Ecklen*, Doctor *Staats*, Mr. *Teuniſen*, Mr. *Underhill*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Jackſon*, and Mr. *Filkin*.

Mr. *Blackwell*, one of the Members returned to ſerve as Burgeſs for the City and County of *New-York*, came to the Houſe, and was requeſted by Mr. Speaker to go to the *Fort* and take the Oaths appointed, and to ſign the Teſt, before he could be qualified to ſerve in this Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Pell* and Mr. *Spratt* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deſire a Copy of his Excellency's Speech.

The Gentlemen returned brought a Copy of his Excellency's Speech; but it not being atteſted by the Clerk of the Council as uſual, the full Examination thereof was referred until To-morrow Morning; and, *Ordered*, the Clerk of the Houſe do carry the ſaid Copy to Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, and get the ſaid Copy atteſted by him.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given unto his Excellency, for his favourable Speech. And,

That Doctor *Staats*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Filkin* and Capt. *Stilwell*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the Thanks of this Houſe, for his favourable Speech.

The Petition of *Carle Van Dycke* and *Daniel Polehemus*, on the Behalf of ſeveral of the Freeholders of *King*'s County, was read, and referred to further Conſideration, To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Thomas Carhart*, againſt the Inſufficiency of *John Teuniſen*, one of the Members of this Houſe, to ſerve in General-Aſſembly; was read, and left to further Conſideration.

Ordered, That whoſoever of this Houſe, do not appear at this Houſe, within half an Hour after the Ringing of the Bell, ſhall forfeit half a Piece of Eight.

Adjourned till To-Morrow Morning 7 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 7 ho. A. M. March 6, 1693-4.

A Bill for ſettling of Pilotage for all Veſſels, that ſhall come within *Sandy Hook*, brought in by Col. *Heathcote*, was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The further Conſideration of the Petition of *Carhart*, againſt *John Teuniſon*, falls in Courſe; it was carried by Majority of Votes, that the ſaid Petition ſhould be rejected, and thrown out of the Houſe.

Upon the further Conſideration of the Petition of *Carle Van Dycke* and *Daniel Polhemus*, *&c.* it was carried by the Majority of Votes, that the ſaid Petition ſhould be rejected, and thrown out of the Houſe.

Upon the further Conſideration of his Excellency's Speech, it was *Reſolved*, that the firſt Thing to be conſidered, ſhall be the ſecuring the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*; and it was

Reſolved, That the Securing of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, be the firſt Thing taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lanoy*, Mr. *Spratt*, Mr. *Pell*, Mr. *Filkin*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Capt. *Stilwell*, be a Committee, to inſpect and examine into the Collector's Accounts, how the Money lately raiſed by the ſeveral Aſſemblies, is diſpoſed of, and to continue *de Die in Diem*, until they make Report thereof to this Houſe, with all convenient Speed; and the ſame Committee alſo to inſpect and examine into the Muſter Rolls, concerning the ſeveral Quotas of Men, whether juſtly and timely at *Albany*, according to the Acts for that Purpoſe made.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. March 6, 1693-4.

UPON further Conſideration of the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, the Houſe has referred the ſame, hoping the Repreſentatives of *Albany*, *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*, may ſpeedily be here, who may much aſſiſt them in that Buſineſs.

The Bill for ſettling of Pilotage, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and, *Ordered*, That Doctor *Staats*, Mr. *Blackwell*, Mr. *Underhill*, Mr. *Teuniſen* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, be a Committee to examine the ſame, and make Report thereof To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. March 7, 1693-4.

THE Report of the Committee for ſettling Pilotage, was brought in, which was as followeth, *viz.*

That all Veſſels belonging to the Province of *New-York*, that draws not above ſeven feet Water, ſhall not be obliged either to take a Pilot, or pay for the ſame, unleſs deſired; and in Caſe the Pilots whom his Excellency ſhall appoint, ſhall any Ways be negligent, or not duly, and upon all Occaſions, give their Attendance to pilot all ſuch Ships or Veſſels, as ſhall come into *Sandy Hook*; ſhall, for ſuch Negligence and Want of Duty, forfeit and pay unto their Majeſties, the Sum of *Five Pounds*; and this Act to continue but for one Year after Publication and no longer.

The Houſe does approve of this Report; and,

Ordered, That this Amendment be annexed to the ſaid Bill accordingly; then ordered it a third Reading.

Do. Bill read a third Time and approved; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent, with the Amendments thereunto annexed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blackwell* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the Bill, with its Amendment, for Pilotage.

It being moved in the Houſe, that ſeveral of the Inhabitants belonging to *Albany*, have lately deſerted their Habitations; which being taken into the Conſideration of the Houſe, how to prevent the ſame for the future; it is referred until the Repreſentatives of *Albany* ſhall come down.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Judge *Pinhorn* and Col. *Heathcote*, with the Bill for Pilotage, and an Amendment to the ſaid Bill ſent down.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. March 8, 1693-4.

THE Committee appointed to inſpect into the Muſter Rolls and the Collector's Accounts, report, That having ſent a Meſſage to the Collector, in order to get the Collector's Anſwer, was, that this Morning all his Accounts ſhould be ready; and that Mr. *Jamiſon*, did further tell the Meſſenger ſent for the Muſter Rolls, that they ſhould alſo be ready, and was accordingly by his Excellency, ſent into the Houſe this Morning.

Upon the further Conſideration of his Excellency's Speech, the Houſe fell upon that Part thereof, relating to the Revenue, called, *Additional Duty*; and *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect into the Accounts of the whole Revenue of the Province; and that Mr. *Blackwell*, Doctor *Staats*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Mr. *Underhill*, and Mr. *Teuniſen*, be the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Doctor *Staats* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deſire his Excellency, that he would pleaſe to order their Majeſties Collector and Receiver General, that all the Accounts relating to the whole Revenue, may be paſſed by this Houſe, in order to the Continuance of the additional Duty.

The ſaid two Gentlemen returned, report to the Houſe, that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would take Care about it.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Jamiſon* Clerk of the Council; upon which there was a Debate in the Houſe ſome Time, but at laſt it was reſolved, by the unanimous Opinion of the Houſe, that the Books, Papers and Vouchers, relating to the Revenue, ſhould be brought to the Houſe, or Copies and Abſtracts from the ſame.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That there shall be an Establishment made throughout this Province, for the true, orderly and just Proportioning of all Taxes, upon each respective City and County throughout this Province.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 9, 1693-4.

THE Report of the Committee to inspect into the Collector's Accounts, brought in, and read, which was as followeth, *viz.*

We do find by the Collector and Receiver General's Account, that he hath received out of the four Taxes amounting to *Seven Thousand*, *Eight Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*, the Sum of *Six Thousand*, *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty-nine Pounds*, *Eleven-pence Half-penny*; and paid for the same, *Seven Thousand*, *Six Hundred* and *Eleven Pounds*, *Nineteen Shillings* and *Three-pence*; and also received out of the *Six Thousand Pounds* Tax, the Sum of *One Thousand*, *Four Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings* and *Four-pence Three-farthings*; and paid *Three Hundred* and *Fifteen Pounds*, *Fourteen Shillings*; and for Arrears of the first four Taxes, *Eleven Hundred Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings* and an *Half-penny*; and of the *Six Thousand Pounds* Tax, for Arrears, *Four Thousand*, *Five Hundred* and *Seventy-one Pounds*, *Two Shillings* and *Seven-pence Farthing*; according to two Accompts, delivered and signed by the said Collector and Receiver General, ending the 25th of *February* 1693-4; in which Accompts we find by Examination an Error in the Addition of the first Accompt in the Receipt of Money, too little, *Fourteen Pounds*, in *Six Thousand*, *Six Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, *Six Shillings* and *Five-pence Half-penny*; no Vouchers produced by the Receiver General, which he would only have perused at his House.

As for the Muster Rolls, we found several wanting, being only Part of the Rolls of the Year 1693; and therefore, could not proceed to a full Examination.

John Pell, *Chairman.*

The Bill for Pilotage, with all its Amendments, read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell* do carry up the said Bill to his Excellency and Council.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 9, 1693-4.

UPON the further Consideration of settling the Establishment throughout the Province; it was

Resolved, 1. That all Negro and *Indian* Slaves, from twelve Years old to Sixty, be valued at *Twelve Pounds per* Head.

2. That all Horses and neat Cattle, from three Years old and upwards, be valued at *Thirty Shillings*, *per* Head.

3. That all Sheep and Goats, from one Year old and upwards, be valued at *Three Shillings*, *per* Head.

4. That all Hogs, from half a Year old and upwards, be valued at *Three Shillings*, *per* Head.

5. That all Land, Meadows and Houses, throughout this Province, shall be valued according to the yearly Income of the same.

Ordered, That an Address be made unto his Excellency, that he would be pleased to appoint and commissionate fit Persons upon Oath, in each respective City and County, throughout this Province, for the making an Estimate according to the Establishment afore-mentioned upon all the Estates within the same, that for the future, there may not be such Uncertainties in the Proportioning of all Subsidies.

Dr. *Staats* brought a Bill into the House, entitled, *A Bill to prevent Frauds in Conveyances of Lands*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 7 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. March* 10, 1693-4.

THE Report of the Committee to enquire into the Collector's Accounts, relating to the Revenue, was brought in, and read to the House, as followeth:

The Committees Report, That *Johannis Van Ecklen* and *Humphrey Underhill*, was sent by them to the Collector, to demand the Accounts of the whole Revenue, whose Answer was, he would not send his Books, nor any Vouchers.

Robert Blackwell, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That all Mills throughout the Province, be valued in Porportion to the Establishment aboveſaid.

Resolved, That all Vessels and Merchandize within this Province, shall be valued as near as can be, proportionable to the Value of Creatures, in the Establishment aboveſaid, by the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency.

Resolved, That since the Representatives of *Albany*, *Ulster* and *Dutchess* Counties, are not yet come down, that the House will proceed in the taking into their Consideration, the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*.

Adjourned till Monday 1 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 1 *ho. P. M. March* 12, 1693-4.

THIS Afternoon came to the House, Major *Dirck Wessels* and *Ryer Jacobs*, the two Representatives returned to serve in the General-Assembly, for the City and County of *Albany*; *Killian Van Rensselaer*, the Representative returned for *Rensselaer's Wyck*; Major *Jacob Ruitsen* and Capt. *Thomas Garton*, the two Representatives returned for the County of *Ulster* and *Dutchess*; and Major *Matthew Howell*, the other Representative for *Suffolk* County; who was requested by Mr. Speaker, to wait upon Col. *Cortlandt* and Judge *Pinhorn*, to take the Oaths appointed, and to sign the Test, to qualify them to sit in this House, who all went up accordingly.

The Gentlemen above-mentioned returned, do say, they have all taken the Oaths appointed, and signed the Test; and took their Places in the House accordingly.

Upon the coming down of the Gentlemen the Representatives of *Albany* and *Ulster*, &c. the House being desirous that the Residue of the Muster Rolls should be viewed by a Committee appointed for the Inspection into them, and to know what Force are now at *Albany*, have thought fit to lay aside the Consideration of the securing the Frontiers at *Albany*, until they are satisfied therein.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inspect into the said Muster Rolls; and that Major *Pell*, Mr. *De Lanoy*, Major *Rutsen*, Doctor *Staats*, Captain *Filkin*, Captain *Jackson*, Mr. *Teunisen*, Major *Howell*, and *Ryer Jacobs*, be the Committee to inspect into the said Muster Rolls, and to sit *De Die in Diem*, until they make their Report to this House.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 13, 1693-4.

CAPTAIN *Garton* brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill against unlawful By-Laws, and unreasonable Forfeitures*; which was ordered to be read.

Do. Bill read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Do. Bill read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Resolved, That all Land, Meadows, and Houses throughout this Province, shall be valued at seven Years Purchase, according to the yearly Income, by the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency in each County.

Resolved, That this whole Establishment be continued for three Years, and no longer.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the settling this Establishment accordingly; and that the Clerk draw up the said Bill.

The Bill to prevent Frauds in Conveyances of Lands, &c. read the second Time and rejected.

Ordered, That another Committee be appointed to inspect into the general Accounts of the whole Revenue, and to sit *De Die in Diem*, until they make Report thereof to this House; and that Mr. *Spratt*, Captain *Whitehead*, Captain *Garton*, Captain *Stillwell*, *Killian Van Ransselear*, *Johannis Van Ecklen*, Mr. *Blackwell*, and Mr. *Underhill*, be the said Committee.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 7 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 7 *ho. A. M. March* 14, 1693-4.

THE Report of the Committee to inspect into the general Accounts of the whole Revenue, &c. was brought in and read as followeth:

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Revenue reports, That they sent Mr. *Spratt* and Captain *Garton* twice to the Collector's House, who reports, They found nobody there to deliver the Accounts.

Robert Blackwell, Chairman.

The Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *Albany* read; and, *ordered*, That the said Petition be taken into further Consideration.

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Muster Rolls, &c. brought in and read as followeth, *viz.*

Upon Examination of the Rolls from the first of *May*, 1693, to the 15th of *March*, 1693-4, we find the Number of Men to secure the Frontiers at *Albany*, wanting, from Time to Time, as by an Account stated, amounting to the Sum of *Eight Hundred*

dred and *One Pounds Seven Shillings*, to be deducted out of the general Tax of *Six Thousand Pounds*, besides the Proportion of the incidental Charges, allowed in said Tax; no other Muster Rolls, or any settled Accounts produced or brought to us, so no further Accouuts can be made.

John Pell, Chairman.

The House doth approve of said Report.

The Clerk of this House brought in a Bill into the House, entitled, *A Bill for the more effectual putting in Execution an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to their Majesties the Rate of one Penny per Pound upon all the real and personal Estates within this Province of* New-York, *&c. to be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for the Care of the Province.* And,

Ordered, That said Bill be read.

Ditto Bill read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Upon the further Consideration of the securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, it was

Resolved, That *One Hundred and twenty Men*, Fusileers, be forthwith raised within this Province, to be at *Albany* by the first Day of *May* next, and there to continue until the first Day of *May* then next following; to be raised according to the several Quotas and Proportions hereunder mentioned, as followeth, *viz.* For the City and County of *New-York*, 30 Men; *Westchester*, 12 Men; *Richmond*, 6 Men; *King's* County, 16 Men; *Queen's* County, 22 Men; *Suffolk* County, 24 Men; and *Ulster* and *Dutchess* County, 10 Men.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 14, 1693-4.

THE Clerk of this House brought in the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the settling an Establishment throughout this Province, for the more orderly and just proportioning of all Taxes upon each respective City and County throughout the same.*

Do. Bill read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be committed; and that Major *Pell*, Mr. *Spratt*, Mr. *Blackwell*, Mr. *Filkin*, Captain *Garton*, Major *Howell*, Captain *Jackson*, and Captain *Stillwell*, be the said Committee; and make their Report thereof To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

The Bill for the more Effectual puting in Execution, an Act, entitled, &c. read a second Time, and committed, and that the rest of the Members of each respective Cities and Counties, be the said Committee, and that they bring in their Report, To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock in the Morning.

The Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *Albany*, read the second Time; and,

Ordered, That the Act of 2 *per* Cent. formerly granted to the City and County of *Albany*, for the defraying the publick Charges thereof, shall be continued for the Space of one whole Year, from the Time of the Expiration of said Act, and no longer, without this Amendment in the said Act, That no Money shall be paid but by Warrant from the Mayor of the City of *Albany* aforesaid; approved by one of the Aldermen of the City, and one of the Justices of the Peace out of the City of the said County.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 7 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 7 *ho. A. M. March* 15, 1693-4.

THE Report of the Committee upon the Bill for settling an Establishment, brought in, and read, as follows, *viz.* That they approve of the said Bill, as it is amended.

John Pell, Chairman.

The House doth not approve of this Report; and,

The Report of the Committee upon the Bill, for the more Effectual putting in Execution an Act, entitled, *An* Act *for granting to their Majesties*, 1d. per *Pound*; read, and not approved by the House.

The Bill against unlawful By-laws, *&c.* read the third Time, and passed, and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Capt. *Jackson*, do carry up the said Bill to his Excellency and Council.

Resolved, That the House resolves themselves into a Grand Committee of the whole House, to consider upon the Bill aboveaid, *viz.* The Bill for settling an Establishment, and to make Report thereof immediately; whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

The Committee did chuse Mr. *Pell* Chairman, and did report as followeth, *viz.*

That the Assessors, in their several and respective Cities, Counties, Towns, Manors, *&c.* throughout this Province, shall make an Estimate according to the Establisiment, and render an Account to such Persons as shall be nominated by the House of Representatives, and commissionated by his Excellency; which Commissioners, or any one of them, shall have Power to call before him or them, any of the said Assessors, and administer an Oath, equally and impartially, to assess according to said Establishment; and that the Bill be amended accordingly.

John Pell, Chairman.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pell*, Chairman of the Grand Committee, did report, *ut Supra*; the House does approve of said Report.

Resolved, That the whole Penny *per* Pound, given and granted to their Majesties, in a former Act, entitled, *An* Act *for granting to their Majesties the Rate of One Penny* per *Pound upon all the real and personal Estates within this Province of* New-York, *&c.* to be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for the Care of the Province, shall be levied and paid according to the Estimate made by the Commissioners appointed and returned, according to this Act for the settling an Establishment, *&c.* that the true Intent and Meaning of the former Act, may be fully accomplished. *Provided always*, That all the Money already collected and paid, be deducted out of the said Penny *per* Pound, and that the Commissioners mentioned in the Act, be impowered hereby; and they have full Power to see the said Act of One Penny *per* Pound fully accomplished.

Ordered, That the Bill for settling the Establishment, *&c.* be engrossed, with all its Amendments and Additions, and brought in a Monday Afternoon.

Adjourned till Monday 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 19, 1693-4.

A Message from his Exccellency and Council, by Col. *Smith* and Judge *Pinhorn*, read.

Upon the Consideration of the Message aboveaid, it was still *Resolved*, That 120 Men, is the most that this Province, at this Juncture, is able to supply, for the Reinforcement of *Albany*, and to continue there from the first Day of *May* next, until the first Day of *May* then next following.

Resolved, That there be levied and raised within this Province, for the Paying and defraying the Charges of 120 Fuzileers, with their Officers, for the Reinforcing of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, the Sum of *Sixteen Hundred Pounds*, Current Money of this Province, which, with the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, the Surplusage of the late *Six Thousand Pound* Act, all makes the Sum of *Four* and *Twenty Hundred Pounds*.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 7 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 7 *ho. A. M. March* 20, 1693-4.

THE Petition of the Coopers of *New-York*, read, and referred to further Consideration.

Upon the further Consideration of the Bill, entitled, *A* Bill *for the more effectual putting in Execution, an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to their Majesties the Rate of One Penny per Pound*, &c. It was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third Time; which was done: And the Question being put to the House, Whether the said Bill should pass this House, and be sent up to the Gonernor and Council for their Assent, as it now is drawn up, or be rejected? It was carried for the Negative. And,

Ordered, That the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill for the Settling an Establishment, *&c.* be read the third Time.

Ditto Bill read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Nicolls*, read, wherein the Attendance of this House is required by his Excellency and Council at the Fort this Afternoon at 3 o'Clock.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blackwell* and Capt. *Stilwell*, do carry up the said Bill to his Excellency and Council.

The Gentlemen returned, do report, That the Council was broke up, and that they found no Body at the Fort to deliver the said Bill to.

Upon the Consideration of the Message from his Excellency and Council,

Ordered, That according to the Desire of his Excellency and Council, to know how the £. 2400 shall be applied, be inserted and sent up with the Notes to his Excellency and Council, which is as followeth, *viz.*

2 Captains

2 Captains, at 8s, *per Diem*, - - -	£.	0 16	0
2 Lieutenants, 4s. *per Diem*, - - -		0 8	0
2 Ditto, at 3s. *per Diem*, - - - -		0 6	0
1 Chirurgeon, *per Diem*, - - -		0 2	6
1 Muſter Maſter, *per Diem*, - - - -		0 2	6
1 Commiſſary of Stores, *per Diem*, -		0 2	6
6 Serjeants, at 1s. 6d. *per Diem*, each, -		0 9	0
6 Corporals, at 1s. each, *per Diem*, -		0 6	0
2 Drums, at 1s. each, *per Diem*, - -		0 2	0
2 Clerks, at 1s. each, *per Diem*, - -		0 2	0
2 Montroſſes, at 1s. each, *per Diem*, -		0 2	0
102 Centinels, at 8d. *per Diem*, each. -		3 8	0
Sum Total,		6 6	6
Is for 365 Days,	£.	2308 12	6
For Tranſportation up and down, and other incidental Charges. - - - - -		91 7	6
	£.	2400 0	0

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. March 20, 1693-4.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in, for the Continuation of the Act to enable the City and County of *Albany*, to defray their neceſſary Charge.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the Fort, to wait upon his Excellency and Council as required.

The Houſe returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and reports to the Houſe, the Heads of what his Excellency was pleaſed to communicate to them; upon which after ſome Debates, it was *Reſolved*, That 30 Men more ſhould be added to the 120, to make up the Number of 150 Fuzileers, which are proportioned as followeth, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*, 38 Men; *Weſtcheſter*, 15 Men; *Richmond*, 7 Men; *King's* County, 21 Men; *Queen's* County, 28 Men; *Suffolk* County, 31 Men; and *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, 10 Men.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 7 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 7 ho. A. M. March 21, 1693-4.

THE Petition of *John Vincent*, Cooper, read; and it is the Opinion of the Houſe, that the Matter contained in ſaid Petition does not lye before this Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Colonel *Heathcote* and *William Nicolls*, Eſq; read.

Upon the Conſideration thereof, the Houſe are of Opinion, that they cannot poſſibly ſpare any greater Supply, than what they have already declared, for the Reinforcement of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, ſave only an Allowance for a Town Major to be at *Albany*.

As to the Preſents to the *Indians*, this Houſe not having had any Accounts of the Diſpoſal of the Revenue, they do hope that therein may be ſufficient for the defraying that Charge.

As to incidental Charges, there is allowed *One Hundred* and *Twenty-ſix Pounds*; and as to Houſe Room, Lodging, Fire and Candle, they are to be provided by the City of *Albany*; ſo that this Houſe humbly conceives, that the ſaid Sum of *One Hundred* and *Twenty-ſix Pounds*, may be ſufficient to defray the ſame; but if the ſaid Sum ſhould fall ſhort, this Houſe does pray, that an Account thereof may be brought in, by the next Seſſions, which ſhall be allowed.

As to the Additional Duty, the Houſe humbly prays, that a true Account how the ſaid Duty hath been applied, may be ſtated againſt the next Seſſions of Aſſembly, and alſo an Account of the Debts of the Government, and that the Act for the Additional Duty not terminating until the 14th of *November* next, may have Time ſufficient to continue the ſaid Act, if need requires.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. March 21, 1693-4.

Reſolved,

THAT there be raiſed, levied and paid, within this Province, the Sum of *Two Thouſand* and *Seventy-three Pounds*, for the paying and defraying the incidental Charges of 150 Fuzileers with their Officers, for the Reinforcement of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*; which, with the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, the Surpluſage of the late *Six Thouſand Pound* Act, all makes the Sum of *Two Thouſand, Eight Hundred* and *Seventy-three Pounds*; the ſaid Fuzileers to continue at *Albany* one whole Year, from the firſt Day of *May* next, to the firſt Day of *May* then next following; and the ſaid *Two Thouſand* and *Seventy-three Pounds*, to be raiſed and proportioned in each reſpective City and County, as followeth, *viz.* For the City and County of *New-York*, *Eight Hundred* and *Twenty-eight Pounds*; *Suffolk* County, *Three Hundred* and *Twenty-two Pounds*; *Queen's* County, *Three Hundred* and *One Pound*; *King's* County, *Two Hundred* and *Sixty-nine Pounds*; *Weſtcheſter* County, *One Hundred* and *Four Pounds*; *Richmond*, *Sixty-two Pounds*; *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, *One Hundred*, *Seventy* and *Six Pounds*; and *Orange* County, *Eleven Pounds*.

Reſolved, That a Town Major to be in *Albany*, be allowed and paid 4 Shillings *per Diem*, out of the ſaid *Two Thouſand Eight Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds*; and to be added to the Eſtabliſhment accordingly.

Ordered, That the King's Attorney General do bring in a Bill for the raiſing and levying the ſaid Sum of *Two Thouſand Eight Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds*, for the Intent and Purpoſe aforeſaid, accordingly.

Upon the further Conſideration of the Petition of the Coopers, it was referred to the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of this City, to ſee of what Uſe and Benefit the ſaid Petition may be to this City.

Captain *Whitehead* brought in a Bill into the Houſe, entitled, *A Bill for the regular Execution and fulfilling of a certain Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, An Act for granting to their Majeſties the Rate of one Penny* per Pound, *upon all the real and perſonal Eſtates within the Province of* New-York, *&c. to be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for his Care of the Province, according to the true and genuine Intent of the ſaid Act*, &c.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read.

Do. Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Upon the Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the building of a Platform at *New-York*, it was put to the Houſe; and it was their Opinion, that the Country are not able to do it.

Ordered, That the Clerk bring in a Bill for the better Obſervation of the Lord's Day; to prevent all Profanation and Diſorders on that Day.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 9 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. March 22, 1693-4.

CAPTAIN *Jackſon* brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for enacting a Regulation within this Province, for the rendering the Taxes and Sums of Money hereafter to be levied within the ſame, from the ſeveral Cities and Counties, more certain and equal.*

Do. Bill read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council by Judge *Pinhorn*, requiring the Attendance at the *Fort* forthwith: Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the *Fort*.

The Houſe returned: Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported the Heads of what his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to them.

The Houſe took into Conſideration that Part of what his Excellency was pleaſed to declare to them, relating to an Addition of 20 Men and 4 Officers, to be added to the 150 already mentioned. After ſome Debates in the Houſe, it was

Reſolved, That 20 Men more ſhall be added to the 150 already mentioned, to make up and compleat the Number of 170 effective Men, for the Reinforcement of *Albany*, for one whole Year, from the firſt of *May* next following, unto the firſt of *May* then next following. And the Houſe does humbly pray that his Excellency would pleaſe to form the ſaid 170 Men into three Companies; and

Ordered, That the ſaid 20 Men be proportioned in the ſeveral Cities and Counties as followeth, *viz.* For the City and County of *New-York*, 43 Men; *Weſtcheſter*, 17 Men; *Richmond*, 8 Men; *King's* County, 24 Men; *Queen's* County, 32 Men; *Suffolk* County, 35 Men; *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, 11 Men.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. March 22, 1693-4.

Reſolved,

THAT there be raiſed, levied and paid within this Province, the Sum of *Two Thouſand Six Hundred and Sixty Pounds*, current Money of this Province; which, together with the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, the Surpluſage of the late *Six Thouſand Pound* Act, all makes the Sum of *Three Thouſand four Hundred and Sixty Pounds*, for the paying and defraying the incidental Charges of 170 Fuzileers, with their Officers, to be and remain in *Albany* from the firſt Day of *May* next, until the firſt Day of *May* then next following, for the Reinforcement and Security thereof, in Manner and Proportion in each reſpective City and County as followeth, *viz.* For the City and County of *New-York*, £. 1051; for the County of *Suffolk*, £. 413; for *Queen's* County, £. 387; for *King's* County, £. 346; for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, £. 133; for *Richmond* County,

County, £. 80; for *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, £. 236; and for *Orange* County, £. 14.

Ordered, That their Majeſties Attorney General do bring in a Bill for the raiſing and paying the ſaid 170 Men, as they are quota'd and proportioned.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Oyſterbay* read, and ordered, That an Addreſs be made from this Houſe to his Excellency for the opening a Port at *Oyſterbay*, according to the humble Requeſt of the ſaid Petitioners.

Upon the further Conſideration of what his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to this Houſe this Morning, in relation to the Collector, his Accounts and Vouchers, this Houſe does humbly pray, that his Excellency would be pleaſed to order their Majeſties Collector and Receiver General, to State a compendious Account, of the Application of the whole Revenue in general, and alſo, how the Additional Duty has been diſpoſed of in particular; and as to the Collector's Vouchers, this Houſe, having that reſpect to their Majeſties Officers, does not require any of the ſame, hoping to find that Candidneſs in ſaid Accounts, as no need may be for the Puraſal of the ſame.

The Bill for to enable the City and County of *Albany*, to defray their neceſſary Charge; read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *A* Bill *for the regular Execution and fulfilling a certain Act*, &c. read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Bill for Enacting a Regulation, &c. read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration alſo.

Adjourned till To-morrow 7 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 7 ho. A. M. March 23, 1693-4.

Reſolved,

THAT that the ſaid Sum of £. 2660, be collected, and paid at two equal Payments, *viz.* The firſt half Part to be paid at or before the 25th Day of *September* next; and the ſecond Payment at or before the 25th Day of *March*, then next following; and that the Soldiers at *Albany* be paid the firſt ſix Months Pay, at or before the laſt Day of *October* next.

Reſolved, That in Caſe any Soldier or Soldiers, of their reſpective Companies, ſhall abſent him, or themſelves, and not appear in the ſaid Companies, according to their Summons to appear in their Arms; that then, and in ſuch Caſe, ſuch Soldier or Soldiers, ſhall forfeit and pay for the ſame, the Sum of *Five Pounds* each Perſon ſo abſenting; which Sum of *Five Pounds*, ſhall be for the hireing a Man in the Room of him that ſo abſenteth himſelf, to ſerve in his Stead at *Albany*.

The Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany*, &c. read the third Time, and paſſed, and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Major *Weſſells*, and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do carry up the ſaid Bill to his Excellency and Council.

The Bill, entitled, *A* Bill *for the regular Execution and fulfilling a certain Act*, &c. read the third Time, and rejected.

Their Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General brought to the Houſe a Book wherein he ſaid was the Accounts of the whole Revenue.

William Nicolls, Eſq; brought down from his Excellency and Council, the Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany*, &c. with an Amendment annexed, viz. That his Excellency and Council do aſſent to the ſaid Bill, with this Amendment, that the Year do commence from the 18th Day of *May* next, which will be the Determination of a former Act for the like Uſe.

The Houſe does approve of the ſaid Amendment; and,

Ordered, That Major *Rutſen* and Mr. *Jacobs*, do carry up the ſaid Bill, with its Amendments annexed.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect into the Accounts of the Collector's Book, and ſtate a compendious Account from the ſame, of the Application of the whole Revenue, or requeſt ſuch an Account for their Majeſties Collector; alſo to inſpect into all the whole Debts of the Government, and to bring the ſame Account, ſo ſtated into this Houſe the next Seſſions; and that Mr. *De Lanoy*, Mr. *Spratt*, Captain *Filkin*, Doctor *Staats*, Mr. *Blackwell*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Capt. *Stilwell*, or any three of them, be the ſaid Committee, whereof Mr. *De Lanoy* muſt be one; and that the ſaid Committee, ſhall inſpect into the State of the Additional Duty alſo; and that for the preſent the Collector's Book may be returned to him; and that Capt. *Whitehead*, do carry up the ſaid Book to the Collector.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till 7 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 7 ho. A. M. March 24, 1693-4.

THE Clerk brought in the Bill, entitled, *A* Bill *for the Raiſing and Paying* 170 *Men, for the ſecuring the Frontiers of this Province, in the City and County of Albany.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, be read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Do. Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Do. Bill read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Pell*, do carry up the ſaid Bill to his Excellency and Council.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, by Col. *Cortlandt* and *William Nicolls*, Eſq; with two Letters, one from Major *Schuyler*, and the other from *Onondaga*.

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, concerning the providing a Fund, for the defraying the Charge of his Excellency's Journey to *Albany*, and a Preſent to the *Indians*; it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that Money be advanced upon the Credit of the Revenue, for the defraying that Charge to anſwer the Premiſſes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blackwell* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do carry up this Meſſage, and alſo the Letters ſent down.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, by Judge *Pinhorn* and *Chidley Brook*, Eſq; with the Bill for raiſing and paying the 170 Men, &c. with this Amendment, as in the 8th Page of the Bill, and the third Line is amended, *viz. And ſuch other Forces as ſhall be obtained, and his Excellency think fit for the Defence aforeſaid.*

The Houſe does agree to the ſaid Amendment, with all the other literal Amendments, and are amended in the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Major *Pell* and Capt. *Whitehead*, do carry up the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage by Col. *Willett*, from his Excellency and Council, wherein a Committee of this Houſe, is deſired to join with a Committee of the Council, to confer about the Preſents to the *Indians*, and the Charge of his Excellency's Expedition to *Albany*.

Ordered, That a Committee of this Houſe, be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, about the Preſents to the *Indians*, and the Charge of his Excellency's Expedition to *Albany*; and that Mr. *De Lanoy*, Mr. *Spratt*, Mr. *Pell*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Van Ecklen* and Capt. *Stilwell*, be the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, do carry up the ſaid Order to his Excellency and Council.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 ho. P. M.

THE Report of the Committee aboveſaid, to confer as aboveſaid, is as follows, *viz.* That the additional Duty ſhall continue from the 14th of *November*, 1694, to the 14th of *November*, 1695, as before paid; and that out of the firſt Income thereof ſhall be paid *Six Hundred Pounds*, to be procured for Preſents to the *Indians*, and Charges for the Expedition of his Excellency to *Albany*; and the Remainder to be applied as formerly, to pay the former Debts of the Government.

Peter De Lanoy, Chairman.

The ſaid Report was read to the Houſe and approved; and *Ordered*, That the ſaid Report of the Committee be carried to their Majeſties Attorney General, in order to his bringing in a Bill for the ſame.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 7 ho. A. M. March 26, 1694.

THE Clerk brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill confirming and continuing an Act of the General Aſſembly, made in the Fourth Year of their Majeſties Reign, entitled, An Act for the ſatisfying and paying the Debts of the Government, one Year longer than the Term therein mentioned.* Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given unto his Excellency for his favourable admitting them to perfix a Time for their Adjournment; and do pray that his Excellency would be pleaſed that they may adjourn until the 25th Day of *September* next; that Time being as proper a Seaſon as can be for the Country

Country Representatives to attend their Majesties Service in General Assembly.

Ordered, That Captain *Filkin* and Major *Rutsen* do carry up the Thanks of this House to his Excellency and Council.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Do. Bill read the third Time, and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pell* and Mr. *Spratt* do carry up the said Bill.

Ordered, That an Address be made unto his Excellency the Governor, that some Consideration be taken of a poor Soldier, wounded under Captain *Garton*, in his late Expedition to *Albany*, named *Lawrence Oysterhook*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do bring in his Accounts of the Charges of this present Session of Assembly, for House Rent, Clerk's Salaries, and other Incidents.

The Clerk brought in his Account as above, which was read to the House, and approved.

Ordered, That an Address be made unto his Excellency and Council, that he would please to order their Majesties Collector and Receiver General, to pay unto *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this House, the Sum of *Thirty-one Pounds Ten Shillings and Six-pence*, which is for so much due for House Rent, Fire, Candles, and Salaries to Clerks and Door-keeper.

A Message from the Governor and Council by Judge *Pinhorn* and *Chidley Brook*, Esqrs, with the Bill concerning the additional Duty, with this Amendment, *viz.* That to be added to the *Six Hundred Pounds*, with 10 *per Cent.* annual Interest, *&c.* Which was agreed to by the House; and the Bill is amended accordingly.

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Mr. *Ransselaer* do return the said Bill to the Governor and Council.

A Message by *Jarvis Marshall*; wherein the Presence of this House was desired at the *Fort* immediately, to wait upon his Excellency; whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the House to the *Fort*.

The House returned. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and did report to the House, That his Excellency did desire as many of the Representatives as could stay in Town, might do it, to accompany his Excellency and Council, with the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of this City, to the Publication of the several Acts passed this Session, as usual.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. March 26, 1694.

MR. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the House to the *Fort*, to wait upon his Excellency and Council, who, with the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of this City, went all to the *City-Hall*, and there published these 5 following Acts, *viz.*

1. *An Act for the raising and paying* 170 *Men, for the securing the Frontiers of this Province in the City and County of* Albany.

2. *An Act for settling Pilotage for all Vessels that shall come within* Sandy-Hook.

3. *An Act to enable the City and County of* Albany *to defray their necessary Charge.*

4. *An Act against unlawful By-Laws, and unreasonable Forfeitures.*

5. *An Act confirming and continuing an Act of General Assembly, made in the Fourth Year of their Majesties Reign, entitled, An Act for the satisfying and paying the Debts of the Government one Year longer than the Term therein mentioned.*

After Publication of the said Acts, Mr. Speaker returned to the House, and resumed the Chair, and did adjourn the House until the 25th Day of *September* next. And the House was adjourned 'til that Time.

Die Martis, September 25th, 1694.

THIS Morning, according to Adjournment, the Clerk attended at the Place appointed for the Meeting of the Assembly, where were met, *Peter De Lancy, Samuel Staats, John Spratt*, Major *Direck Wessels*, and Capt. *Filkin*; and no more of the Representatives appearing, the Clerk waited on his Excellency, to know his Pleasure; who was pleased to send for their Majesties Attorney General, and acquaint him, That he believed the Badness of the Weather, had prevented the Meeting of the Rest of the Members according to Adjournment, and requested him to go to those Members met, and let them know his Pleasure was to prorogue them, until Friday Morning next at 10 o'Clock.

Their Majesties Attorney General, came to the House, where he found the Members aforesaid, and Capt. *Whitehead* and Capt. *Stillwell*, two of the Members of *Queen's* County and *Richmond*, who reported to them as above.

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Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. Sept. 28, 1694.

THIS Morning, according to his Excellency's Prorogation, the several Members hereafter expressed, *viz. Peter De Lancy, Samuel Staats, John Sprat, Robert Blackwell*, Major *Wessels*, Capt. *Filkin*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Jackson, Ryer Jacobs, Jacob Rutsen, Thomas Garton, Thomas Stillwell, John Teunisen*, Major *Howell, Humphry Underhill, John Pell* and *Johannis Van Ecklen*; came to the House, in order to attend for their Majesties Service; but the Speaker not being come to the House, nor to Town, his Excellency was pleased to send their Majesties Attorney General, to those Members assembled, and told them, that it was his Excellency's Pleasure to prorogue the Assembly yet a little longer, *viz.* Until *Thursday* Morning next, 10 o'Clock, thinking that by that Time, the Speaker may have Notice to make his Appearance here; and also did think it convenient, that the Clerk of this House, send away an Express to the Speaker, with Intimation hereof.

Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. October 4, 1694.

THIS Morning Mr. Speaker came to the House, who waited upon his Excellency to let him know of his Arrival; his Excellency was pleased to acquaint Mr. Speaker, that in Consideration of his wearisom Journey, he did believe he was tired, and a little Repose would not be amiss for him, and therefore in order to it, advised him to return to his House, and adjourn the House to what Time he thought fitting.

Mr. Speaker returned to the House, did adjourn the House until To-morrow 10 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, A. M. October 5, 1694.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Jamison*, Clerk of the Council, to acquaint Mr. Speaker and the House, that the Council were set.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the House to the Fort.

Mr. Speaker and the House returned; he resumed the Chair, and reports to the House, the Heads of his Excellency's Speech, which were, *viz.* 1. *The Security of* Albany *this Winter, an addition of* 4d. per *Diem, to the Fuzileers at* Albany; *the re-building of the Barracks in the Fort, for the Soldiers, which were all decayed and ready to fall on their Heads, and that* 16 *of those Pieces of Cannon, sent hither by their Majesties, were yet unmounted, and settling Courts of Judicature, and that a Committee of this House, may join with some of the Council, to view the Decay of the Fort, likewise to inspect into the Accounts, and enquire whether the Receivers General's Books and Accounts, are ready to give an Account thereof.*

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House, be given to his Excellency for his favourable Speech; and, That Mr. *Spratt* and Capt. *Whitehead*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the Thanks of this House, and also desire a Copy of his Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That the first Thing that this House goes upon, shall be the inspecting into the Accounts of the Revenue.

Ordered, That the former Committee, appointed the last Sessions to inspect into the Accounts of the Collector's Books, *&c.* be a Committee for the same, and do inspect into the said Books and Accounts, and State a compendious Account thereof, and bring it into this House, a Thursday next, in the Morning.

Resolved, That the next Business this House will proceed upon, shall be the Consideration of the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, this Winter Season.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. October 5, 1694.

UPON the Consideration of the Securing of *Albany*, it is referred until Mr. Speaker, has discoursed his Excellency, of what Help may be expected from other Provinces.

Resolved, That the Consideration of the Addition of 4*d. per* Day, to be added to the Soldiers at *Albany*, and those now to be raised, shall be taken into Consideration next.

Upon some Debates of the House, upon the Consideration of the Addition of 4*d. per* Day aforesaid; it is

Ordered, That the said Consideration be referred till some other Time.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

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Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 6, 1694.

Ordered,

THAT the Conſideration of that Part of the Heads of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Settling of Courts of Judicature, be next proceeded upon.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect and examine, into the former Acts of ſettling Courts of Judicature, and to make Report to this Houſe, what Alterations and Additions are needful for the ſettling Courts of Judicature, on *Wedneſday* Morning next; and that Major *Pell*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Backwell*, Capt. *Filkin*, Capt. *Garton*, Major *Weſſells*, Major *Rutſen* and Mr. *John Teunniſen*, or any Five of them, be the ſaid Committee.

Adjourned 'til Monday Morning, 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 8, 1694.

THE Petition of *John Berrian*, Collector of *Newtown*, read; and upon many Debates in the Houſe, it is

Reſolved, That the old Aſſeſſment made for the collecting of the one Moiety of the Quota of *Newtown*, of the *Six Thouſand Pound* Tax, is not ſufficient for the Collecting of the other Half Part thereof.

Ordered, That the old Aſſeſſors of *Newtown*, viz. *Samuel Hallett* and *John Way*, ſhall make an Aſſeſſment for the collecting of the other Moiety thereof; which Aſſeſſment ſhall be delivered unto the ſaid *Berrian*, Collector, with a Warrant from the Juſtices of the Peace to collect the ſame; and that the ſaid *Berrian* be immediately diſcharged from all Arreſts and Proceſs upon or by Reaſon of the Premiſſes; and all other Proceedings againſt him by Reaſon aforeſaid, be ſtopt; and that he do collect the ſaid Money forthwith.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 8, 1694.

THE Committee appointed upon the Buſineſs aforeſaid, deſires that the Houſe may adjourn until To-morrow Morning, that they may proceed to bring in their Report by the Time limited.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 9, 1694.

MR. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, came to the Houſe, ſent by his Excellency with a Letter from Sir *William Phipps*, Governor of *Boſton*; which Letter was read to the Houſe; by which the Houſe conceives no Aſſiſtance can be expected from *Boſton*, for the ſecuring of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*.

The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Collector's Books and Accounts, as alſo the Accounts of the incidental Charges and Debts of the Government, were brought in and read, and the Houſe approved of the ſaid Report; but the Accounts are not to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, and that yet there are ſome Accounts wanting.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 9*th*, 1694.

UPON the Application of the Clerk of this Houſe, for Money due from the County of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*, as by an Order of this Houſe appears, that Buſineſs is referred until To-morrow Morning, to hear why Colonel *Beekman*, one of the Rpreſentatives at that Time for ſaid County, hath not paid the ſame, according to the ſaid Order.

Reſolved, That Eighty Men ſhall be raiſed for the Reinforcement of *Albany* this Winter Seaſon, to be added to the Compliment there; and to be at *Albany* from the firſt of *November* next, until the 15th Day of *March* following.

The Queſtion being put to the Houſe, Whether the Allowance to theſe Soldiers now to be raiſed ſhall be *Twelve Pence* per Day, or *Eight Pence* per Day? It was carried for the latter.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 10, 1694.

UPON the further Application of the Clerk of this Houſe, Major *Rutſen* did promiſe the Clerk payment of *Three Pounds*, as awarded by their Majeſties Attorney General.

Captain *Filkin* brought in a Bill for the deſtroying of Wolves, which was ordered to be read.

Do. Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Do. Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed.

The Report of the Committee for ſettling Courts of Judicature brought in and read to the Houſe, and ordered to be recommitted to the ſaid Committee; and bring in their Report To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Upon the Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the building of the Barracks in the *Fort*, and mounting the great Guns, this Houſe is of Opinion, That the Charge thereof ſhould be defrayed out of the Revenue, as being Part of the neceſſary Charge of the Government.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 10, 1694.

Reſolved,

THAT the Eighty Men now to be raiſed and paid, for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, ſhall be in Proportion in the ſeveral Quotas of each reſpective City and County, in Men and Money, as in the laſt Act made for the Security of *Albany* aforeſaid; which Proportions are as followeth, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*, Twenty Men, and *One Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds.*

For the County of *Weſtcheſter*, Eight Men, and *Twenty Pounds.*

For *Richmond* County, Four Men, and *Twelve Pounds.*

For *King's* County, Twelve Men, and *Fifty-two Pounds Five Shillings.*

For *Queen's* County, Fifteen Men, and *Fifty-eight Pounds.*

For *Suffolk* County, Sixteen Men, and *Sixty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Six-Pence.*

For *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, Five Men, and *Thirty-five Pounds Ten Shillings.*

And, For *Orange* County, Two Men, and *Two Pounds Two Shillings and Six-Pence.*

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council by Colonel *Smith* and *William Nicolls*, Eſqrs, was read to the Houſe in the Words following:

The Copy of the Meſſage ſent from his Excellency and Council to this Houſe, by Colonel *Smith* and *William Nicolls*, Eſqrs, as follows, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *the* 10*th Day of* October, 1694.

PRESENT,

His Excellency BENJAMIN FLETCHER, *&c.*

" HIS Excellency did acquaint the Council, That having " ever been ſenſible of the Inconvenience detaching Men " for the Defence of the Frontiers has been to this Province; " thereupon hath applied himſelf to their Majeſties on Behalf " of this Province, for Recruits of Men from *England*: And " hath likewiſe taken all proper Meaſures for obtaining Aſ- " ſiſtance from the neighbouring Colonies, to eaſe them of " that Burthen.

" That their Majeſties have been moſt graciouſly pleaſed to " order Recruits to make up the Company already here 400 " Men, for the Defence of the Province, with their uſual " Pay; who are daily expected.

" And that it will be impoſſible to keep them together, in " regard they will not be able to ſubſiſt upon the Pay allowed " them in *England*, and without ſome further Allowance will " certainly Deſert, and the Province be expoſed to Danger, " and reduced to the ſame Inconveniency.

" His Excellency did therefore deſire the Opinion of the " Council, whether it be for their Majeſties Service and the " Safety of the Country, to offer to the Aſſembly, That if " they will give that Encouragement to the Forces coming " over to provide *Four Pence* per Day, as an Addition to their " Pay, and for other Incidents, as Fire, Candle, Tranſpor- " tation, Hoſpital, *&c.* againſt their landing? Then his Ex- " cellency will excuſe them from all Detachments of Men for " the future, and depend wholly upon thoſe Forces, and what " ſhall be ordered from *Connecticut* and the *Jerſies*, &c. for " the Defence of the Frontiers.

" The Committee are of Opinion it is for their Majeſties " Service; and that a Meſſage be ſent to the Aſſembly ſigni- " fying the ſame.

" *Ordered*, That Mr. *Smith* and *William Nicolls*, Eſqrs, de- " liver this Meſſage accordingly." *per Order*,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Co.*

Upon the Conſideration whereof, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider upon the ſaid Meſſage, and Debate the ſame, and make Report thereof immediately. Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The grand Committee brought in their Report, which was read, and approved the ſame, as follows, *viz.*

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The Report of the Committee of the whole House concerning the Order of Council brought by Colonel *Smith* and *William Nicolls*, Esqrs.

That the House having been upon the Business of reinforcing the Frontiers at *Albany*, and made Provision for it accordingly; therefore this Committee do report, That the Consideration of *Four Pence* per *Diem* Addition to the Pay of the Forces expected hither from *England*, be left to the Consideration of next Session. *John Pell*, Chairman.

Adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 11, 1694.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in by their Majesties Attorney General, for the raising and paying of Eighty Men, for the reinforcing of *Albany*, according to the several and respective Quotas and Proportions aforesaid, of each respective City and County.

The Petition of *Isaac Lansen* read and approved; and it is ordered, That the said Petitioner have his Petition granted; that is to say, that he, the said *Lansen*, shall have the Benefit and Privilege of grinding and making of Rape and Linseed Oil, for the Space and Term of 7 Years, from this Day; and that no other Person do presume, during all the said Term of 7 Years, to Counterfeit, Imitate, or any other Ways grind or make any Rape or Linseed Oil, provided he doth erect and set up his said Engine or Mill for making the said Oil within this Province, and to bring the same to absolute and perfect Perfection; and to make Oil within the Term of one whole Year and a Day from the Time and the Date of the Act for the same; or otherwise the Act to be void. And that the said Committee do bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Committee for settling Courts of Judicature, desires 'til this Afternoon to bring in their Report.

A Message by Mr. *Famison*, Clerk of the Council, requiring the Attendance of this House at the *Fort* immediately; whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the House to the *Fort* accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, resumed the Chair, and reports to the House the Heads of what his Excellency was pleased to declare unto them; upon which it was

Ordered, That a Committee of this House be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council about the Accounts of this Province; and that Mr. *De Lancy*, Mr. *Pell*, Major *Howell*, Captain *Whitehead*, Doctor *Statts*, Captain *Stillwell*, Captain *Filkin*, and Major *Rutsen*, be the said Committee; and that Mr. *Blackwell* and *Ryer Jacobs* do wait upon his Excellency and Council with this Order.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 11, 1694.

A Message by Mr. *Famison*, Clerk of the Council, with an Order of Council, that his Excellency has appointed a Committee of the Council to join with the Committee of this House, and to meet To-morrow Morning, at 8 o'Clock, at the Custom House.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet the Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed.

The Report of the Committee for setling Courts of Judicature brought in and read, and approved of; and ordered, that a Bill for the same, with all its Amendments and Alterations, be brought in for the same.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 12, 1694.

THE Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the Council, went to the Custom House, according to appointment.

The Committee returned to the House: Mr. *De Lancy*, Chairman, does report, That in several Particulars of the Collector's and other Accounts, the said Committee does still remain unsatisfied; and that the Collector did Promise to draw up an Account of the Disposal of the whole Revenue, and other Incomes, Taxes, and additional Duty, to the 25th of *December*, 1694, to be delivered into this House the next Session of Assembly.

The House does approve of this Report.

Adjourned 'till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 12, 1694.

MR. Attorney General brought in the Bill for the raising and paying of Eighty Men, to be raised for the reinforcing the Frontiers of this Province in the City and County of *Albany*; which Bill was ordered to be read, and

Ordered, A second reading.

Ditto Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That Major *Pell*, Mr. *Spratt*, Doctor *Staats*, Major *Howell*, Captain *Jackson*, and Captain *Stillwell*, be the Committee upon the Bill for destroying of Wolves; and to bring in their Report To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 13, 1694.

THE Report of the Committee for destroying of Wolves, read as followeth, *viz.* That there being already an Act for destroying of Wolves, that gives sufficient Reward for killing by Christians and *Indians*, there is no occasion for any further Act.

Ditto Report read and approved.

Ordered, That the Bill for raising and paying Eighty Men, *&c.* be read the third Time.

Ditto Bill read the third Time.

A Message from his Excellency and Council by Colonel *Bayard* and *William Nicolls*, Esqrs, read to the House.

Upon the serious Consideration of the said Message, the House is humbly of Opinion, That if his Excellency will be pleased wholly to take off the Detachments of Men out of this Province, and raise One Hundred Men in the neighbouring Colonies for the reinforcing and securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, for this Winter Season, from the first of *November*, 'til the 15th of *March* following; that then this House will raise the Sum of *Seven Hundred Pounds*, for the paying and maintaining the said One Hundred Men; so that this Province may be eased and wholly freed from the Detachments of Men, a Thing so grevious to the Province in general.

Ordered, That Capt. *Whitehead* and Capt. *Filkin*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with this Message.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, P. M. *October* 13, 1694.

A Bill to enable *Isaac Lansen*, to erect or set up an Engine or Mill, for the making of Rape and Linseed Oyl in this Province; was brought into the House, which was ordered to be Read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Do. Bill read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 15, 1694.

THE Bill for settling Courts of Judicature brought in, ordered to be read.

Do. Bill read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Judge *Pinhorn* and *John Lawrence*, Esq; thereupon.

The Bill for raising and paying of 80 Men, for the Reinforcement of *Albany* this Winter Season, *&c.* was ordered to be read the third Time.

Do. Bill read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to his Excellency and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Doctor *Staats*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the said Bill.

The Bill to enable *Isaac Lansen*, to erect or set up an Engine or Mill, to make Linseed Oyl, *&c.* read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That the two Gentlemen abovesaid, do also carry up the said Bill to the Governor and Council.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 15, 1694.

THE Remonstrance of the Freeholders of *Queen's* County, brought in by *Peter Clark*, read, to the House.

The said Remonstrance, referred to further Consideration.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 16, 1694.

THE Bill for settling Courts of Judicature, read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Major *Wessels* and Major *Pell*, do carry up the Bill, for settling Courts of Judicature, to his Excellency and Council.

A Message

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; and Lieut. Colonel *Gabriel Monvile*, annexed to the Bill, for raiſing and paying the 80 Men, *&c.* with its Amendments.

The Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage, referred till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Adjorned till 2 o'Clock Afternon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 16, 1694.

UPON the Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill, for raiſing and paying 80 Men, *&c.* ſent down this Morning from the Governor and Council, this Houſe having fully and deliberately debated the ſame, do find, that the Scarcity of Men, and the Poverty of the People is ſuch, that they cannot conſent to the ſaid Amendments, therefore deſires that the Bill may paſs as it was firſt ſent up to his Excellency and Council.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do carry up this Bill, with the Conſiderations of this Houſe annexed thereunto.

Ordered, That their Majeſties Attorney General, do bring in a Bill, for the Regulating of all Weights and Meaſures throughout this Province; and againſt all Monopolizing, Foreſtalling and engroſſing.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 17, 1694.

UPON the further Conſideration of the Remonſtrance delivered into the Houſe by *Peter Clark*, this Houſe finding the ſaid Remonſtrance being only a blank Copy, without the Atteſtation of any Juſtice of the Peace, that it was a true Copy from any Original, or any authentic Authority to aſcertain the ſame; do reject it, and throw it out of the Houſe.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, with a Bill for enabling *Iſaac Lanſen*, to erect or ſet up a Mill for grinding and making Linſeed Oil, aſſented unto by his Excellency and Council, *&c.* as alſo commanded the Attendance of this Houſe, upon his Excellency and Council, immediately at the Council Chamber; upon which Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and went with the Houſe, to the Fort accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe, the Heads of what his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay; and that as ſoon as the Paper was copied, that was read to the Houſe in the Council Chamber, it ſhould be ſent down, in order to be entered into the Journal of this Houſe.

Mr. *Jamiſon* brought down the Copy of the ſaid Paper, read to the Houſe in the Council Chamber, and alſo did inform the Houſe, that his Excellency and Council, did unanimouſly reject the Bill for the Raiſing and Paying the 80 Men.

The ſaid Paper was deliberately read to the Houſe, and ordered to be entered into the Journal of this Houſe, as by his Excellency requeſted; its Contents is as followeth, *viz.*

The Copy of the Paper read to the Houſe in the Council Chamber, *October* 17, 1694.

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen, the Repreſentatives of this Province;

THE *Meſſage you ſent me on Saturday laſt, cannot be allowed an Anſwer to what I have propoſed to you for the Safety of this Province: It bears a very unſuitable Return to the Favour their Majeſties have graciouſly caſt upon us, at this Time, when there are ſo many weighty Affairs in Hand, and their Expences ſo great. I did always look upon the Detachments to be a heavy Burthen, more grievous than the Taxes; it depopulates the Country. To lighten this Weight, or remove it if poſſible, I have, with an humble Vigour repreſented your Caſe to their Majeſties, for Aſſiſtance from the neighbouring Colonies, and received their gracious Letters and Commands to that End; and purſuant to them, I have wrote Letter after Letter to the reſpective Governors, but the Succeſs has not anſwered my Endeavours: Only the Jerſies have generouſly complied, and ſent us both Men and Money. Being defeated in my Hopes and Expectation of Supplies from the adjacent Provinces, I then applied myſelf to their Majeſties, not only for Arms and Stores of War, but Men to compleat thoſe two Companies, and to make a ſtanding Force of* 400 *Men, for the Security of this Province; and to eaſe them of their Preſſure, Detachments, to which Application their Majeſties were pleaſed to condeſcend, notwithſtanding the vaſt Charges they are at, in managing their Fleet and Army. Their Majeſties Pay is but* 8d. *per Day, this Country Money. So much* Engliſh, *in* England, Ireland, *or* Flanders, *enables a private Soldier to live better, as to Meat, Drink and Cloaths, than twice that Sum will do in this Province; and I am taught by Experience, that thoſe Men now upon the Way to our Relief, can never be kept together for that Pay: They will be told ſo ſoon as they land, that in ſeven Year's Service, there is no Money for them, not ſo much as to buy Shoes, Stockings and Shirts. How can they paſs upon Duty, without theſe Conveniencies? Or, judge how can they live, if* 2d. *Sterling is ſtoped from them in the Pay-Office?* Five Pence half-penny, *for Proviſions here, what remains, is quickly ſum'd up. I did therefore propoſe, that you would conſider to advance* 4d. *a Day for their Encouragement, and a ſuitable Fund to defray the Incidents of Bedding, Barracks, Tranſportation, Hoſpital Fire, Candles,* &c. *Or, if it be more agreeable to your Thoughts to follow the good Example of* Barbados, Antigua, Nevis, &c. *who, in Gratitude to their Majeſties Favour and Kindneſs, have raiſed a Sum to defray all the Quarters of both Officers and Soldiers ſent to their Relief, though the Money there is more valuable than ours conſiderably. I have ſhewn Mr. Speaker their Majeſties Eſtabliſhment for theſe Men, and am well aſſured, they are now on the Way. I cannot eaſily, and on a ſudden, apply myſelf to their Majeſties for freſh Succours; nor know how to excuſe your Ingratitude. If after all my Endeavours for your Safety, and to eaſe you from Detachments, which you ſay are ſo grievous, you will fruſtrate what has coſt ſo much Pains to bring to this fair Iſſue; if the Province ſuffer for your Neglect, Willfulneſs, or Stubbornneſs, I ſhall waſh my Hands clean from all the evil Conſequences: And, to conclude, you muſt allow, I am their Majeſties Captain General, by the ſame Power as you are called to act as an Aſſembly; and as I have been tender of your Privileges, ſo I ſhall endeavour to preſerve my own. Since you take no Notice of my former Propoſal, I muſt tell you once more, I cannot leſſen the Number of one Hundred Men, added to theſe already there; there being the ſame Reaſons for it, as we had the laſt Year: The Enemy is ſtronger, we ought not to weaken our own Hands. If you open the Gates to the Enemy, I will put no Hand of mine to ſo vile a Work; and therefore deſire you will raiſe* 12d. *per Day for the* 100 *Men, and to make up the Pay of thoſe already there, to be* 12d. *from this Time forward, without which they cannot ſubſiſt.*

Adjoured till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 17, 1694.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *De Lanoy*, Major *Pell*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *Filkin*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Capt. *Garton*, be a Committee, to conſider upon the Paper ſent down by his Excellency and Council; the Copy of what was read to the Houſe in the Council Chamber, and to bring in their Report, To-morrow Morning by 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 18, 1694.

THE Report of the Committee aboveſaid, as an Anſwer of the Paper read to the Houſe in the Council Chamber brought into the Houſe, and read, as followeth, *viz.*

The Houſe does approve of the ſaid Report, as it is below inſerted, as an Anſwer to the Paper, read unto them in the Council Chamber, and ſent down to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Blackwell*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up this Anſwer of the Houſe to the ſaid Paper.

The Committee do give for Report, that the following Anſwer could be given to his Excellency's Paper read to the Houſe in Council, as, *viz.*

The Houſe do ſay, that they are ſenſible of their Majeſties great Favours to this Province, and in all Thankfulneſs, do humbly acknowledge the ſame, and did ſend that Meſſage to be eaſed from the Detachments, which are very burthenſome to them, more than the Taxes.

The Houſe do return humble Thanks to his Excellency for his Vigour, in repreſenting our Caſe to their Majeſties, for Aſſiſtance from the neighbouring Colonies, altho' they had not that Effect as was expected, and alſo for his Procurement of Ammunition and Men, from their Majeſties for the Security of this Province.

The Houſe do ſay, that the Soldiers Allowance of 8d per *Day, for their Pay is uſual, and they being ſent by their Majeſties great Favour, to clear this Province from further Burthens, therefore, hope their Poverty conſidered, no ſuch burthens,* de novo, *will be expected, and as they deſire to be far from Ingratitude, alſo much more from fruſtrating that Matter from a fair Iſſue, being of Opinion, that the ſaid Soldiers may live by their Majeſties Allowance, as formerly others have done.*

The Houſe takes Notice, that they are taxed with Neglect, Wilfulneſs and Stubborneſs, although from Time to Time, they have granted, ſince Governor Sloughter's *Arrival, near Seventeen Thouſand Pounds, beſides the like Sum, and may be more by the Revenue and Additional Duty, for Supplies, which is as much as they could, according to their Abilities, and in a great Meaſure*

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more than the adjacent Colonies have done, who by our Cost and Charge have been preserved, as well as this Province.

The House do say, about the 100 Men at 12d. per Day, now required to be raised, that Part of Albany was generally formerly preserved by Detachments at 8d. per Day, and that most of the Men that are there are hired Men, who ought to perform their respective Agreements, having had good Encouragement for the same, and much more the new Men to be raised, who are to be there but half the Time of the former Detachment.

The House is so far from opening the Gates to the Enemy, that they are wholly inclinable to strengthen this Province, and to see the Enemy repulsed, according to their Abilities, in which they shall continue, and are willing to come under the Detachments, of One Hundred Men, and their usual Allowance of 8d. per Day.

Peter De Lanoy, *Chairman.*

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Ordered, That Major *Rutsen* and Capt. *Jackson*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and know if there be any Thing to offer to this House this Afternoon.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 19, 1694.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Rensselaer* and Mr. *Underhill*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and know if there be any Thing to offer to this House this Day.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Jamison*, Clerk of the Council, with the State of the four first Taxes, and also of the *Six Thousand Pounds* Tax, upon which the House

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 19, 1694.

A Message by *Chidley Brook*, Esq; and *William Pinhorn*, Esq; with an Order of Council, brought to the House and read.

Upon the Consideration of the said Message.

Ordered, That Major *Wessels* and Mr. *Spratt*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and desire that his Excellency will please to send down the Bill to this House, that was sent up by them for the raising and paying of Eighty Men, &c. which Mr. *Jamison* informs this House is rejected; and that for the more Dispatch Sake the House may make such Amendments in the said Bill as they shall resolve on.

Resolved, That there be raised for the Reinforcement of *Albany*, for this Winter Season, One Hundred Men, to be at *Albany* from the first Day of *November* next, until the 15th Day of *March* then next following.

Resolved, That *Eight Pence* per Day be allowed unto each of the said One Hundred Men; and that a Levy of *Five Hundred Pounds* be raised and levied upon all the Inhabitants Residents and Freeholders of this Province, for the paying and defraying the same, according to the Proportions following, *That is to say*, For the City and County of *New-York*,*

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in To-morrow Morning for the same.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 20, 1694.

THE Clerk brought in the Bill for the raising and paying of One Hundred Men, to be raised for the reinforcing the Frontiers of this Province in the City and County of *Albany*; which was ordered to be read.

Do. Bill read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency and Council by *William Nicolls*, Esq; with a Memorandum, that the Pay and Incidents of the One Hundred Men to be raised, doth amount unto *Five Hundred and Ten Pounds*.

Upon the Consideration of the said Message, the House doth resolve, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the *Ten Pounds* more be allowed the next Sessions of Assembly, inasmuch as the Bill for raising and paying the said One Hundred Men is already engrossed, and is now ready to be sent up to his Excellency and Council for their Assent.

Do. Bill read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Captain *Whitehead*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the said Bill, and the Resolve of this House.

* The Proportions are not entered.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do bring in an Account of House Rent, Salaries to Clerks and Services, with the other incident Expences, during this last Session of Assembly.

A Message from his Excellency and Council by *William Nicolls*, Esq; with their Majesties Letter for the rebuilding a Chapel in the *Fort*, was read to the House.

A Message from his Excellency and Council by *William Pinhorn*, Esq; with the Bill for raising One Hundred Men, &c. with an Amendment annexed.

Ordered, That the House doth agree to the said Amendment; and that the said Amendment be amended in the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Major *Rutsen* and Captain *Pilkin* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and return the said Bill with its Amendment agreed to.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 20, 1694.

UPON the Consideration of their Majesties Letter about re-building the Chapel in the *Fort*, and the Message from his Excellency and Council, sent with it:

It is the Opinion of this House, that his Excellency send his Orders to the several Officers in each respective County throughout this Province, for a free Contribution for rebuilding the said Chapel, according to their Majesties Letter.

Ordered, That Doctor *Staats* and Mr. *Ranselaer* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up this Opinion of the House, with their Majesties Letter.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 22, 1694.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Spratt* wait upon his Excellency and Council, and know if there be any Business this Morning for the House.

Ordered, That the Speaker do give Certificates to the several Members of this House, as also to the Clerks, according to their first Appearance in this House this Sessions.

The House attended Mr. Speaker, to his Excellency and Council at the Fort; where with the usual Ceremony, attended his Excellency to the City-Hall, and there proclaimed and published the two Acts following, *viz.*

An Act *to enable* Isaac Lansen, *to erect or set up, an Engine or Mill, for the making and grinding of Rape and Linseed* Oil.

An Act *for the Raising and Paying of* 100 *Men, for the Securing the Frontiers of this Province, in the City and County of* Albany.

When the said Acts were proclaimed, the House waited upon his Excellency, &c. to the Fort again, and then came to the House, and Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 22, 1694.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Colonel *Cortlandt* and Judge *Pinborn*, read.

Upon the Consideration thereof,

Resolved, That the Additional Duty be continued for one whole Year longer, after the Expiration of the former Act and no longer, which former Act terminates the 14th Day of *November*, in the Year of our Lord 1695, which said Additional Duty, shall be employed as, *viz. Four Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, for the Re-building of their Majesties Chapel in the Fort, and *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, for mounting the 16 great Guns, sent hither by their Majesties, and the Overplus to be applied towards the defraying the Debts of the Government.

Ordered, That their Majesties Attorney General, do bring in a Bill accordingly.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 23, 1694.

THE Bill for confirming and continuing an Act of General Assembly, made in the fourth Year of their Majesties Reign, entitled, *An* Act *for the Satisfying the Debts of the Government, one Year longer than the Time mentioned, for its last Continuance, to be employed for the Re-building of their Majesties Chapel in the Fort, the mounting of* 16 *great Guns, and the defraying the Debts of the Government.*

Said Bill read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Do. Bill read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. October 23, 1694.

THE ſaid Bill read a third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to his Excellency and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Major *Pell* and Captain *Filkin* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the ſaid Bill.

The Clerk of this Houſe brought in the Account of Houſe Rent, Salaries, Clerks, Door-keeper, Fire, Candle, and other incident Charges, during this Seſſions of Aſſembly, which was read to the Houſe, and approved; and,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made unto his Excellency and Council, that he would pleaſe to order their Majeſties Collector and Receiver General to pay unto *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Thirty-ſix Pounds One Shilling*, for ſo much due for Houſe Rent, Clerk and Door-keepers Salaries, Fire, Candle, and other incident Charges, during this Seſſions of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, from his Excellency, to command the Attendance of this Houſe at the *Fort* immediately; whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the *Fort* accordingly.

His Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the Aſſembly until the 21ſt Day of *March* next.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Province of *NEW-YORK.*

Die Jovis, P. M. March 21, 1694-5.

THIS Afternoon Mr. Speaker came to the House; there being present Major *Howell*, Major *Pell*, Mr. *De Lancy*, Mr. *Spratt*, Mr. *States*, *John Teunisen*, Captain *Whitehead*, Captain *Filkin*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Major *Rutsen*, Captain *Garton*, and Captain *Jackson*; Mr. Speaker adjourned the House 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 22, 1694-5.

THE Roll of the House being called over, there was found Absent, Major *Dirck Wessels*, *Ryer Jacobs*, *Thomas Stillwell*, *Killian Van Ransselaer*, and *Humphry Underhill*.

Ordered, That Major *Pell* and Captain *Jackson* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, That this House is met, and attends his Excellency's and Council's Pleasure.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 22, 1694-5.

ADJOURNED 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 23, 1694-5.

KILLIAN *Van Ransselaer* came to the House; so the Roll being called over, there was found Absent, *Robert Blackwell*, *Humphry Underhill*, *Dirck Wessels*, *Ryer Jacobs*, and Captain *Stillwell*.

Ordered, That Captain *Whitehead* and Captain *Filkin* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them That this House is met, and attends their Pleasure.

A Message from his Excellency and Council by Mr. *Jamison*, Clerk of the Council, commanding the Attendance of this House at the *Fort* immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the House to wait upon his Excellency and Council.

The House returned: Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reports to the House the Heads of his Excellency's Speech, which were, *viz.*

1. The Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*; and to be careful no Desertion be for the future.
2. The paying of the Debts of the Government.

His Excellency was pleased to exhibit two Papers to Mr. Speaker; the one Propositions made at *Onondaga*, *January* 31, 1694-5, by the Messenger of Count *Frontiniac*, and the Answer of the Five Nations; the other, An Abstract of Intelligence, come from *Onondaga* the 18th of *February*, 1694-5, both which Papers were read to the House.

A Message from his Excellency and Council by Mr. *Jamison*, to know whether this House had any Business for his Excellency and Council this Morning; and to what Time this House were minded to adjourn unto.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancy* and Major *Howell* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and desire a Copy of his Excellency's Speech; and also acquaint his Excellency and Council that this House has nothing to offer unto them this Morning; and that this House intends to adjourn until Monday Morning next, 8 o'Clock.

The Gentlemen above returned, brought with them the Copy of his Excellency's Speech, which was read to the House.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be given unto his Excellency, for his favourable Speech, and his Care of the Government; and that the Speech be entered in the Journal of this House.

Upon the Consideration of his Excellency's Speech it was ordered, That the first Thing taken in Hand shall be the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at Albany.

The Copy of His Excellency's Speech, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I Have often affirmed an undisputable Truth, that my coming to this Government was in Obedience to their Majesties Commands, not my own choice or seeking; nevertheless, since my Arrival I have with all possible Address applied myself to effect the Safety, Liberty, Concord and Ease in all Respects of their Majesties Subjects under my Direction.

The Burden of Detachments has been almost unsupportably heavy and grievous; this I have endeavoured to lighten by Supplies from England, *in which their Majesties have been graciously pleased to favour my humble desires; and that the full Compliment is not yet come, must be attributed to that Providence which all Mankind ought with Humility to submit to, and not in the least to Want of their Majesties gracious Condescention to my solicitous and repeated Request in Behalf of this Province; nor to the defects of any fit Application on my Part, to attain the desired End.*

In Disposal of the Money raised by Act of Assembly for the Defence of the Frontiers, I have used an unprecedented Caution, Plainess and Integrity; not fingering any Farthing myself; disposing of none but by Advice and Consent of the Council; and exposing to your View and Examination not only the most minute Accounts of the Disbursments, but the Musters also; which Office of Muster Master is executed by a Member of your House, so that nothing is hid from you.

If this my Care, Diligence and Openness had met with a suitable Reception and Confidence, I have not the least Doubt but this Colony had found the Security and Ease I intended, and so earnestly endeavoured. I am sorry to justify myself by a Necessity imposed on me of charging whatever is deficient on the Willfulness or Neglect of others.

I will not enlarge, especially on any Thing which may seem Harsh, tho' accompanied with never so much Truth.

The chief Matters you are called together for, are two; the first is the Defence of the Frontiers, and our Indians; you cannot be ignorant that Money is wanting to pay those Garrisons Albany, Schenectady; *other Places must be fortified upon this nearer Approach of the* French *to* Quadaraque: *I lay before you the last Accounts from those Parts; if there be not a speedy Care taken for Relief and Assistance to these* Indians, *their Loss will prove ours.*

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The other Matter fit for your Conſideration is, the Debts of the Government; occaſioned by the many unforeſeen Occurrences and Accidents in this Time of War.

I hope, as I have not been wanting in all Points of good Huſbandry, ſo you will do your Duty in enabling their Majeſties to preſerve their Rights, and the Lives and Properties of their Subjects in theſe Parts; and that they who have given Faith to the Credit of the Government upon all its Emergencies, may be juſtly and ſpeedily paid. Theſe I earneſtly recommend to you; and that you will give ſuch Diſpatch to theſe urgent Affairs, as their abſolute Neceſſity and the Seaſon of the Year requires.

Adjourned till Monday Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 ho. A. M. March 25, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT his Excellency be addreſſed, to know what Aid and Aſſiſtance may be expected from other Parts for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province, and our *Indians*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Spratt* and Captain *Garton* do wait upon his Excellency and Council with this Addreſs.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to Inſpect into the Debts of the Government; and that Mr. *De Lanoy*, Major *Pell*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Blackwell*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Captain *Jackſon*, Captain *Rilkin*, Captain *Garton*, and Captain *Stillwell*, or the major Part of them, be the ſaid Committee; and bring in their Report by *Thurſday* Morning next. And that they call for all Papers and Vouchers from all Perſons that are concerned.

The Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. March 26, 1695.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, brought down by Mr. *Jamiſon*, in Anſwer to the Meſſage ſent up, was read.

Ordered, That all Orders of Council, ſent down from his Excellency and Council, be entered in the Journal of this Houſe.

Copy of the Order from his Excellency, ſent down March the 25th, 1695.

HIS Excellency, in Anſwer to the Meſſage from the Aſſembly this Day, wherein they deſire to know what Aid and Aſſiſtance may be expected from other Parts, for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province and our Indians.

Doth return, that he knoweth of no certain Aid or Aſſiſtance, may be expected from other Parts, and therefore deſires they will raiſe a Supply for 200 *Men, for one Year at* 12d. per *Day, and Officers at their uſual Pay.*

By his Excellency's Command, David Jamiſon.

Upon the Conſideration of the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*;

Ordered, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency and Council, that they will pleaſe to Order a Committee of the Council, to join with a Committee of this Houſe, to confer upon that Matter, and that Major *Rutſen* and Mr. *Blackwell*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with this Meſſage.

Capt. *Filkin* brought in a Bill without a Title, for the Settling a Free-School, within the City of *New-York*.

Do. Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Major *Rutſen* preferred the Petition of *John Hendricks* and *Cornelius Swart*, which was read.

Col. *Monviele* brought down an Order of Council, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at *Fort William Henry*, the 26th of *March*, 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency BENJAMIN FLETCHER, *&c.*

HIS Excellency did appoint Col. Cortlandt, *Col.* Monvile, Chidley Brook, *Eſq*; William Nicolls, *Eſq*; *and Colonel* Heathcote, *a Committee, to join the Committee of the Aſſembly, to confer with them concerning Supplies, for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province, to meet this Day; and that Colonel* Monvile, *carry down this Meſſage.* per Order,

David Jamiſon, Cl. Council.

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage;

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lanoy*, Major *Pell*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Blackwell*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Filkin*, Capt. *Garton* and Capt. *Stillwell*, be a Committee, to join with the Committee of the Council, to confer with them, concerning Supplies for Security of the Frontiers of this Province.

Upon the Conſideration of the Petition of *John Hendricks* and *Cornelius Swart*, it is the Opinion of this Houſe,

That the two Petitioners, do Addreſs his Excellency and Council, for an Order, to be paid out of the Revenue.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. March 26, 1695.

ADJOURNED till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. March 27, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT his Excellency be addreſſed and deſired by this Houſe, that the Muſter Rolls of the two laſt Detachments may be ſent down to the Houſe, and that Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deſire the ſame.

Ordered, That there be a Meſſenger ſent away immediately, for *Humphry Underhill*, one of the Members of this Houſe, to make his Appearance here, as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. *Humphry Underhill*,

YOU are required and commanded hereby, to make your immediate Appearance here, at *New-York*, and to take your Place in this Houſe, as one of the Members thereof, and one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Weſtcheſter*; hereof you are not to fail, as you will anſwer the ſame before this Houſe, for ſuch your Contempt.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Jamiſon*, with an Order from his Excellency and Council, at a Council held at *Fort William Henry*, the 27th of *March* 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency *Benjamin Fletcher*, &c.

A Meſſage from the Aſſembly, deſiring to have the Muſter Rolls of the two laſt Detachments ſent to them, for their peruſal, being read; his Excellency, in anſwer thereunto, did ſignify, that the Muſter Maſter, being at this Juncture, abſent upon the Frontiers, in their Majeſties Service, his Excellency cannot ſhew them the Muſter Rolls at preſent, and deſires the Houſe will proceed to the raiſing a Supply, for 200 *Men, as formerly deſired.* per Order,

David Jamiſon, Cl. Council.

For Want of the Muſter Rolls, the Conſideration of the Raiſing of Supplies, for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, is referred till ſome other Time.

And that the Committee to inſpect into the Debts of the Government, do proceed according to their former Order.

Killian Van Renſſelaer, moved to this Houſe, that the Act, entitled, *An Act to enable the City and County of* Albany, *to defray their neceſſary Charge, may be continued for one Year longer*; it is referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. March 28, 1695.

THE Committee appointed to inſpect into the Accounts of the Debts of the Government, do report; That for Want of the Accounts, they deſire to be continued longer.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be continued, and to ſit *de Die* in *Diem*, until they bring in their Report.

Capt. *Renſſelaer* brought to the Houſe, ſeveral Muſter Rolls, which were moſt of them not ſigned by the Muſter Maſter; the Houſe did judge them to be Imperfect, and thought it not fit to proceed upon them for Examination.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. March 28, 1695.

ADJOURNED till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. March 29, 1695.

UPON the Conſideration of the raiſing Supplies for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, it was moved by the Houſe, that the Queſtion ſhould be put; whether they ſhould proceed to the raiſing of Supplies as above, without peruſal of the Muſter Rolls, or not? The Queſtion being put to the Houſe, it was carried in the Negative.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

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Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 30, 1695.

THE Committee for the inspecting into the Debts of the Government, have brought in their Report, and being read, the House approves of said Report; which is as followeth, *viz.*

The Committee ordered by the House, to proceed in Examination of the Debts of the Government, have done accordingly, and have received an Account of the Collector and Receiver General, signed by him, and the Deputy Auditor, *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, by which he doth charge the Province in Ballance of Account, to the 25th of December 1694, the Sum of *Three Thousand, Four Hundred* and *Seventy-three Pounds, Five Shillings* and *Five-pence Half-penny*; and since Payments to the 23d of March 1694-5, the Sum of *Five Hundred* and *Twenty-seven Pounds, Eight-Shillings* and *One-penny*; giving Credit in said Account, by Receipts of other Colonies, *Two Thousand, Four Hundred* and *Sixty-six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Three-pence, Three-farthings*; and from the Additional Duty, *One Thousand, Eight Hundred* and *Twenty-seven Pounds, Six Shillings*; so that he remains in Debt to the Government, *Two Hundred* and *Ninety-three Pounds, Five Shillings* and *Nine-pence Three-farthings*, in Ballance to the 25th of December 1694. Said Collector did promise to give a clear Account, in which all Disbursements are briefly expresst till said Time, but as yet none received; and also have received from the Accomptant General, *Daniel Honan*, a List of the Debts of the Government, amounting to the Sums of *Three Thousand, Five Hundred* and *Twelve Pounds, Nine Shillings* and *Nine-pence Farthing*; in which is charged, *One Thousand, Eight Hundred* and *Twenty-seven Pounds, Six Shillings*, of the Additional Duty, which the Collector hath discounted for already in his Account; so that there is but, *One Thousand, Six Hundred* and *Eighty-five Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Four-pence Farthing*, to pay to the 25th of March 1695; against which, there is to satisfy the same, the Ballance of the Collector's Account to the 25th of December 1694, being *Two Hundred* and *Ninety-three Pounds, Five Shillings* and *Nine-pence Three Farthings*; with the Income of the Revenue since do. Time, to the 25th of March 1695, and the Remainder of the Additional Duty, not accounted for. *John Pell*, Chairman.

Die Sabatii, P. M. March 30, 1695.

THIS Day *Humphry Underhill*, one of the Members of this House, came to the House and took his Place.

The Members of *Ulster* County, moved to this House for their Opinion, concerning the Bounds between *Westchester* County and *Dutchess* County; and 'tis the Opinion of the House, that *Westchester* Bounds, goes to the Beginning of the South-side of the *Highlands*.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock a Monday Morning.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 1, 1695.

THE Roll of the House being called over, there were found absent, Capt. *Jackson*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Stillwell*, *John Teunisen* and *Johannis Van Ecklen*, with the two Members of *Albany*; therefore the House thought it not fit to proceed upon Business, but did adjourn until 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 1, 1695.

UPON the further Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, wherein his Excellency was pleased to express to this House, that he had been pleased to use an unprecedented Caution, Plainness and Integrity, in not disposing of any of the Monies raised, but by the Advice and Consent of the Council; an exposing to the View and Examination of this House, not only the most minute Accounts of the Disbursments, but the Musters also; which Musters this House not having had the Perusal of, it was moved, that the Question should be put to the House; whether his Excellency should be addressed for an Adjournment, until the Muster Rolls may be had, or not?

Which Question being put to the House; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That his Excellency be addressed, that this House may adjourn, until they can have a perusal of the Muster Rolls; and that Mr. *Underhill* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do wait upon his Excellency with this Order.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 2, 1695.

THE Bill for settling a Free School read the second Time and rejected.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor to this House, by Colonel *Smith* and *William Nicolls*, Esqrs, as follows, *viz.* and was read to the House.

April 2, 1695.

Gentlemen,

I Have acquainted this House of the Necessity and Urgency of a present Supply for the Defence of the Frontiers; which has not met with that Consideration the Weight of the Affair requires, and the Season presses.

In am as solicitous for the Ease and Prosperity of this Province, as any particular Member, or the whole Assembly can be: I know its Strength and Capacity, and what contributes to its Weakness and Grief.

I shall be always ready to expose my Life for its Safety and Preservation; therefore I think it my Duty to put you in Mind, that a Supply for Guard of the Frontiers, is of far greater Moment and Consequence than any other Matter the House can have under their Thoughts, and merits your utmost Care and Diligence.

I desire to know what I may expect, that if Money cannot be raised to supply and Pay those Men I have or shall procure without Detachments, I may proceed to draw such Officers and Men out of the Militia of this Province, as may answer the End of my Desire, the Prosperity and Security of their Majesties Subjects under my Care.

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Co.*

Upon the Consideration of the said Message, *ordered*, That the House resolves themselves into a grand Committee of the whole House, to consider upon the same. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the grand Committee reports as followeth, *viz.*

The grand Committee of the whole House having deliberately debated the Message sent down by his Excellency, wherein they find his Excellency desires to know what he may expect, that if Money cannot be raised to subsist and pay those Men his Excellency hath or shall procure without Detachments.

Major *Howell*, Chairman of the said Committee, does report, (that whereas his Excellency has been pleased to intimate in the said Message, that this Province shall be freed from that grievous and heavy Burthen of Detachments) that the House may proceed to the raising of Supplies (which, with the other Surplusages of the two last Taxes) may be sufficient for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, being freed from Detachments.

Signed,
Matthew Howell, Chairman.

The House doth approve of said Report.

Adjoured till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 2, 1695.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, brought down this Morning by Mr. *Jamison*, as follows, *viz.* and was read to the House.

April 2, 1695.

"*Gentlemen*,

"IN answer to your Address, sent to me Yesterday, whereby "you desire to be adjourned until such Time as you can "have

" have the Peruſal of the Muſter Rolls. I have this Morning " thought fit to lay it before the Gentlemen of the Council; " who are all of Opinion, that ſuch an Adjournment is im- " proper; and that the Peruſal of the Muſter Rolls cannot " affect your Proceedings to the raiſing of Supplies now want- " ing for the Defence of the Frontiers the enſuing Year; and " foraſmuch as that Time for Relief of the Fuzileers draws " near, I again deſire you will proceed to the raiſing Supplies " without further Delay."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Co.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage,

Reſolved, That there be raiſed and levied within this Province the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, current Money of this Province, to be added to the Surpluſages of the two laſt Taxes, for the Supply for the Reinforcement and the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, for Six Months, from the firſt Day of *May* next, until the firſt Day of *November* following; Provided this Province may be freed from the grievous Burthen of Detachments. And that the ſaid Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, be levied and paid unto their Majeſties Collector and Receiver General, at or upon the firſt Day of *October* next, in Proportions as follows, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*, *Three Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds.*

Weſtcheſter, *Fifty Pounds.*

Richmond, *Thirty Pounds.*

King's County, *One Hundred and Thirty Pounds, Twelve Shillings.*

Queen's County, *One Hundred and Forty-five Pounds.*

Suffolk County, *One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Six Shillings.*

Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County, *Eighty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings.*

And *Orange* County, *Five Pounds Eight Shillings.*

Ordered, That their Majeſties Attorney General do bring in a Bill accordingly.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 3, 1695.

THEIR Majeſties Attorney General came into the Houſe, and brought with him the Order of this Houſe to him, for the bringing in a Bill, *&c.* deſiring to be further informed the meaning of this Houſe about two Clauſes in the ſaid Order, *viz.* Of the Surpluſages of the two laſt Taxes, and about being freed from Detachments.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the further Debate upon the ſaid two Heads or Clauſes; and ſay, that for Want of the Muſter Rolls they cannot come to a juſt Computation of the Surpluſages, what it will be; but do ſay, That to the ſaid Surpluſages, either more or leſs, they do add *One Thouſand Pounds*, for the preſent Supply, for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*; provided this Province can be freed from Detachments for the ſtanding Guard, now to be ſent up for the Security of the Frontiers at *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of this Houſe be ſent up to the Attorney General, with the former Order, to draw up and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Major *Rutſen* addreſſed the Houſe for Leave to go about his extraordinary Occaſion; and had Leave accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 3, 1695.

UPON the Conſideration of the Continuance of the Act for the defraying the Charge of the City and County of *Albany*; the Queſtion was put to the Houſe, Whether the ſaid Act ſhall be continued one Year longer, or not? It was carried in the Negative.

Captain *Filkin* brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for exempting* Newtown, *in* Queen's *County, on the Iſland of* Naſſau, *out of the Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures and Demands, in an Act made the* 12*th Day of* September, 1693, *entitled, An Act for ſettling a Miniſtry, and raiſing a Maintainance for them in the City of* New-York, *&c.*

Ditto Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by Colonel *Monvile* and Judge *Pinhorn*, read to the Houſe by Judge *Pinhorn*, as followeth, *viz.*

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council to the Aſſembly, the 3d of *April*, 1695.

Gentlemen,

I *Have peruſed the Votes of your Houſe Yeſterday; and to prevent Miſtakes and Loſs of Time, muſt recommend to you, that whatever publick Monies are raiſed is immediately as ſuch inveſted in their Majeſties; and may not be otherwiſe diſpoſed of, nor in other Manner than their Majeſties Letters patent direct.*

The Surpluſages of the Taxes are wholly uncertain, they being not received, there always are Inſolvencies 'til the Officers and Men are paid, and Incidents defrayed, (which ever prove more than is expected) no reaſonable Gueſs can be made what it will amount to, nor by probable Computation can I think there will be any, but on the contrary a Want of Money; however, if there be a Surpluſage, I do promiſe and aſſure you, every Part of it ſhall be applied to the Uſe it is raiſed for, and no other.

I heartily wiſh, and ſhall conſtantly endeavour to eaſe this Province in every Thing that is Prejudical or Burthenſome to it; but cannot think a Thouſand Pounds ſufficient for the Service.

The Charge of the Defence of the Frontiers for this laſt Year, will be upwards of Four Thouſand Pounds, *and the Inhabitants were detached. Upon Enquiry made, I do not find the Taxes have at any Time been nigh ſo grievous as the Detachments.*

I therefore judge the Province being eaſed from that Burthen might frankly give Four Thouſand Pounds *this Year, it being wholly for its own Preſervation and Defence, and to no other End.*

per Order,
David Jamiſon, Cl. Co.

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage, the Houſe do unanimouſly concur with his Excellency, that the Surpluſages of the Taxes are wholly uncertain; but inaſmuch as this Houſe was informed the laſt *September* by the Muſter Maſter, that there were ſhort of the Number of Men at *Albany* 48 Men, and divers Men more ſince that Time having deſerted, the Houſe muſt believe that a conſiderable Surpluſage muſt remain; which, with the *One Thouſand Pounds* reſolved by this Houſe to be raiſed and levied, may be ſufficient to ſupply for the Reinforcement of the Frontiers at *Albany* for ſix Months; this Houſe hoping that before the Termination of the ſaid ſix Months, their Majeſties other Forces may arrive here, who are now daily expected, with Orders for Aſſiſtance from the neighbouring Colonies.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 4, 1695.

THE Attorney General brought in a Bill, for the levying *One Thouſand Pounds*, Current Money of *New-York*; for the Reinforcement and Security of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*.

Do. Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill about the Miniſter of *Newtown*, read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed.

And that Major *Howell*, Mr. *Spratt*, Capt. *Filkin*, Mr. *Underhill* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, be the ſaid Committee, to conſider upon the ſaid Bill, and bring in their Report, To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

The Bill for levying *One Thouſand Pounds*, read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed.

And Major *Pell*, Mr. *De Lanoy*, Dr. *Staats*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Filkin* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, be the ſaid Committee, and bring in their Report this Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 4, 1695.

THE Report of the Committee aboveſaid, brought in, and read as followeth, *viz.*

A Bill for a Supply, to defend the Frontiers at *Albany*, for ſix Months; whereas their moſt excellent Majeſties, have favoured this Province by granting Supplies, eſpecially for the Defence of the Frontiers of *Albany* (which is thankfully acknowledged) Part being already arrived, and daily more expected; the Repreſentatives convened in General Aſſembly, upon Conſideration of the Premiſſes, for further Supplies to defend the Frontiers, do give and grant *One Thouſand Pounds*, Current Money of *New-York*, together with the Surpluſage, that are or ſhall be by Want of the Number of Men, and of the two laſt Taxes already levied, to be employed for the Security of ſaid Frontiers, from the firſt Day of *May* next, until the firſt Day of *November*, then next following, and do pray, *&c.*

This we give for Report, for the Preamble of the Act, and to proceed further as the Act doth expreſs, only with this *Proviſo*, to be added, Provided that, *The Inhabitants of the Province may be free from Detachments, of the ſtanding Guard of the ſaid Frontiers, during the Space of ſix Months, as aforeſaid.*

Peter De Lanoy, *Chairman.*

The Report read to the Houſe, and approved, and ordered to be engroſſed, in the Bill accordingly.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 5, 1695.

THE Report of the Committee, about the Miniſter of *Newtown*, brought in and read, and approved, and ordered to be engroſſed, with its Amendments.

The Bill for raiſing *One Thouſand Pounds*, read the third Time and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Jamiſon*, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at *Fort William Henry*, April 5, 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

HIS Excellency and Council finding the Aſſembly, to inſiſt ſo much upon the Surpluſages of the laſt Years Taxes, which with an Addition of One Thouſand Pounds, *they would have employed, for the Security of the Frontiers the next half Year, did appoint a Committee Yeſterday, to compute by the Muſter Rolls of this Year, what this Surpluſage is, who this Morning, gave in their Report to his Excellency; whereby, upon a ſtrict Examination of all the Muſter Rolls, and the neceſſary Charges and Diſburſements ariſing upon the ſaid Tax, they do find, that when the whole Taxes are come in, and diſburſed to the proper Uſes, there will be wanting, the Sum of* One Thouſand *and* Twenty-three Pounds, Three Shillings *and* Ten-pence Three-farthings; *to pay of the Forces upon the Frontiers, and the Incidents, the Firſt of* May *next.*

Which Report was approved;

And his Excellency did appoint Col. Stephanus Cortlandt, *Col.* Nicholas Bayard, *Col.* William Smith, Chidley Brook, *Eſq;* William Nicolls, *Eſq; and Col.* Caleb Heathcote, *a Committee of this Board, to confer with a Committee of the Aſſembly, to be thereunto appointed ſome Time this Day, to give them the true Information of the State of the Taxes, and the neceſſary Diſburſements, happening by the Fuzileers from Time to Time, upon the Frontiers of this Province.*

Ordered, *The Clerk of the Council, do deliver a Copy of this Minute to the Aſſembly, and deſire Mr. Speaker, to appoint a Committee of the Houſe to meet accordingly.*

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage:

Ordered, That a Committee of this Houſe, be appointed to join with a Committee of the Council, to confer upon the Heads of the ſaid Meſſage; and that Major *Pell*, Mr. *De Lanoy*, Dr. *Staats*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Filkin*, Capt. *Jackſon* and Major *Howell*, be the ſaid Committee, or the major Part of them.

Ordered, That Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with this Order of the Houſe, and to know of his Excellency the Time and Place, for the Meeting of the ſaid Committee.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 5, 1695.

THE Clerk of this Houſe brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill to enable the City of* New-York *to Relieve the Poor, and defraying their neceſſary and publick Charge.*

Ordered, To be read the firſt Time; and ordered a ſecond reading.

Do. Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed; and that the Members of *New-York*, viz. Captain *Garton*, Captain *Filkin*, and Captain *Whitehead*, be the ſaid Committee, and make Report thereof on *Monday* next, 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Captain Jackſon do carry up the Bill for a Supply of *One Thouſand Pounds.*

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 6, 1695.

THE Committee of this Houſe appointed to meet with a Committee of the Council do Report, That upon Conferrence with a Committee of the Council, have received no Satisfaction as to the Surpluſages of this laſt Year's Taxes, as yet.

Adjourned 'til Monday Morning, 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1695.

THE Houſe does approve of the Report aboveſaid, brought in on *Saturday* laſt; and gives theſe following Reaſons for their ſame Approbation, *viz.*

"The Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Province of *New-York*, having debated on his Excellency's Speech and Meſſages to the Houſe, about Supplies to defend the Frontiers at *Albany*, that *Four Thouſand Pounds* may be granted for the next Year, do order, that the Opinion of the Houſe may be entered in the Minutes, which they give for their Votes and Reſolves, being as followeth, *viz.*

"That *Seventeen Thouſand and Twenty Pounds* Taxes, current Money of *New-York*, raiſed in the ſaid Province by ſeveral Acts of General Aſſembly, in four Years to the firſt of *May*, 1695, for Defence of ſaid Frontiers, have been and are more than ſufficient Supplies to pay and maintain the Men raiſed by Virtue of ſaid Acts and Eſtabliſhments agreed to by ſaid Aſſemblies.

"That the City of *Albany* hath been at the Charge for Fire Wood, Candle, and Houſe Rent, for Accommodation of the ſaid Men; beſides the Aſſiſtance of *Ulſter*, of Men at their Charge.

"That a ſufficient Sum for incident Charges is allowed in the Eſtabliſhments and Calculations when any Act was made for ſaid Supplies.

"That in that Nature there cannot be any Want of Money at preſent when all is received for to Pay the ſaid Men; yea, in Caſe the whole Number of Men allowed ſhould always have been there.

"That the compleat Number of Men during the appointed Time have not been there, but ſeveral wanting (by Information of the Muſter Maſter) one of the Members of the Houſe; and by Examination of the Muſter Rolls, *Anno* 1693, which only the Houſe had the Peruſal of, altho' with ſome Defect, the Muſter Maſter having been ſent in ſaid Year for ſome Time to the *Mohawk*'s Country; of the other Years a Muſter Maſter not being appointed, no Rolls of the Captains were produced for Examination.

"That by Conſequence there remains Surpluſages of ſaid Taxes, as ſaid Examinations made appear, when *Eight Hundred Pounds* was aſſented to for Pay towards One Hundred and Seventy Men allowed to be raiſed laſt Year in the Spring; which made a Ballance of Accounts, no Arrears being then demanded.

"That the Houſe therefore having maturely conſidered the Premiſſes, cannot concur with the Committee of the Council in Opinion to be ſatisfied, and to condeſcend to the Accounts ſtated by them by his Excellency's Order; by which they do charge the Province, after all Arrears of Taxes ſhall be paid, above *Thirteen Hundred Pounds.*

"That ſaid Accounts are not agreeable to the Acts of the General Aſſembly, nor to the Eſtabliſhments agreed to, and are not full Accounts, but Ballances of former Arrears, with uncertain Calculations of incident Charges.

"That the Accounts of the Receiver General (of which the Houſe have had a View) are not queſtioned, and are ſufficient to diſcharge him, being paid by Order of his Excellency and Council, whereof he had the Vouchers; but are not to ſatisfy the Houſe, who did expect the Diſcharge of ſaid *Seventeen Thouſand and Twenty Pounds* Taxes, by an Account of Men that had been effectually at ſaid Frontiers, according to true Muſters, and a particular Account of incident Charges, to remove all Obſcurity, and to give full Satisfaction.

"That their Majeſties have already ſent ſome Supplies from *England*, to compleat two Companies, each of One Hundred Men, and two Companies more are daily expected; and therefore no Occaſion at this Juncture of Time to provide Supplies for Twelve Months, the Houſe expecting Relief by them; and do continue in their Opinion, that Six Months is enough; at the Expiration of which, further may be conſidered.

"That One Thouſand Pounds, with the Surpluſages of the two laſt Taxes, of which the Houſe takes Notice only of other Accounts of Taxes, or any Arrears upon them, being out of Doors, and ballanced by the Act to raiſe 170 Men, as aforeſaid; there being no Expectation that any further Accounts ſhall be given of other Taxes, in Conſideration of the Premiſſes, may ſerve for Supplies, during ſix Months, to pay the Men which are there, or ſhall be procured without Detachments.

"That this Province, if poſſible, ſhould be excuſed from Detachments, which hath been all along ſo grievous to them, when other Colonies have eſcaped, who are under the ſame Circumſtances of Danger with us, equally under his Excellency's Commands in the Militia, by untimely Pretences and vain Scruples, and what ſmall Aſſiſtance we have had of them and other adjacent Colonies, is evident, they having but *Two Thouſand, Four Hundred Pounds*, or thereabouts paid in here during this four Years; by which our Taxes are not one Penny deminiſhed, but diſcounted and employed towards other Incidents of the Province, where this Province hath paid, *Seventeen Thouſand* and *Twenty Pounds*, beſides great Cuſtoms and Duties, of which they are clear."

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. April 8, 1695.

THE Committee upon the Bill, to enable the City of *New-York, &c.* brought in their Report; which was, a New Bill to the ſame Purpoſe, read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Do. Bill read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Paper brought by *John Lawrence*, Eſq; and Lieut. *Gabriel Monvile*, read to the Houſe, the Contents of which, were the Opinion of the Gentlemen of the Council to his Excellency, for rejecting of the Bill, for the Supplies for the Frontiers at *Albany*, for 6 Months.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 9, 1695.

YESTERDAY Morning Major *Weſſells*, came to the Houſe, and took his Place therein;

The Bill for better enabling the City of *New-York, &c.* read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

The Bill about the Miniſter of *Newtown*, read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Spratt* and Capt. *Filkin*, do carry up the ſaid two Bills to his Excellency and Council.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Judge *Pinhorn* and Col. *Heathcote*, read to the Houſe, by Judge *Pinhorn*, as followeth, *viz.*

A Meſſage from his Excellency *Benjamin Fletcher*, to the Aſſembly, the 9th of *April*, 1695.

Gentlemen,

YESTERDAY, by two of the Council, I ſent to your Houſe, the Reaſons offered me by this Board, why the Bill you ſent hither (in the Manner it was deſigned) could not paſs; it contains ſeveral Matters inconſiſtent with Truth, the Truſt by their Majeſties repoſed in me, and the End for which its mentioned to be made.

If you pleaſe to enable me to purſue my Deſires (the Safety and Eaſe of the Province) you ſhall not find me wanting, in giving all fitting Aſſurance; that I will not detach a Man, and yet (by God's Aſſiſtance) will ſecure the Frontiers; but if by your Diſtruſt and Tenacity, in with-holding juſt and reaſonable Supplies, I am neceſſitated to burthen the Province, by drawing ſuch Part of it's Militia, to guard the Frontiers, as I ſhall judge requiſite, the Grievance apparently lies at your Doors, and cannot, without the higheſt abuſe, to Truth, be impoſed on me.

You have ſet a great while, conſidering how little has been done for their Majeſties Service, or the Good of the Country; the firſt of *May* draws near, when (without immediate Care) the Frontiers will be left naked; the Enemy have been already there, and when they know our Weakneſs, will undoubtedly, take their Meaſures accordingly.

I therefore ſend this to know, forthwith, your ultimate Reſolve, that if you will not aſſiſt me in preſerving the Province, I may take ſuch Methods, as my Duty Commands, and their Majeſties Letters Patents, empower me to Uſe. *per Order*,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage;

Ordered, That his Excellency be addreſſed, to know what Particulars in the Bill (for the Raiſing of Supplies, for the Security of the Frontiers at *Albany*, for ſix Months) are inconſiſtent with Truth, and the Truſt their Majeſties has repoſed in his Excellency, and that Dr. *Staats* and Capt. *Garton*, do wait upon his Exellency with this Addreſs.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 9, 1695.

A Paper brought by Mr. *Jamiſon*, read to the Houſe by ſaid *Jamiſon*.

In Anſwer to his Excellency's Meſſage, ſent down to the Houſe this Morning, by Judge *Pinhorn* and Col. *Heathcote*, this Houſe do ſay, as for the Truth, the Houſe refers to his Excellency's Speech; as for the Truſt repoſed in his Excellency by their Majeſties, we do ſuppoſe the Supplies granted by their Majeſties, were deſigned (eſpecially) for the Frontiers at *Albany*; and for to anſwer that End, the Surpluſages with the *One Thouſand Pounds*, already allowed in the Bill ſent up, may be ſufficient; and the Houſe do reſolve to aſſiſt as above.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Blackwell*, do wait upon his Excellency, with this Anſwer of the Houſe.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1695.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Col. *Bayard* and *William Nicolls*, Eſq; read to the Houſe by ſaid *William Nicolls*, Eſq; and is as followeth, *viz.*

A Meſſage from his Excellency *Benjamin Fletcher, &c.* to the Aſſembly of the *Province* of *New-York*, the 10th of *April*, 1695.

Gentlemen,

YESTERDAY, you deſired to know of me, what is contained in your Bill, inconſiſtent with Truth, and the Truſt repoſed in me; whereupon I referred you to the Opinion and Reaſons, offered me by the Council, for rejecting the Bill, (a Copy whereof was ſent you) you poſitively aſſerted, what now you make a Suppoſition, and a Surpluſage where there is none; A Thouſand Pounds will not anſwer the End I propoſed; I can never paſs a Bill, to diveſt myſelf of the Militia, a Command repoſed in me, by their Majeſties.

I have done my utmoſt Endeavours, for Aſſiſtance to this Province, and to Eaſe it from Detachments, as I have plainly told you in my Speech; and have good Proſpect of obtaining my End (which is your Eaſe and Security) unleſs you do perſiſt to defeat my good Intentions; you have no Reaſon to have the leaſt Conjecture, that I ſhould intend this Province ſhould not contribute Money to its own Defence; Detachments being removed, the moſt grievous Part of the Burthen is lightned; and therefore, I again, recommend to you, to proceed without Loſs of Time, to provide ſuch Supplies, as may prove a real and not imaginary Aſſiſtance, to which I deſire your Anſwer. *per Order*,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

The

The Houſe in Anſwer to the Meſſage, ſent down this Morning from his Excellency, do ſay, that by Information from the Muſter Maſter, there were Men wanting at *Albany*, the two laſt Detachments, ſo conſequently, there muſt be a Surpluſage real and not imaginary; which, together with the Thouſand Pound, this Houſe does think ſufficient for the preſent Supply, for the Security of the Frontiers of *Albany*, for ſix Months; and if his Excellency will be pleaſed, to give this Houſe aſſurance, that there ſhall be no Detachments for the ſtanding Guards, for the ſaid ſix Months, that then, this Houſe does agree to take of the *Proviſo*, in the Bill for Supplies.

Ordered, That Major *Hoxvell* and Capt. *Whitehead*, do wait upon his Excellency, with this Anſwer to his Excellency's Meſſage, ſent down this Morning.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 10, 1695.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Lieut. Col. *Monvile*, which was read to the Houſe, in the Preſence of ſaid Lieut. Col. *Monvile*, as followeth, *viz.*

A Meſſage from his Excellency *Benjamin Fletcher*, &c. to the Aſſemby of the Province of *New-York*, the 10th of *April*, 1695. *P. M.*

Gentlemen,

I Find much Time is ſpent in Queſtions and Anſwers, without any Regard to the Duty you owe their Majeſties, or Concern for the Preſervation of this Province; it is a feint Argument, and unbecoming the Wiſdom of a Province, to ſay, a Muſter Maſter informs us thus, when the Accounts and Muſter Rolls have been laid before you, by a Committee of the Council, by which it is demonſtrable to all conſiderate and judicious and unbyaſſed Men, that there is no Surpluſage; ſo far from it, that One Thouſand Pound, will not anſwer the late Years neceſſary and undiſpenſible Charges.

I do therefore again, recommend to your Conſideration, the ſeveral Meſſages I have ſent to you, ſince the Opening of this Seſſion, and the approaching Neceſſity for the Relief of thoſe few Forces, now on the Frontiers, which will break or deſert, the Firſt of the next Month.

The ill Conſequences, of Blood, Devaſtation or Miſchiefs which may happen, I waſh my Hands of, and it muſt be juſtly laid at your Doors, if you will not contribute to your own Securities. I ſhall expect you to be Witneſſes of my Endeavours, and appeal to the King as the only Judge, of your Actions and mine in this great Affair (your own Safety) and his Majeſties Service.

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage, this Houſe do ſay, That they are of his Excellency's Opinion, that there is much Time ſpent in Queſtions and Anſwers; the Reaſon whereof we leave to the Judgment of unbiaſſed Men. As to the Muſter Rolls being laid before this Houſe by a Committee of the Council, there hath not been any ſuch Thing this Seſſions; but when his Excellency was addreſſed by this Houſe for the Muſter Rolls, his Excellency in Anſwer thereunto did ſignify, that the Muſter Maſter being at that Juncture abſent upon the Frontiers in their Majeſties Service, his Excellency could not ſhew them the Muſter Rolls. And as for Supplies for the Security of the Frontiers, this Houſe have already paſſed and ſent up a Bill for that Purpoſe, for his Excellency and Council's Aſſent.

Ordered, That Major *Pell* and Captain *Jackſon* do wait upon his Excellency with this Anſwer of the Houſe.

Adjourned till *Friday* Morning next, 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 12, 1695.

A Petition of the Church Wardens and Veſtry Men for the City of *New-York* read.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, commanding the Attendance of this Houſe at the *Fort* immediately. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe accordingly.

The Houſe returned. Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and did report to the Houſe the Heads of what his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to them at the *Fort*.

Upon ſome Debate of the Heads of what his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay this Morning to the Houſe, they referred the further Conſideration thereof until the Afternoon.

Ordered, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency for Leave to print the Journal of this Houſe this Seſſions; and that the Clerk of this Houſe do acquaint the Printer therewith; and that Captain *Filkin* and Captain *Renſſelaer* do wait upon his Excellency with this Addreſs.

Upon the Conſideration of the Petition aboveſaid, it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Veſtry Men and Church Wardens have Power to call a diſſenting Proteſtant Miniſter; and that he is to be paid and maintained according as the Act directs.

The Petition of *John Oak* and *Nathaniel Smith* read to the Houſe; upon which

Ordered, That his Excellency be addreſſed that the Petitioners, with all others who have juſtly and truly ſerved out their Times upon the Frontiers, according to the Act of Aſſembly, be duly paid.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 12, 1695.

UPON the further Debate of what his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay this Morning, It was moved by the Houſe that the Queſtion ſhould be put, Whether there ſhould be any Addition to the Bill ſent up, for Supplies without further Satisfaction of Accounts and Muſter Rolls, or not?

The Queſtion being put to the Houſe as above, it was carried in the Negative.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT the Speaker of this Houſe take Care of the Minutes of this Houſe, and endeavour to get them printed.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, commanding the Attendance of this Houſe at the *Fort* immediately. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe accordingly.

His Excellency was pleaſed to Prorogue the Aſſembly until the 23d Day of this Inſtant April.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of *NEW-YORK.*

A LIST of the ſeveral Repreſentatives, returned (purſuant to his Majeſty's Writ) to ſerve in *General-Aſſembly*, for the reſpective Cities and Counties for the Province of *New-York, viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*,

James Graham,
Brandt Schuyler,
Lawrence Reade,
Tunis De Key.

City and County of *Albany*, and *Renſſelaer's Wyck*,

John Abeel,
Dirck Weſſels,
Killian Van Renſſelaer.

Ulſter County,

Henry Beekman,
William Demiere.

Weſtcheſter County,

Humphry Underhill,
Joſeph Purdy.

King's County,

John Van Ecklen,
Cornelius Sebring.

Queen's County,

Daniel Whitehead,
John Jackſon.

Suffolk County,

Matthew Howell,
John Tuthill.

Richmond County,

Thomas Stillwell,
Elias Dukſberry.

Die Jovis, A. M. June 20, 1695.

THIS Morning, purſuant to his Majeſty's Writ, the ſeveral Repreſentatives returned to ſerve for the City and County of *New-York*, City and County of *Albany*, and Colony of *Renſſelaer's Wyck*, *King's* County, and one from *Queen's* County, and one from *Suffolk* County, *viz. James Graham, Brandt Schuyler, Lawrence Reade, Tunis De Key, Dirck Weſſels, John Abeel, Killian Van Renſſelaer, John Van Ecklen, Cornelius Sebring, Daniel Whitehead, and John Tuthill*, attended at the Houſe; and the Reſt not appearing, the Clerk was ordered to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and acquaint him therewith; who returned, and reported, That his Excellency adviſed them to take ſuch proper Methods as hath been uſual in the like Caſes, he believing that the other Repreſentatives would be here this Night.

Whereupon the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. June 21, 1695.

ACCORDING to Adjournment the Repreſentatives hereafter named, *viz. James Graham, Brandt Schuyler, Lawrence Reade, Tunis De Key, John Abeel, Dirck Weſſels, Killian Van Renſſelaer, John Van Ecklen, Cornelius Sebring, Daniel Whitehead, John Tuthill, Thomas Stillwell*, and *Elias Dukſberry*, came to the Houſe, and ſent the Clerk of the ſame, to acquaint his Excellency the Governor of their attending there, and to know his Excellency's Pleaſure; who returned, and reported, that his Excellency had ſent two of his Majeſty's Council to adminiſter the Oaths eſtabliſhed inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, *&c.* and when that was done they ſhould hear further from them. And accordingly Colonel *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, and Colonel *Nicholas Bayard*, two of his Majeſty's Council aforeſaid, came to the Houſe, and produced his Majeſty's Writ of *Dedimus Poteſtatem*; and purſuant thereunto, the above named Repreſentatives in their Preſence reſpectively were worn, and ſubſcribed the Teſt accordingly.

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Soon after *Humphry Underhill* and *Joseph Purdy* came to the House; and then the whole House waited upon his Excellency and Council in the *Fort*, to know his Excellency's further Pleasure; who recommended them to return to their House, and to chuse a Speaker; who accordingly returned. And the said *Humphry Underhill* and *Joseph Purdy* having taken the Oaths appointed, *&c.* and subscribed the Test, as appeared by Certificates under the Hands of the said Colonel *Cortlandt* and Colonel *Bayard*, the House unanimously chose *James Graham*, Esq; their Speaker, and accordingly conducted him to the Chair; upon the taking of which, the House requested of him, That upon his being approved by his Excellency he would please to address his Excellency in Behalf of this House; and demand that their former Rights, Privileges, and Customs may be confirmed to them: *Imprimis*, That none of the Members nor their Servants be arrested or molested during the Sessions; that they may have freedom of Access to his Excellency and Council, when Occasion presents; that they may have Liberty of Speech, and a favourable Construction made upon all Debates that may arise among them; and for the Removal of all Misunderstandings between the Governor and Council and this House, that a Committee of the Council may be appointed to join with a Committee of this House, to confer on such Matters as shall occur; and that this their Demands may be approved by his Excellency and Council, and accordingly entered in the Council Books.

Whereupon the House went to the Fort, and did present *James Graham*, Esq; to be their Speaker, who was accordingly approved of by his Excellency; upon which Approbation, Mr. Speaker, did in Behalf of the whole House, assure his Excellency, that they were Persons loyal and well affected to his Majesty, and the present Government, and also did address his Excellency, as was desired by the House in their Behalf; and did desire that their Rights, Privileges, *&c.* should be continued to them as usual, *&c.* which Address was appoved of by his Excellency and Council, and accordingly granted. And then his Excellency was pleased to make a short Speech to the House, the Heads of which were as followeth, *viz.*

To take Care of the Frontiers, that Provision be made, from the First of *May* last.

To consider of the Forces come over, and the Quota assigned to this Province, for an united Force from all the King's Plantations, on the Main.

To consider the Circumstances of the Province, with Regard to the News come from the Lords of the Admiralty, and Intelligence from *Albany*.

All which are for the Ease and Safety of the Province, the one cannot be long lived, without the other.

The House returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, recites to the House his Excellency's Speech, *ut Supra*.

In Regard that his Excellency's Speech, did consist of several Heads, whereof some may have been omitted, in the Recital thereof by the Speaker; it is,

Ordered, That Major *Wessels* and Mr. *Tuthill*, do wait upon his Excellency, and to desire that the Heads of his Speech, might be sent to this House in writing.

John Jackson, one of the Representatives of *Queen's* County, came to the House; whereupon it was,

Ordered, That Mr. *Purdy*, one of the Members thereof, do go with him to the Fort, and see administered to him, the Oaths appointed, *&c.* and if he subscribed the Test; and the said Mr. *Purdy* returned and declared, that he was present when the Oaths was administered to the said *Jackson*, by Col. *Cortlandt* and Col. *Bayard*, and likewise saw him subscribe the Test; whereupon the said *Jackson*, was desired to take his Place accordingly.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of his Excellency's Speech, be referred till the Afternoon.

Major *Wessels* and Mr. *Tuthill*, do report from his Excellency, that his Excellency will take Care, the Heads of his Speech be prepared, and sent to the House in Writing, according to the Message committed to them.

Ordered, That the Roll of the House be called over.

Upon calling over the Roll, Major *Howell*, returned a Representative for *Suffolk* County, *Henry Beekman* and *William Demiere*, returned Representatives for the County of *Ulster*, were absent.

Ordered, That the Speaker, do issue out his Warrant, requiring the said Representatives, forthwith to attend the Service of this House.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock, *P. M.*

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. June 21, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT every Representative here present, do give his Attendance at the Ringing of the Bell.

Mr. *Jamison* Clerk of the Council, came to the House, and brought with him, the Heads of his Excellency's Speech in Writing, which were in these Words following, *viz.*

To take Care of the Frontiers, that Provision be made from the First of *May* last.

To consider of the Forces come over, and the Quota assigned to this Province, for an united Force from all the King's Plantations, on the Main.

To consider the Circumstances of the Province, with Regard to the News come from the Lords of the Admiralty, and Intelligence from *Albany*.

All which are for the Ease and Safety of the Province, the one cannot be long lived, without the other.

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

Ordered, That according to Direction of this House in the Morning, the Consideration of his Excellency's Speech be immediately proceeded upon.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House, be given to his Excellency for the Care he hath taken of this Province, and for his favourable Speech to the House.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. June 22, 1695.

UPON the Consideration of the second Head of his Excellency's Speech;

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Ecklen* and Mr. *Tuthill*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and humbly desire a List of the Quota's appointed by his Majesty, for the Security of this Province.

Mr. *Tuthill* and Mr. *Van Ecklen* returned, and brought a List of the several Quota's of Men, assigned by his Majesty, for the Security and Defence of this Province, as followeth, *viz.*

Quota's of Men ordered by his Majesty out of the several Colonies here under-mentioned, for the Assistance of the Province of *New-York*, *viz.*

Pennsylvania,	80
Massachusets Bay,	350
Maryland,	160
Virginia,	240
Rhode-Island and *Providence Plantation*,	48
Connecticut,	120
New-York,	200
	1198

Ordered, That his Excellency be addressed to Order the Printer to print the Daily Votes of this House, at the publick Charge; and that Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait upon his Excellency with the said Address.

Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Sebring*, returned from his Excellency, and reported, that his Excellency is very willing the daily Votes of this House, should be printed at the public Charge, but hopes that the House, before (the Session end) will allow the Printer something of farther Encouragement, than that already Established.

Ordered, That the Votes of this House be daily Printed, and that the Speaker Issue out his Warrant, to the King's Printer, to print the same, at the public Charge accordingly.

Upon the Consideration of the second Head of his Excellency's Speech, the House being very sensible of the great Care and Pains that his Excellency hath taken, for the Security of this Province; and more especially by interceeding with his Majesty, to procure the Forces, which are now arrived, for the Reinforcement of the same; and in humble Expectation, that the said Forces shall be employed for the Security of the Frontiers, and for the freeing of Detachments (which of late have been very grievous to this Province) for that

that Service for the Future) excepting the Time of Invaſion and Rebellion) in humble and moſt grateful Acknowledgement, of the great Service, Benefit and Eaſe to this Province, by the Favours done by his Excellency, and the future Benefit that this Province ſhall have by the Service of the ſaid Forces, to be employed on the Frontiers; do unanimouſly agree, that there be a Levy of *One Thouſand Pounds*, to be raiſed upon the reſpective Inhabitants, &c. of this Province, to be preſented to his Excellency, the one Half whereof to himſelf and the other Half, to be employed by his Excellency, to the ſaid Officers and Soldiers, as he ſhall ſee meet.

Adjourned till Monday next, 2 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. June 24, 1695.

UPON the Conſideration of the ſecond Head of his Excellency's Speech, purſuant to what was concluded upon by the Houſe laſt Saturday, it is ordered, that Alderman *Schuyler*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, and Mr. *Jackſon*, be a Committee to adjuſt the Quota's and Proportions of each reſpective County, for the payment of the ſaid *Thouſand Pounds*; and make their Report thereof To-morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. June 25, 1695.

A Bill to enable the City of *New-York* to Relieve the Poor, and defray their neceſſary and publick Charge, was read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. June 25, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT the Levy of the *Thouſand Pounds* be raiſed in each reſpective City and County according to the Quotas and Proportions following, *viz.*

	£.
City and County of *New-York*,	280
County of *Weſtcheſter*,	50
County of *Richmond*,	20
King's County,	190
Queen's County,	140
Suffolk County,	200
Ulſter County,	110
Orange County,	10
	£. 1000

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. June 26, 1695.

WHEREAS Complaint has been made to this Houſe that ſeveral of his Majeſty's Soldiers have lately deſerted and left his Majeſty's Service: *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do bring in a Bill for preventing of the ſame for the future.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine what Forces have been employed for the Security of the Frontiers ſince the firſt of *May* laſt; and what Reward they ſhould have for the ſaid Service. And that Mr. *Reade*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Mr. *De Key*, Mr. *Abeel*, Captain *Stillwell*, and Mr. *Dukſberry*, be the Committee to adjuſt the ſame, and make Report thereof To-morrow Morning, at 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. June 27, 1695.

THE Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Forces have been employed for the Security of the Frontiers ſince the firſt of *May* laſt; and what they ſhould have for the ſaid Service, was read, and contained as follows, *viz.*

June 26, 1695.

Purſuant to the within Order the Committee ordered Mr. *De Key* and Mr. *Weſſels* to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and deſire the Muſter Rolls of the Forces now in the Service at *Albany*, &c. who brought Anſwer, That they ſhould be immediately ſent.

About an Hour afterwards the ſaid Rolls were ſent.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned 'til two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Committee according to Adjournment, met at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, and think it requiſite, that the Perſons mentioned in the ſaid Muſter Rolls, according to Mr. *Weſſels's* Report, being in actual Service, ought to have for their Service, from the Day of their being liſted, &c. the ſeveral Sums following, *viz.* For every Field and Commiſſion Officer, according to the former Eſtabliſhment; and for every private Centine, 8d. *per Diem*.

By Order of the Committee,
Elias Dukſberry, *Chairman.*

The ſaid Report being too general,

Ordered, That it be Re-committed to the ſaid Committee, and that they do enumerate in their Report, the particular Number of Forces employed in that Service, and how long they have ſerved, ſince the Firſt of *May* laſt, and make their Report forthwith.

The Report of the Committee, appointed to examine what Forces have been employed for the Defence of the Frontiers, &c. was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

We do think it requiſite that the Perſons mentioned in the ſaid Muſter Rolls, according to Mr. *Weſſels's* Report, and hereunto annexed, being in actual Service, ought to have for their ſaid Service, from the Day of their being entered on the ſame, the ſeveral Sums following, *viz.* For every Commiſſion Officer and Field Officer, according to the former Eſtabliſhment; and for every private Centinel, 8d. *per Diem*.

By Order of the Committee,
Elias Dukſberry, *Chairman.*

Whereupon it was objected, that the Allowance of Major *Schuyler's* Company, was not according to Promiſe; it is therefore, *Ordered*, That the ſame be re-committed to the ſaid Committee, for their further Conſideration of the Allowance, to the ſaid Company, according to the ſaid Promiſe, and make their Report thereof forthwith.

The Committee to whom the Examination of what Forces were employed for the Defence of the Frontiers, &c. bring in their Report that was re-committed to them, which was ordered to be read, and contained as followeth, *viz.*

June the 27th, 1695.

The Committee appointed to examine what Forces have been employed for the Security of the Frontiers, ſince the Firſt of *May* laſt, and what Reward they ſhall have for the ſaid Service, do report, that the ſeveral Forces mentioned in the Muſter Rolls, unto us produced, by Major *Weſſels*, and enumerated in the annexed aforeſaid, are in actual Service, and ought to have for their ſaid Service (from the Day of their entring into the ſame) the ſeveral Sums following, *viz.* To every Field and Commiſſion Officer, according to former Eſtabliſhment; to every private Centinel of Major *Schuyler's* Company, 12d. *per Diem*, with the Levy Money already paid them, and to every private Centinel of Major *Howell's* Company, 8d. *per Diem*, and that they do think it requiſite that a Fund be raiſed, for the Payment of the ſaid Forces, until the Firſt of *Auguſt* next, according to the Allowance aboveſaid.

By Order of the Committee.
Elias Dukſberry, *Chairman.*

Which Report is approved by the unanimous Conſent of the Houſe. And ordered, That Captain *Schuyler*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Captain *Whitehead*. Mr. *Underhill*, and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, be a Committee to examine how much the Sum of the ſaid Service ſhall amount to; and the Quotas and Proportions of each reſpective City and County accordingly, and make Report thereof To-morrow Morning, at 8 o'Clock.

A Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany* to defray their neceſſary Charge, was read; and ordered a ſecond reading.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. June 28, 1695.

THE Report of the Committee appointed to examine how much the Sum of the ſaid Service ſhall amount to, and the Quotas and Proportions of each reſpective City and County, &c. was read, and was in theſe Words following, *viz.*

June 28, 1695.

Purſuant to the within Order we have examined how much the Sum of the ſaid Service ſhall amount to; and do find that the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* will ſatisfy and pay the Forces employed on the Frontiers ſince the firſt of *May* laſt, until the firſt of *Auguſt* next enſuing, with the incidental Charges; and that the Levy of the ſaid *Eight Hundred Pounds* be raiſed in each reſpective City and County according to the Quotas and Proportions following, *viz.*

	£.
City and County of *New-York*,	224
County of *Weſtcheſter*,	40
County of *Richmond*,	16
King's County,	152
Queen's County,	112
Suffolk County,	160
Ulſter County,	88
Orange County,	8
	£. 800

By Order of the Committee,
Daniel Whitehead, *Chairman.*

Which

Which is approved of by the whole House; and ordered that the said Sum be raised accordingly.

This House having received Information that one of the Soldiers lately sent over by his Majesty, at the Solicitation of his Excellency for the Security of this Province, has been sentenced to Death for a Mutiny by him acted, in his coming over to the said Service. The House of Representatives considering the Service those Forces came to do in this Province, and being willing to encourage them in their faithful discharge of their Duty for the future, become humble Suppliants unto your Excellency, that your Excellency would favourably be pleased to grant unto the said Soldier his Majesty's Pardon for his said Offence; which shall ever be gratefully acknowledged by us, and all his Majesty's good Subjects within this Province, whom we represent. And ordered, That Mr. *De Key*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Underhill*, and Mr. *Jackson*, do wait upon his Excellency with this Address.

Mr. *De Key* reported, that he waited upon his Excellency with the Address, and that his Excellency was very willing to comply with the Request of the House, and that their Address should be accordingly granted.

Ordered, That the Speaker do draw up a Bill, for the raising of *One Thousand Pounds*, upon the respective Inhabitants, *&c.* of this Province; the one Half whereof, to be presented to his Excellency, and the other Half, to the Officers and Soldiers, lately come over for the Security of this Province.

Ordered, That the Speaker draw up a Bill, for the raising of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, for the paying and satisfying the Forces employed by his Excellency for the Security of the Frontiers, from the First of *May* last, until the First of *August* next ensuing, and bring the same into this House on Monday next.

Adjourned till Monday next, at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 1, 1695.

COL. *Henry Beekman* and Major *William Demiere*, returned Representatives for *Ulster* County; and Major *Matthew Howell* returned a Representative for *Suffolk* County, came to the House, and having taken the Oaths, *&c.* and subscribed the Test, as appeared by Certificate under the Hands of Col. *Stephanus Van Cortlandt* and Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, were desired to take their Places accordingly.

A Bill for the preventing the Deserting of his Majesty's Service, amongst the Forces arrived for the Security of this Province, and for giving a Reward to such, as shall discover the same; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill for the encourging of Seamen, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill, granting to his Majesty, *One Thousand Pounds*, the one Half, to be allowed unto his Excellency, and the other Half, unto the Officers and Soldiers, lately arrived, for their Encouragement; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill for the raising *Eight Hundred Pounds*, for the Paying and Maintaining the Officers and Soldiers, employed for the Securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the first Day of *May*, to the first of *August*; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill for the preventing the Deserting of his Majesty's Service, amongst the Forces arrived for the Security of this Province, and for giving a Reward to such, as shall discover the same, was a second Time read; and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill for the encouraging of Seamen, was a second Time read; and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill granting to his Majesty *One Thousand Pounds*; the one Half to be allowed unto his Excellency, and the other Half unto the Officers and Soldiers lately arrived, for their Encouragement, was a second Time read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill for the raising *Eight Hundred Pounds*, for the paying and maintaining the Officers and Soldiers employed for the securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the first of *May*, to the first of *August*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker at the Request of Colonel *Hamilton*, moved this House that the Act of General Assembly, entitled, *An Act for the encouraging a Post-Office*, might be continued for three Years longer.

Ordered, That the Speaker do bring in a Bill accordingly.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1695.

MR. Speaker, according to the Order of the House Yesterday, brought in a Bill for continuing the Act for encouraging the Post-Office, three Years longer, after the Expiration of the said Act; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The said Bill was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany* to defray their necessary Charge, was a second Time read, and ordered to be engrossed, with the Amendment of two Years, instead of three.

The Bill granting to his Majesty *One Thousand Pounds*, the one Half to be allowed unto his Excellency, and the other Half unto the Officers and Soldiers lately arrived, for their Encouragement, was read the third Time, and passed; and ordered that the same be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

The Bill for raising *Eight Hundred Pounds*, for the paying and maintaining the Officers and Soldiers employed for the securing the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the first of *May*, to the first of *August*, was read the third Time, and passed; and ordered that it be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

The Bill for the preventing the deserting of his Majesty's Service amongst the Forces arrived for the Security of this Province, and for giving a Reward to such as shall discover the same, was read the third Time, and approved; and ordered, That it be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

Ordered, That Colonel *Beekman*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Capt. *Jackson*, and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with the said Bills, for their Assent.

The Bill for encouraging of Seamen, was read the third Time and passed; and ordered that it be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel*, Captain *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Reade*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the Bill for the preventing the deserting of his Majesty's Forces, *&c.* and the Bill for encouraging of Seamen, for their Assent.

The Bill for continuing the Act for encouraging the Post-Office three Years longer, was read the third Time, and passed; and ordered that it be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

The Bill for enabling the City and County of *Albany* to defray their necessary Charge, was read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to his Excellency and Council for their Assent accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duksberry*, Major *Wessels*, and Mr. *Underhill*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with the said Bills passed, for their Assent.

The Bill to enable the City of *New-York* to relieve the Poor, and defray their necessary and publick Charge, was a second Time read, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1695.

THE Bill to enable the City of *New-York*, &c. was read the third Time, and passed; and ordered that it be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Captain *Schuyler*, Captain *De Key*, and Captain *Reade*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with the said Bill, for their Assent.

The Petition of the Representatives of the County of *Westchester*, was read, and granted; and ordered that a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1695.

A Bill to enable the Representatives of the County of *Westchester* to receive their Allowance, according to Act of General Assembly, *&c.* was, according to the Order of the House Yesterday, brought in and read; and ordered a second reading.

The said Bill was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The aforesaid Bill to enable the Representatives of the County of *Westchester*, &c. was read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Underhill* and Mr. *Purdy*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the said Bill for their Assent.

Col. *Caleb Heathcote* and *William Pinhorn*, Esq; brought a Message to the House, from his Excellency and Council, with the Bill for preventing Deserters, *&c.* and the Bill for encouraging of Seamen; with the Amendments annexed, and desire this House to consent to the same.

The House took into Consideration, the Amendments annexed to the Act, for encouraging Seamen, and agreed to the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Reade* and Mr. *Abeel*, do carry up the Bill for encouraging of Seamen, with the ſaid Amendments.

The Houſe of Repreſentatives, taking into Conſideration, the Amendments ſent down by his Excellency and Council, with the Bill, entitled, *A* Bill *for the preventing the Deſerting his Majeſty's Service*, *&c.* and cannot agree to the firſt Amendment, for the changing the Title of the ſaid Bill, becauſe this Houſe did frame the Bill, on purpoſe only, for ſuch of the Forces that arrived, to be employed for his Majeſty's Service, in this Province, and for no other, except ſuch, as ſhould liſt themſelves for the future, in the ſaid Companies.

To the ſecond Amendment, they likewiſe cannot agree, becauſe the Preamble, ſets forth the Reaſon, why the Bill was framed, and the Bill was only made to diſcourage thoſe only Forces, to deſert the ſaid Service, and to correct and puniſh ſuch of the Inhabitants of this Province, that ſhould be in any Manner of Way aiding or aſſiſting, to the encouraging of them therein.

This Houſe do agree to the third Amendment, that the Words (without Leave from his proper Officer) be left out, and to the ſame Words in the Paragraph mention, and agree to mention the King's Reign, when the Act of Parliament, mentioned in ſaid Bill was made.

Ordered, That Mr. *Weſſells* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do carry up the ſaid Bill, with the ſaid Amendments.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 3, 1695.

THE Houſe of Repreſentatives, now convened in General Aſſembly, do humbly addreſs his Excellency and Council, and pray that they will allow, unto *William Bradford*, his Majeſty's Printer for this Province, the yearly Salary of *Twenty Pounds*, Current Money of this Province, over and above, the Salary already allowed him, by his Excellency and Council. And,

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Reade*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Major *Demiere*, and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait on his Excellency and Council with this Addreſs.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 4, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this Houſe, do bring in an Accompt, of what Charges hath accrued for Officers Salaries, Houſe Rent, and other Expences, during this Seſſions.

The Account of the Houſe Rent, Salaries, Expences, *&c.* was accordingly brought in by the Clerk, and read, and approved, *&c.*

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Excellency the Governor and Council, to order his Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General to pay to *John Clapp*, Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds Nineteen Shillings*, which is for ſo much due for Salaries to the Clerk, Door-keeper, Houſe Rent, and ſeveral other Expences, during this Seſſions of Aſſembly, as per the Account thereof this Day brought into the Houſe doth appear.

Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, requiring the Speaker with the whole Houſe to give their immediate Attendance at the Council Chamber.

The Speaker immediately left the Chair, and went with the whole Houſe accordingly to the *Fort*.

The Speaker returned to the Houſe after he had waited upon his Excellency and Council at the *City-Hall*, for the Publication of the Laws hereafter mentioned, and reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, That his Excellency was pleaſed to acquaint the Houſe, that there were five Bills that he had paſſed, and that there was two others, one whereof was a Bill for the preventing the deſerting his Majeſty's Service, *&c.* which had been ſent down to this Houſe with Amendments, to which the Houſe had not agreed; he therefore thought fit, with the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to lay it aſide. There was another Bill for granting to his Majeſty *One Thouſand Pounds*, &c. in which he perceived there was a compliment paid to himſelf, for which he was thankful; but in Regard that he found it not conſiſtent with his Honour to paſs it, he did likewiſe, by the Advice of the Council, reject it. And gave this Houſe aſſurance, that as he had ſtudied the Eaſe and Safety of this Province, ſo he would continue to manifeſt the ſame at all Times. And that he underſtood that there had been great Diſſatisfaction about the Accounts, and recommended that this Houſe would appoint a Committee for the viewing of the ſaid Accounts, which ſhould accordingly be ready for their Examination, that they might make Report thereof at the next Seſſions. And thereupon was pleaſed to adjourn the Aſſembly unto the firſt of *October* next; and required the Attendance of this Houſe to the *City-Hall*, for the Publication of the Bills paſſed. Whereupon, the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, attended him accordingly; and there was then publiſhed the Bills following, *viz.*

A Bill to enable the City of New-York, *to relieve the Poor, and defray their neceſſary and publick Charge.*

A Bill to enable the City and County of Albany *to defray their neceſſary Charge.*

A Bill *for encouraging of Seamen.*

A Bill *for continuing the Act for encouraging the Poſt-Office, three Years longer, after the Expiration of the ſaid Act.*

A Bill *for the raiſing* Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Paying and Maintaining the Officers and Soldiers employed for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province at* Albany, *from the firſt of* May *to the firſt of* Auguſt.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Report made to this Houſe by the Speaker, of his Excellency's Speech, do Order, That the Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Excellency, for the Care that he hath taken, for the Eaſe and Safety of this Province, and the Aſſurance he had given them of the Continuance of the ſame.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Reade*, Capt. *Demiere*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Underhill*, Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do wait upon his Excellency with this Addreſs, and be likewiſe a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Government, of what Money hath been raiſed, and what diſburſed, from the Arrival of Col. *Sloughter*, until this Day; and for the more eaſy and effectual doing thereof, that they do meet at the City of *New-York*, ten Days before the Meeting of the next Seſſions of Aſſembly; and they or any Seven of them, to be this Committee and make Report thereof to the next Seſſions of Aſſembly; and the Speaker according to the Time directed by his Excellency, did adjourn this Houſe until the firſt Day of *October* next at Ten o'Clock in the Morning; and this Houſe is adjourned accordingly.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. October* 1, 1695.

THIS Morning, according to Adjournment, the ſeveral Members met, and the Speaker took the Chair, and ordered the Roll to be called over, where were only preſent *Brandt Schuyler*, *Tunis De Key*, *Lawrence Reade*, *Matthew Howell*, *Elias Dukſberry*, *John Abeel*, *Daniel Whitehead*, and *John Van Ecklen*. And thereupon ordered Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Abeel* to wait upon his Excellency and Council, to acquaint them, That purſuant to Adjournment there was only met the above-named Members, and that they were in hopes that the Reſt of the Members would be here To-morrow; and therefore thought fit to adjourn until To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1695.

THE Roll of the Houſe being called over, were found abſent only, *Henry Beekman*, *Joſeph Purdy*, *Cornelius Sebring* and *Thomas Stillwell*.

Ordered, That Major *Weſſells*, Major *Demiere*, Mr. *Purdy* and Mr. *Tuthill*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe is met, according to adjournment, and deſire to know if his Excellency has any Thing to communicate to them for his Majeſty's Service.

Major *Howell*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Government, brought in the Report of the ſaid Committee, which was read to the Houſe, as follows, *viz.*

At a Committee for Examination of the Accounts of the Government, &c. *Preſent*, Matthew Howell, *Chairman*, Brandt Schuyler, Lawrence Reade, Daniel Whitehead, John Abeel, Elias Dukſberry, *and* John Van Ecklen, *Eſqrs.*

" THE Committee does report, That having duly attended the Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and that on " *Thurſday* Morning laſt, being the 26th of *September*, they " did compleat a Quorum, and did immediately order that " Mr. *Abeel* and Capt. *Reade*, do wait upon his Excellency, " *&c.* and acquaint him, that there is now a Quorum of the " Committee, appointed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, " to examine the Accounts of the Government, *&c.* and at- " tends his Excellency's Pleaſure in that Affair. And alſo, " ſent two of their Members to the Collector, to acquaint " him of their Readineſs to peruſe what Accounts and Papers, " he ſhould exhibit to them. Upon which, *Saturday* Morn- " ing following, Mr. *Wood*, brought to the Committee, an " Account, entitled, *The State of the Taxes, as they ſtand this* " *20th Day of* September 1695, ſigned by the Receiver Ge- " neral. Upon which the Committee, did immediately ſend " Advice to each reſpective County to pay in their Arrears, " or

" or ſhew Cauſe to the contrary to the Clerk of the Aſſembly, " by the 7th Day of this Inſtant *October*. And on *Tueſday* " in the Afternoon, Mr. *Wood* brought to the Clerk a ſmall " Book, entitled, *Payments made by publick Warrants, out of* " *the Taxes*. But the Time limitted the ſaid Committee be- " ing expired, they do report, they cannot fully ſtate and ad- " juſt the ſame Accounts."

By Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman.*

Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency, requiring the Attendance of Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole Houſe to his Excellency and Council.

The whole Houſe returned; the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, That his Excellency expreſſed his Gladneſs to ſee ſo full a Houſe, and hoped that this Houſe would chearfully unite in the publick Service; and did recommend to their Care, the Security of the Frontiers, which was in as bad (if not a worſe) Poſture than ever, by Reaſon of the ſmall Regard that our Neighbours had to the Broad Seal of *England*, as well as to his Majeſty's Sign Manuels, commanding their Aſſiſtance of this Province; but in Lieu thereof, they had harboured ſuch Deſerters of the Forces his Majeſty ſent lately over for our Relief; and by the Advances that the *French* had made in their re-ſettling of *Cadaraqui*, which does endanger the Safety of this Province very much. That he had perceived that we were at a great Loſs by the Diligence of our Neighbours, who have their Agents at Court, and have miſ-repreſented the State of this Province, to our great Damage; and that he thought it neceſſary that this Houſe ſhould take the preſent State thereof into their Conſideration, and cauſe the ſame to be repreſented unto his Majeſty by ſome Agents. And although he had often truly repreſented the ſame by his Letters, yet the Multitude of Buſineſs there, he ſuppoſed, might cauſe them to be laid aſide, and not have that lively Effect as the Appearance of an Agent or Agents might do there. That the Province was in Debt. That he was ſenſible of our Loyalty to our Prince, by our frequent granting of Taxes, and loading our Trade with great Impoſitions, when our Neighbours went free, was the great Cauſe of that heavy Burthen that lies now upon us. And then deſired us to go together, and conſider thereof.

Ordered, That the Governors Speech be taken into Conſideration at Two o'Clock this Afternoon; and the Houſe adjourned till Two o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. October 2, 1695.

UPON the Conſideration of the Report made of his Excellency's Speech; it is,

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *De Key* and *Cornelius Sebring*, do wait upon his Excellency, and deſire to know what will be needful for the Security of the Frontiers this Winter Seaſon.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. October 3, 1695.

ADJOURNED 'til two o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. October 3, 1695.

ADJOURNED 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. October 4, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT the Speaker bring in a Bill for the Encouragement of School-Maſters in each reſpective Town (conſiſting of forty Families) throughout the Province.

Ordered, That the Speaker bring in a Bill againſt the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called *Sunday*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in againſt Prophane Curſing and Swearing.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the regulating of *Indian* and *Negro* Slaves, and for correcting and puniſhing of them for ſuch Crimes as they ſhall commit.

Captain *De Key* brought in a Bill, entituled, *A Bill againſt ſeeing all Attornies at Law*. Which was read to the Houſe, and rejected.

Captain *Read* brought in the Petition of Captain *Gerard Dowe*, which was read to the Houſe, but not being ſigned by any Perſon, it was returned to Captain *Reade*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Houſe carry the rejected Bill to the Juſtices now ſitting, for their Peruſal and Examination, in order to the Rectification of the Abuſe therein alledged.

Judge *Pinhorn* came into the Houſe, and gave the Thanks of the Bench, for the Favour done in acquainting them of the ſaid Bill; and gave this Houſe aſſurance, That on all Occaſions, whenever Applications was made to them, that they had aſſigned Council to ſuch Perſons that wanted, that the Subjects might have an equal Way of obtaining their Right, as the Law directs. And whenever it has happened that the Gentlemen that Practice at the Bar, were all retained on one Side, that then the Court did Order ſome of the moſt worthy amongſt them to return the Fee ſo taken, and plead for the Perſon that ſeemed to grieve. Which was received with a great deal of Satisfaction to this Houſe.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. October 4, 1695.

THE Petition of *Gerard Dowe* was ſigned, ordered to be read; which was done; and the Conſideration thereof, referred to ſome other Time.

Upon the Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the ſending of an Agent to his Majeſty, it was, by the Majority of Votes carried, That it was needful to ſend an Agent unto his Majeſty; whereupon they elected Mr. *Nicolls*, to be their Agent, for the Repreſentation of the State of this Province, with Relation to the grievous Burdens that they have groaned under during this War, by ſecuring the Frontiers of this Province, at their own proper Charge, which is the only Barrier and Security of this and all the reſt of his Majeſty's Provinces adjoining hereunto, upon the main Continent of *America*, and that they may for the Future be eaſed from the like Burdens, by an humble Supplication unto his Majeſty, *That he would be graciouſly pleaſed to ſecure the ſame, by ordering ſuch Relief as may eaſe the Subjects of this Province, from the like Burdens for the future.*

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Reade* and Capt. *Stillwell*, do go to Mr. *Nicolls*, and acquaint him, That this Houſe does deſire, that he would take upon him the Charge of an Agency from this Houſe, to repreſent unto his Majeſty, the State of this Province, and to ſolicit his Majeſty, That, for the Future, they may be eaſed from the Burdens of maintaining the Frontiers at *Albany*, and pray of him to accept thereof; and upon his Acceptance thereof,

Ordered, That all the whole Houſe, or at leaſt two Members of each County, be a Committee to draw up Inſtructions and Directions, what ſhall be thought needful for the Benefit and future Eaſe of this Province.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 5, 1695.

CAPT. *Schuyler* reports, That he had been with Mr. *Nicolls*, who anſwered, that he would conſider upon that Matter, and wait upon the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Jamiſon*, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, as follows, *viz.*

And ſaid, That the Reaſon why this Houſe had not an Anſwer of their Meſſage ſooner, was, by Reaſon his Excellency had been ſo very buſy about his Letters for *England*, that could not be ſooner diſpatched.

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, Oct. 5, 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

" HIS Excellency having conſidered the Meſſage from the Aſſembly, whereby they deſire to know what " will be needful for the Security of the Frontiers the Win- " ter enſuing. With Advice of the Council, do recommend " to them, to provide for the Pay of Major *Schuyler*'s Com- " pany, and to ſupply for the Encouragement of the Com- " panies appointed by his Majeſty, that their Number may " be kept up, to prevent Detachments."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Mr. *Nicolls* came to the Houſe, and gave his Thanks for the good Opinion they had of him, in electing him to undertake the Charge of an Agency, for the Repreſenting the State of this Province unto his Majeſty; and ſaid, it was a Matter of Weight, and that he could not ſuddenly reſolve thereon, and therefore deſired the Favour of this Houſe, that he might have two or three Days to conſider thereof; which was accordingly granted.

Ordered, That the Speaker do bring in a Bill for the Regulating the Retaining of Attornies at Law.

Upon the Conſideration of the Raiſing a Fund, for the Paying of Major *Schuyler*'s Company; it is

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Fund ſhall be raiſed, for the Payment of Major *Schuyler's* Company, from the firſt Day of *Auguſt* laſt, to the firſt Day of *March* next, according to the former Eſtabliſhment of the ſaid Company.

Adjourned till *Monday*, 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 7, 1695.

ADJOURNED till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 8, 1695.

UPON the Conſideration of his Excellency's Anſwer to the Meſſage ſent by this Houſe, for the Securing the Frontiers at *Albany*, it is

Ordered, That a Fund of *Five Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed for a Supply, for the Encouragement of the Companies appointed by his Majeſty, that their Number may be kept up, to prevent Detachments.

Mr. *Nicolls* came into the Houſe, and acquainted them, that he had conſidered of that Charge, which they had propoſed for him to undertake, and that he was very thankful for the Honour that this Houſe did him, and did recommend, that if this Houſe could find any Perſon more ſuitable for that Service, he could be very glad; but if not, he was ready to ſerve his Country, but withal, that he had no particular Buſineſs of his own, to call him to *Europe*, and that he had here a great Family, and muſt have Regard to his private Fortune, and therefore deſired that this Houſe, would take his Circumſtances into their Conſideration.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 8, 1695.

UPON the Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Agency, and likewiſe of the Anſwer that Mr. *Nicolls* gave to this Houſe, by undertaking that Charge, it is

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Mr. *Nicolls*, for his hearty Acceptance thereof, and that the Fund of *One Thouſand Pounds*, be raiſed, and employed for the Negotiating the ſaid Service.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 9, 1695.

MR. *Dukſberry*, one of the Members of this Houſe, deſired Leave of this Houſe, that he might go and look after his private Occaſions. Which was granted.

The Petition of the Repreſentatives of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, read a ſecond Time; And,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition, be committed to a Member of each County, to examine how much ſhall be allowed them for the ſaid Service, and for the Raiſing a Fund, for the Payment of the ſame, and to bring in their Report To-morrow in the Afternoon.

The Petition of Capt. *Peter Matthews*, and Capt. *Benjamin Phips*, read; and

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be ſent to his Majeſty's Receiver General, with the deſire of this Houſe, that he would be pleaſed to explain the Meaning of the Expreſſions therein mentioned, alledged to be ſaid by him.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Reade*, Major *Weſſells*, Mr. *Underhill*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Dukſberry* and Capt. *Schuyler*, be a Committee, to find out the Ways and Means, for the raiſing and adjuſting the Quota's of the reſpective Funds, concluded by this Houſe to be raiſed, for the ſeveral and reſpective Ends therein mentioned; and that the ſaid Committee, do make their Report, To-morrow at 2 o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. October 10, 1695.

MAJOR *Howell* Chairman of the Committee, appointed to find out the Ways and Means, for the raiſing and adjuſting the Quota's of the reſpective Funds, concluded by the ſaid Houſe, to be raiſed for the ſeveral and reſpective Ends therein mentioned, brought in the Report of the ſaid Committee, which was read to the Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

That at this Time, they cannot find any better Way, for the raiſing a Fund, *&c.* but by Taxes on the Real and Perſonal Eſtates, *&c.* as formerly.

That the *Thouſand Pounds* to be raiſed for the Agency, ſhall be raiſed in Proportion upon the City and County of *Albany*, as well as upon the reſt of the Counties in the Province.

That the Pay of Major *Schuyler's* Company amounts to, *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty-two Pounds*, *Twelve Shillings*, which with Incidentals, *Twenty-ſeven Pounds*, *Eight Shillings*, is in all, *Seven Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds*.

As for the Pay of a Town Major, Muſter-Maſter, Chirurgeon and Commiſſary, it is referred by the Committee, to the Conſideration of the whole Houſe.

That the ſeveral Quota's and Proportions following, of each reſpective City and County, for *One Thouſand Pounds*, ſhall be the Quota's in Proportion for all the reſpective Funds concluded by this Houſe to be raiſed for the ſeveral and reſpective Ends therein mentioned; ſave only in the *One Thouſand Pounds* Tax, to be raiſed for the Agency, the City and County of *Albany's* Quota, ſhall be *Sixty Pounds*, to be deducted in Proportion from the reſt of the Counties; the Quota's are as followeth, *viz.*

	L.	*s.*	*d.*
New-York,	307	10	0
Weſtcheſter,	55	00	0
Richmond,	25	00	0
King's County,	175	10	0
Queen's County,	157	00	0
Suffolk,	180	00	0
Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County,	90	00	0
Orange County,	10	00	0
L.	1000	00	0

By Order of the ſaid Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman.*

Whereupon the Houſe took into their Conſideration that Part of the ſaid Report that was left to them, and did agree, that there ſhould be allowed for the Time aforeſaid, the Pay for a Town Major, and a Chirurgeon until the firſt of *March*, and the Pay of a Muſter-Maſter according to the Eſtabliſhment until this Day, and from this Day, until the firſt Day of *March* next, the Allowance of 12*d. per Diem*; and for the Remainder of the ſaid Report, the Houſe doth approve thereof, and order the ſaid Committee to adjuſt the Quota's accordingly.

Capt. *Jackſon*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed to examine how much ſhall be allowed the Repreſentatives of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, according to their Petition, and to raiſe a Fund for the Payment of the ſame, brought in the Report of the ſaid Committee, which was read to the Houſe, and ordered to be re-committed to the ſaid Committee for further Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be continued, and bring in their Report To-morrow 2 o'Clock. *P. M.*

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 11, 1695.

MAJOR *Howell*, Chairman of the Committee appointed for adjuſting and ſettling the Quota's and Proportions of each reſpective City and County, *&c.* brought in the Report of the ſaid Committee, as followeth, *viz.* which was read to the Houſe, and approved, and ordered that the Speaker, bring in a Bill accordingly.

That the following Quota's and Proportions, are the juſt and equal Proportions and Quota's of each reſpective City and County, as is agreed upon by the ſaid Committee, *viz.* For the Pay of Major *Schuyler's* Company, *&c. Eight Hundred* and *Sixty-four Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings*. For the Supplies, to keep up his Majeſty's Companies, *Five Hundred Pounds*. And for the Agency, *One Thouſand Pounds*. *viz.*

The *Eight Hundred* and *Sixty-four Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings* Tax.

	L.	*s.*	*d.*
New-York,	265	17	0
Weſtcheſter,	47	11	6
Richmond,	21	12	9
King's County,	151	7	0
Queen's County,	136	4	0
Suffolk County,	155	13	0
Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County,	77	16	7
Orange County,	8	12	11

The *Five Hundred Pounds* Tax.

	L.	*s.*	*d.*
New-York,	153	15	0
Weſtcheſter,	27	10	0
Richmond,	12	10	0
King's County,	87	10	0
Queen's County,	78	15	0
Suffolk,	90	00	0
Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County,	45	00	0
Orange County.	5	00	0

The

The *One Thousand Pounds* Tax.

	£.	s.	d.
New-York,	289	1	0
Westchester,	51	14	0
Richmond,	23	10	0
King's County,	164	10	0
Queen's County,	148	1	0
Suffolk,	109	00	0
Ulster and *Dutchess* County,	84	12	0
Orange County,	9	8	0
Albany,	60	00	0
£.	1000	00	0

By Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman.*

The Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the regulating the retaining of Attornies at Law*; which was read to the House the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill against the Profanation of the Lord's Day, called Sunday*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Capt. *Jackson*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed for the further Consideration of the Petition of the Representatives of *Ulster* and *Dutchess* County, does report, That not having Time to consider of the Premisses, desires some further Time.

Ordered, That the said Committee have further Time until *Monday* next, 2 o'Clock Afternoon, to bring in their Report.

The Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled; *A Bill for the Encouragement of School-masters, in each respective City and Town, consisting of forty Families, throughout the Province*; read the first Time.

The Petition of Capt. *Matthews* and Capt. *Phips*, being taken into Consideration, with an Answer on the said Petition, to the Desire of this House, signed by *Chidley Brook*, read to the House, and referred to further Consideration.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Monday Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. October 14, 1695.

THE Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled; *A Bill for the raising the Sum of* Eight Hundred Sixty-four Pounds fifteen Shillings, *for the paying and maintaining Major* Schuyler's *Company, employed on the Frontiers, from the first of* August *last, to the first of* March *next following*; read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker brought in a Bill for the raising of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Encouragement of the Companies appointed by his Majesty; read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raising of* One Thousand Pounds, *to be employed by an Agent for the Representation of the State of the Province*, &c. read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. October 15, 1695.

THE Bill for regulating the retaining of Attornies at Law, read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill against the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill for raising a supply of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Encouragement of the Companies, &c. read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill for raising the Sum of *Eight Hundred* and *Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, for the paying and maintaining Major *Schuyler's* Company, &c. read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill for raising of *One Thousand Pounds*, to be employed by an Agent, &c. read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. October 15, 1695.

THE Bill for the regulating the retaining Attornies at Law, read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

The Bill for the raising a supply of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Encouragement of the Companies appointed by his Majesty, read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council, for their Assent.

A Controversy arising in this House about the Clerks entering an Order to the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raising* One Thousand Pounds, *to be employed by an Agent*, &c. read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed. It was alledged by several of the Members of this House, that the said Order was entered by the Direction of the Speaker; and upon the Clerk's Examination he did say, *That he thought he had the Speaker's Direction for it*; which was opposed by several of the Members of this House, particularly those that sat next him, who said they did not hear the Speaker give any such Directions. Whereupon it was put unto the Vote, *Whether the said Bill should pass as it was then read, or be amended?* And it was carried, that it ought to be amended. And upon the reading thereof with the Amendments, it was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1695.

THE Bill against the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, called *Sunday*, read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

The Bill for the raising of *Eight Hundred* and *Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, for the Paying and Maintaining Major *Schuyler's* Company, read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

The Bill for the raising of *One Thousand Pounds*, to be employed by an Agent, &c. read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Major *Demiere* and Capt. *De Key*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the three following Bills, *viz.*

The Bill for the better Observation of the Lord's Day.

The Bill for regulating Attornies at Law. And,

The Bill for raising *Five Hundred Pounds*.

The Establishment for the Pay of Major Schuyler's *Company, appointed for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province in* Albany, *from the first Day of* August *last, until the first Day of* March *next following, viz.*

	£.	s.
The Captain 212 Days, at 8*s. per Diem*,	84	16
One Lieutenant at 4*s.*	42	8
One ditto at 3*s.*	31	16
Four Serjeants, at 1*s.* 6*d.* each,	63	12
Fifty private Centinels, at 12*d.* each,	530	00
One Town Major, at 4*s.*	42	8
One Chyrurgeon, at 2*s.* 6*d.*	26	10
For Incidentals,	27	8
One Muster-Master, from the first of *August*, to the 10th of *October*, at 2*s.* 6*d. per Diem*,	8	15
For ditto from the 10th of *October*, to the First of *March*, is 142 Days, at 1*s.*	7	2
£.	864	15

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1695.

JOHN *Lawrence*, Esq; brought a Message from his Excellency and Council, after the House was adjourned, and delivered it to the Clerk of the House, to be given to the Speaker, who ordered the same to be read, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, Oct. 16, 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, &c.

"HIS Excellency did appoint Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, *William Pinhorn*, Esq; and Col. *Caleb Heathcote* a "Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Assembly, "to be thereunto appointed, upon the Bill for raising a Sup- "ply of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Encouragement of the "Companies, appointed by his Majesty, by three of the "Clock this Afternoon, at the House of Col. *Bayard*. And "that *John Lawrence*, Esq; do acquaint the Speaker thereof "forthwith, and desire him to appoint a Committee of the "Assembly accordingly.

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Consideration of said Message;

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Purdy*, Major *Demiere* and Capt. *Stillwell*, be a Committee of this House, to confer with a Committee of the Council, concerning the said Bill, &c.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, upon the said Bill, do report; That pursuant to the Order of this House, they did attend the Committee of the Council at Col. *Bayard's* House, where was offered by the Gentlemen of the Council, that there should be these Amendments made in the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the Raising a Supply of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for the Encouragement of the Companies, appointed by his Majesty*, 1*st*, That the End of the giving this Money, should be particularly expressed in the said Bill. And, 2*d*, That the Time limited for prevention of Detachments should be expressed.

Whereupon

Whereupon the ſame was taken into the Conſideration of this Houſe, and ſeveral Debates ariſing thereon, the further Conſideration thereof, was referred till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 17, 1695.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Dukſberry* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the two Bills, the one for the raiſing *One Thouſand Pounds*, for the Agency, and the other a Bill for the raiſing the Sum of *Eight Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, for the pay of Major *Schuyler's* Company.

Upon the reading the Petition of Captain *Matthews* and Captain *Phips*, together with the Anſwer of the Receiver General, to the Order of this Houſe, It is the Opinion of this Houſe, That they have, ſince the Arrival of Colonel *Sloughter*, raiſed by Acts of General Aſſembly ſufficient Supplies for the paying and maintaining the Forces raiſed for the Defence of the Frontiers, and the Incidentals thereon; and until it does appear unto this Honſe that the Supplies ſo raiſed, are defective to pay the Forces ſo employed, they cannot eſtabliſh any other Fund for their payment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council by Judge *Pinhorn*, and Colonel *Heathcote*, with two Orders of Council, and the two Bills, *viz.* The Bill againſt the Prophanation of the Lords Day, and the Bill for the raiſing a Supply of *Five Hundred Pounds*, *&c.* returned, with their Amendments annexed. The Order of Council annexed to the Bill againſt Prophanation of the Lords Day, is as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *October* 16, 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

HIS Excellency the Governor, and Council, do aſſent unto the Bill againſt the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, being three Times read, with the following Amendments, *viz.* That there be added, *Provided, that this Law ſhall no Ways extend to any Native or free* Indian *within this Province, not profeſſing the Chriſtian Religion.* And that the Interlineation, *(or to ao any Act of Neceſſity)* come in after, *Travel on the Lord's Day*, in the laſt Page.

By Order,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Co.*

The Houſe have agreed to the Amendments of the Bill againſt the Prophanation of the Lord's Day; and order they may be amended in the Bill accordingly.

The Order of Council annexed to the Bill for the raiſing of *Five Hundred Pounds*, *&c.* as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *October* 17, 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

HIS Excellency the Governor, and Council, do aſſent unto the Bill granting to his Majeſty a Supply of *Five Hundred Pounds*, *&c.* with the Amendments following, That there be a Preamble thereto, *The Houſe of Repreſentatives for his Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *being very ſenſible of his Majeſty's great Grace and Favour, in ſending Forces over from* England, *for their Safety and Defence, do pray that it may be enacted, and*, &c. And that in Page 2, Line 2, inſtead of *to prevent Detachments*, to inſert, *And to find them ſuch Neceſſaries that they may be able to ſubſiſt, and towards eaſing the Inhabitants of the Province from Detachments, for the enſuing Winter Service.* Order'd, *William Pinhorn*, Eſq; and Colonel *Heathcote* do carry down the Bill againſt Prophanation of the Lord's Day, with the Amendments, and deſire the Conſent of the Houſe thereunto,

By Order,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Co.*

The Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage referred 'til 2 o' Clock Afternoon.

Adjourned 'til two o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 17, 1695.

UPON the Conſideration of the Amendments ſent down by the Governor and Council, annexed to the Bill for the raiſing the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, *&c.* it is thought fit, for the more plain and clear underſtanding of the Intent of the ſaid Amendments, that his Excellency and Council be deſired to appoint a Committee of their Board, to confer with a Committee of this Houſe upon the ſaid Matter. And that Major *Howell*, Mr. *De Key*, Captain *Reade*. Mr. *Weſſels*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, and Colonel *Beekman*, be the ſaid Committee, and wait upon his Excellency and Council, to know when they will be attended on that Subject accordingly. And that they alſo carry up the Bill againſt the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, with its Amendments.

Major *Howell* reports, That according to the Order of this Houſe, he had been with his Excellency, and that he had delivered the Bill, and the Meſſage, and that the Council was adjourned; but that To-morrow Morning his Excellency would appoint a Committee according to the deſire of this Houſe.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1695.

MR. *Abeel*, one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *Albany*, having urgent Occaſions to repair Home deſires Leave of this Houſe, to go about his Occaſions; which was granted accordingly.

Col. *Monviele* brought to this Houſe a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, which was read to the Houſe, as follows, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, Oct. 18, 1695.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Banjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"IN Anſwer to a Meſſage brought from the Aſſemby, Yeſterday Evening, his Excellency did appoint *Wil-* "*liam Nicolls*, Eſq; *William Pinhorn*, Eſq; and Col. *Caleb* "*Heathcote*, a Committee to meet the Committee of the Aſ- "ſembly, to confer upon the Meaning of the Amendments "of the Bill, for raiſing a Supply of *Five Hundred Pounds*, "*&c.* in order to a plain and clear Underſtanding, *&c.* His "Excellency did likewiſe appoint the ſame Committee, to "confer with a Committee of the Aſſembly, upon ſome A- "mendments made in the Bill, for raiſing *Eight Hundred* and "*Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, viz. *That inſtead of* "*Major* Schuyler's *Company*, throughout the Bill, the Title "thereof, and the Eſtabliſhment annexed, be inſerted, *A* "*Company of Fuzileers, employed on the Frontiers, at preſent* "*under the Command of Major* Schuyler. And that Lieut. "Col. *Monviele*, doth deſire the Aſſembly to appoint a Com- "mittee, to confer thereof accordingly."

per Order

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage, and of the Amendments ſent down to the Bill, for the raiſing of *Eight Hundred* and *Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, &c.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee, be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council, about the ſaid Amendments to the Bill, for the raiſing *Eight Hundred* and *Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, &c. as aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the Speaker bring in a Bill, for the renewing the Act, for Courts of Judicature.

Major *Howell* reports from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, That they had agreed to the Amendments, ſent down to the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing the Sum of*, Eight Hundred *and* Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, *&c.* Which the Houſe did approve of, and ordered that it may be entered in the ſaid Bill accordingly.

He alſo reports, That they had conferred with the ſaid Committee of the Council concerning the Amendment of the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing a Supply of*, Five Hundred Pounds, *for the Encouragement of the Companies appointed by his Majeſty*; and upon the whole Matter, did conclude, That if the Houſe did not agree to theſe Amendments, that they would be pleaſed to explain in the ſaid Bill, the Uſes the ſaid Money was deſigned for. Whereupon it was

Ordered, That in Lieu of the Words, *For the Encouragement of the Companies appointed by his Majeſty, that their Number may be kept up*; there be put in theſe Words following, to wit, *To be diſtributed amongſt ſuch, as ſhall hereafter be liſted in the Companies appointed by his Majeſty, and to find them ſuch Neceſſaries for to enable them to ſubſiſt, as ſhall be directed by his Excellency and Council*; and that the ſame be affixed to the Bill, and ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Capt. *Reade* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the Bill, for the raiſing of *Five Hundred Pounds*, with its Amendments.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Reade*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Weſſells* and Mr. *Demiere*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet with a Committee of the Council, for the drawing of an Addreſs unto his Majeſty, and the making a Repreſentation of the State of this Province, to be ſent by the Agent, and that they wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deſire that they would appoint a Committee accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

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Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. October 18, 1695.

Ordered, THAT the said Committee carry up the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raising*, Eight Hundred *and* Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, (with its Amendments) to the Governor and Council.

Ordered, That the Committee, appointed to examine how much shall be allowed to the Representatives of *Ulster* and *Dutchess* County, *&c.* do bring in their Report To-morrow Morning; and that the Clerk attend the said Committee to draw up their Report.

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. October 19, 1695.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by *John Lawrence*, Esq; read to the House, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *October* 19, 1695.

"IN Answer to a Message from the Assembly, setting forth, that they have appointed a Committee for the "drawing up an Address to his Majesty, and a Representation "of the State of the Province, by the Agent to be sent Home, "and desire a Committee may be appointed to join with them "therein: It is ordered, Colonel *Nicholas Bayard*, *Chidley "Brook*, Esq; *William Nicolls*, Esq; *William Pinborn*, Esq; and "Colonel *Caleb Heathcote*, or any three of them, be a Com"mittee of the Council to join the said Committee of the As"sembly, and confer with them about the said Address and Re"presentation, and are to meet at Colonel *Heathcote's* Cham"ber on *Monday* next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning."

By Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Co.*

Upon the reading the said Message, Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do attend (at the Time and Place appointed) the Committee of the Council accordingly.

The Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for confirming and continuing an Act of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature for the Ease and Benefit of each respective City, Town and County within this Province.* Which was read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

Adjourned 'til *Monday*, two o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. October 21, 1695.

CAPT. *Whitehead* reports from the Committee, appointed by this House, to meet with a Committee of the Council, for the drawing of an Address unto his Majesty, *&c.* That according to the Order of this House, they did attend at the Time and Place appointed, upon the said Committee of Council, and that they had concluded, that an Address should be made unto his Majesty, and that the Gentlemen of the Council would take Care to draw it up, and send it to this House for their Concurrence; and that the Representation of the State of the Province should be particularly expressed in the Instructions, that should be given to the Agent, which they would likewise send down to this House for their Approbation: and likewise that they would make a just Computation of the Taxes raised, and of the Revenue, from the Time of Col. *Slaughter's* Arrival, and send it also down to this House.

Capt. *Schuyler* brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill enabling the Militia of each respective City and County, throughout the Province, to raise a Rate for the defraying their necessary and contingent Charges, during the War*; read the first Time, and rejected.

The Bill for continuing Courts of Judicature, read the second Time, and ordered to be committed.

The Committee to whom the said Bill was committed, do report, that they have amended the said Bill.

The said Bill, with its Amendments, read to the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. October 22, 1695.

THE Bill for continuing Courts of Judicature two Years longer, read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Mr. *Jamison*, Clerk of the Council, brought a Message from his Excellency and Council, requiring the Speaker, with the whole House, to attend his Excellency at the Council Chamber immediately; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole House, to the Fort accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, resumed the Chair, and reports to the House, That his Excellency had sent for them, to acquaint them, that he had passed the four Bills following, *viz.*

The Bill for regulating Attornies at Law.

The Bill against Profanation of the Lord's Day.

The Bill for the raising One Thousand Pounds, *for the Agency.*

And the Bill for the raising Eight Hundred *and* Sixty-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, *for the Pay of the Company, now under the Command of Major* Schuyler.

But for the Bill of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for a Supply to his Majesty's Companies, he had rejected, being no ways capable to Answer the End. And that he did expect, that the Application that was to be made to his Majesty, by the Agent, might have such Effect, as to give an Ease to the heavy Burdens, the Province did now lie under, either by sending Supplies of Money, or Orders to our Neighbours for our Relief; but in the mean Time, the Frontiers were weak, and some amongst us, could inform us of the bad Posture they were in, by the daily Desertion of the Soldiers lately sent over. And though he had only the King's Sign Manuel to our Neighbours, yet he had the broad Seal of *England* for this Province, and being our Captain General, he did expect that the Quota of 200 Men, which the King had appointed for this Province, should be at the Frontiers; that there was already 50 of them there, and that he wanted our Advice, and recommended the Quota's to our Care, and that we should go together to consider of the easiest Way, to answer that End with all Speed; and if any Difficulty did arise, we might have a Conference with the Council thereupon.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Key* and Mr. *Demiere*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the Bill, for continuing Courts of Judicature, *&c.*

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. October 22, 1695.

UPON the Consideration of what his Excellency was pleased to propose to this House this Morning, concerning the Quota's of this Province, for securing the Frontiers; it is

Ordered, That an Address be made to his Excellency and Council, That they would be pleased to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this House, for a further Explanation of his Excellency's Meaning, concerning the said Quota.

And that Major *Howell*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Duksberry*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Abeel*, and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, be the said Committee, and that Mr. *Tuthill* and Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry up this Address to his Excellency and Council for their Assent.

Capt. *Stillwell* reports, That he delivered the said Address to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, that To-morrow Morning, he would send down to this House, his Answer.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. October 23, 1695.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, brought down by Mr. *Jamison*, Clerk of the Council, which he read to the House, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, Oct. 23, 1695.

PRESENT,
His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"IN Answer to a Message come from the Assembly last Evening, desiring a Committee of the Council may "be appointed, for the further Explanation of his Excellen"cy's Meaning concerning the Quota's;

"*Ordered*, Col. *Stephanus Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, "*William Nicolls*, Esq; and *William Pinborn*, Esq; be a Com"mittee of the Council to that Purpose, and that they forth"with join the Committee of the Assembly."

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

Major *Howell* reports from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, That pursuant to the Directions of this House, they had attended the Committee of the Council, at Col. *Cortlandt's*; who, upon the Conference, received from the Gentlemen of the Council, this Explanation, of what his Excellency was pleased to propose Yesterday, That he did expect that this House, should raise 150 Men, to make the Forces, there already raised by the Country, 200 Men, as being the Quota of this Province, appointed by his Majesty; which he, as Captain General, did require the same; or otherwise, That this House would raise a Fund, for to augment the Pay of three Companies, sent over by

by his Majeſty, *4d. per Diem*; Then his Excellency would make the Officers keep the Companies full, and ſend them into other Colonies to liſt Men.

Upon the Conſideration of the Report, brought into this Houſe, by the Committee, appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council, upon the Explanation of what his Excellency propoſed Yeſterday, *&c.* it was unanimouſly *Reſolved*, That if his Excellency would be pleaſed to accept of the Sum of *Seven Hundred Pounds*, Current Money of this Province, as a reaſonable Supply, to enable him to keep the Men that are now in the Companies appointed by his Majeſty, and to encourage others to liſt themſelves, ſo that thoſe Companies may be full, and this Province, free from further Detachments, until the firſt of *May* next, except in Caſe of Invaſion or Rebellion.

And upon his Excellency's accepting thereof, it is ordered, That the Speaker bring in a Bill accordingly; and that Major *Howell*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Reade*, and Mr. *Sebring* wait upon his Excellency and Council, to know his Pleaſure therein.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 23, 1695.

MAJOR *Howell* reports, That he had delivered the Reſolution of this Houſe unto his Excellency; who told them, That he would call his Council To-morrow Morning upon the ſame, and ſend them his Anſwer.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 24, 1695.

A Bill for the raiſing *Seven Hundred Pounds*, to enable his Excellency to keep the Men that are now in the Companies appointed by his Majeſty, and to encourage others to liſt themſelves in the ſame; read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The ſame Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſame Bill read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Colonel *Beekman*, Mr. *De Key*, Captain *Whitehead*, and Mr. *Tuthill*, carry up the ſaid Bill to the Governor and Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Houſe do bring in an Account of what Charges hath accrued for Officers Salaries, Houſe Rent, and other Expence during this Seſſions.

The Account of Houſe Rent, Salaries, Expences, *&c.* brought in by the Clerk, and read, and approved, *&c.*

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Excellency the Governor and Council, to order his Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General to pay to *John Clapp*, Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Thirty-nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, which is for ſo much due for Salaries to the Clerk, Door-keeper, Houſe Rent, and ſeveral other Expences during this Seſſions of Aſſembly, as by the Account thereof this Day brought into the Houſe doth appear.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Council, to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty, do go to the ſaid Committee of the Council, in order to the compleating the ſame.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 24, 1695.

MR. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, requiring the Attendance of this Houſe at the *Fort* immediately. Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the *Fort*, accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe, That his Excellency did acquaint them, that he had paſſed the laſt two Bills ſent up, *viz.* The Bill for reviving Courts of Judicature; and, The Bill for the raiſing *Seven Hundred Pounds*, *&c.* and that if yet there was any Thing left undone by the Houſe, that we ſhould go together and conſider thereof; and alſo what Time this Houſe thought convenient for an Adjournment.

Upon the reading the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty, and to repreſent the State of the Province, it is ordered, That the ſaid Committee do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and to know what Steps they have made therein, finding it abſolutely neceſſary that the ſame be accompliſhed before this Seſſions breaks up.

Captain *Schuyler* reports from the ſaid Committee, That they had been with his Excellency, and that his Excellency would call his Council upon the ſame, and ſend them his Anſwer.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 25, 1695.

ADJOURNED 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 25, 1695.

MR. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, brought down the Addreſs drawn up to his Majeſty, and alſo Inſtructions to be ſent by the Agent; which were both read to the Houſe; the Conſideration whereof referred 'til To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Sabatti, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 26, 1695.

UPON the further Conſideration of the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and Inſtructions thereupon, the Houſe doth approve thereof, and doth order, that the Speaker do ſign the ſame, in behalf of the Repreſentatives of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Province. And that Captain *Reade*, Mr. *Sebring*, and Mr. *Dukſberry*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with this Approbation of the Houſe.

Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, requiring the Attendance of this Houſe at the *Fort*, in order to the publiſhing the Laws. Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the *Fort* accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair, and acquainted this Houſe, That they had attended upon his Excellency to the Publication of the ſeveral Acts following, according to the uſual Manner. And that there was publiſhed,

1. *An Act for regulating Attornies at Law.*
2. *The Act againſt Prophanation of the Lord's Day.*
3. *The Act for raiſing* One Thouſand Pounds *for the Agency.*
4. *The Act for the raiſing* Eight Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Fifteen Shillings, *for the Pay of the Company now under the Command of Major* Schuyler.
5. *The Act for the raiſing* Seven Hundred Pounds, *to enable his Excellency to keep up the Companies appointed by his Majeſty.*
6. *The Act for reviving Courts of Judicature*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned, according to his Excellency's Direction, until the 25th Day of *March* next.

Die Mercurij, *A. M. March* 25, 1696.

THIS Morning according to Adjournment, Mr. Speaker attended the Houſe, where were only, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *De Key*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Sebring*; and Mr. Speaker ſent the Clerk, to wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, how many of the Members were preſent; the Clerk returned, acquainted Mr Speaker, that he had been with his Excellency, and that it was his Excellency's Opinion, that by Reaſon the next *Friday* is a Faſt Day, and that no more of the Repreſentatives being come to Town, that Mr. Speaker do adjourn the Houſe, until Monday Morning 10 o'Clock next; and the Houſe adjourned until Monday Morning 10 o'Clock accordingly.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 30, 1696.

THE Roll of the Houſe being called over, were found preſent only, Mr. Speaker, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *De Key*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*; and no more of the Members appearing, Mr. Speaker, adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 31, 1696.

THE Roll of the Houſe being called over, were found preſent only, Mr. Speaker, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *De Key*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Dukſberry* and Mr. *Purdy*; and there not being a Quorum of the Houſe, Mr. Speaker adjourned (after Order given, that the Meſſenger of this Houſe, do leave poſitive Orders, at the reſpective Lodgings of the abſent Members, not to depart out of Town, until the Houſe are fully met) until To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

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Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. April 1, 1696.

THE Roll of the House being called over, were found present, the aboveſaid nine Gentlemen, with Major *Hewell*, Mr. *Tuthill*, *John Van Ecklen* and *Cornelius Sebring*; and the *Hudſon's River* Members not being come to Town, Mr. Speaker did order Mr. *Tuthill* and Mr. *Purdy*, to wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them thereof; who returned, and did acquaint Mr. Speaker and this House, that his Excellency did ſay, he would gladly have a full House before he did proceed upon any Buſineſs, and thought it convenient, to adjourn the House for a Day or two; whereupon Mr. Speaker adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. April 2, 1696.

THE Roll of the House being called over, were found present the ſeveral Members before recited; and the *Hudſon River* Members not being yet come to Town, Mr. Speaker ordered Capt. *Reede* and Capt. *Whitehead*, to acquaint his Excellency and Council therewith; the two Gentlemen returned, report to Mr. Speaker and the House, that his Excellency did not think it convenient, that the House ſhould proceed upon any material Buſineſs, until there was a full House; and that it was his Excellency's Opinion, to adjourn uptil Monday next; whereupon Mr. Speaker did adjourn the House until Monday Morning next, 10 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 10 ho. A. M. April 6, 1696.

THE *Hudſon's River* Members, being not yet come, Mr. Speaker, did adjourn the House until 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. April 6, 1696.

FOR the Reaſons aboveſaid, Mr. Speaker did adjourn the House until To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. April 7, 1696.

THE Roll of the House being called over, were found abſent only, *Humphry Underhill*, one of the Repreſentatives of *Weſtcheſter* County.

Ordered, That Major *Domiere* and Mr. *Rensſelaer*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, that we are now a full House, and attends their Pleaſure. Mr. *Purdy*, the other Repreſentative for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, does report to the House, that his Coleague *Humphry Underhill*, did deſire Leave of the House, to be excuſed from his preſent Attendance, having extraordinary Occaſions to keep him at Home.

The House does excuſe Mr. *Underhill* for the Preſent, until further Conſideration.

Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency, who expected the Attendance of Mr. Speaker and the whole House, at the Fort immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole House at the Fort accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair, and reports to the House the Heads of his Excellency's Speech, as followeth, *viz.* That his Excellency did chiefly recommend that this House would in Return (to the many great Favours that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to extend unto this Province, by ſupplying them with Men and Stores of War, for their Security and Defence) make a ſuitable Proviſion for the Security of the Frontiers, which of late is much decayed by Death, Deſertion, and otherwiſe; and that alſo they would take into their Conſideration the finiſhing the Chapel in the *Fort*, which was encouraged by a former Aſſembly, upon his Majeſty's royal Letter for building the ſame; and likewiſe that we would take into Conſideration the Debts of the Government; and for that End he had appointed Colonel *Cortlandt* and Colonel *Heathcote* to State the Accounts of the Taxes, and of the Revenue, and lay them before this House; and further, that the Money that was raiſed in the laſt Seſſions to enable his Excellency to keep the Men, &c. and is now to be paid, which tho' it is to be ordered as his Excellency ſhall direct, yet he deſires that a Committee of this House may be appointed to join with a Committee of the Council to adviſe the Diſpoſal thereof, and he would iſſue out his Warrants accordingly. But for the prevention of any Miſtakes that may ariſe thereon, It is ordered, That Major *Wiſſels* and Captain *De Key* do wait upon his Excellency, and deſire a Copy of his Speech, that the House may take the ſame into Conſideration immediately.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. April 7, 1696.

MR *Jamiſon* brought to the House his Excellency's Speech, which was read; and ordered, that the Thanks of this House be given to his Excellency, for his favourable Speech; and that the ſame be taken into Conſideration immediately. The Speech as follows:

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen Repreſentatives,

"THE great Favours and Kindneſſes we have received from our moſt gracious King, calls for the utmoſt "Extent of our Obedience and Gratitude.

"His Majeſty, by late Supplies (of Men, Artillery, and other "Forces of War) with the royal Commands for Aſſiſtance from "the neighbouring Governments (if a due Compliance be made) "has enabled us to withſtand and oppoſe all our Enemies, and "to live in a happy Security. Nothing but our Sins can render "his Majeſties Care ineffectual; the Bleſſing of Almighty "God will go along with our Endeavours, if we firſt aſſert "our Duty to him, and pay a true Deference to our Prince: "Obedience to Government is a Part of Religion.

"The King neither commands nor deſires any Thing of "us, but what may contribute to our own Felicity; and this "will be eaſily accompliſhed by a proper Uſe of theſe Helps "he has graciouſly condeſcended to give us.

"It muſt be conſidered that all Utenſils of War are but "Tools, and of no Uſe without Hands to employ them.

"The King has ſent us Men to Work with theſe Tools, "for our Eaſe and Safety. But Men wear out; they die; "they deſert; are often ſick and weak: Armies and Bat-"talions muſt be kept up by conſtant Recruits, elſe they "crumble to Nothing.

"The Forces late ſent over are much weakened ſince their "Arrival, and will be more ſo unleſs ſome proper Encourage-"ment be thought of for them, as in the like Caſes practiſed "in the *Leeward Iſlands*. The Rate of Labourers runs high "in this Country, that moſt neceſſitous Men rather chooſe to "earn their Bread by the Spade than the Sword.

"We ſhall Want both Men and Money to render his Ma-"jeſty's gracious Aſſiſtance anſwerable to his royal Intentions.

"It ought ever to be acknowledged with an humble Senſe "on our Parts, that notwithſtanding his Majeſty's preſent Preſ-"ſures, the great and bloody War he is engaged in, the daily "Hazards he expoſes his ſacred Perſon to, yet he remembers "this little Handful of his People. Let us not forget what "we owe to ſuch a King, to ſuch royal Bounty; let us not "forget ourſelves, but wiſely conſider our own Safety, by "ſtrengthening our Frontiers, which I chiefly propoſe to you "as the beſt Return we can make, the moſt acceptable Service "we can do, to our King and to our Country.

"His Majeſty has by his royal Letters recommended to us "the building a Chapel in the *Fort*; a former Aſſembly took "ſome Notice of it: I hope you will not be wanting on your "Parts to forward and finiſh it.

"I have directed Colonel *Cortlandt* and Colonel *Heathcote* "to lay before you a clear Account, both of the Revenue "and Taxes, which will give you Satisfaction; you'll find the "Government in Debt; and conſider that ſuch Gentlemen as "have advanced Money upon the Credit of it may not ſuffer "for their Zeal for the public Welfare, being the Money thus "lent has been when Alarms or other Exigences have called "for an immediate Care, wherein our common Safety ſeemed "concerned, and at ſuch Seaſons when we could not timely "meet in Aſſembly. I will not doubt your Care in a Matter of "ſuch Moment; you will all concur to keep up the Credit of "the Government, which in ſome meaſure is the Safety of it.

"The Money granted laſt Seſſions, is in a great Part left to "my Diſpoſe (it is not yet paid): I deſire, for my own Eaſe "and your Satisfaction, that a Committee of the Houſe may "confer with a Committee of the Council on this Matter, "that the Money be applied to the public good. I would have "it obvious to you, and to all Men, that it is not converted "to any by or private End; nor do I deſire one Penny of it "ſhould be paid into me, nor to be any further concerned "than to ſign Warrants for the Payment of it to ſuch Uſes "as you ſhall adviſe.

"Gentlemen, I wiſh you a good Agreement and Underſtand-"ing amongſt yourſelves, that his Majeſty's Favours be not "loſt upon us; but that the Safety, Honour, and Proſperity of "this Province may be truly conſidered, as by his Majeſty in "the repeated Succours he has been graciouſly pleaſed to ſend "us; ſo on our Parts, by an humble Acknowledgement for them, "and a proper Application of them."

Adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1696.

Ordered,

THAT that Part of his Excellency's Speech which was under the Conſideration of the Houſe laſt Night, be taken into the Conſideration immediately. Whereupon the Houſe has had the Conſideration thereof all this Morning, and referred the further Conſideration thereof until 2 o'Clock Afternoon. And the Houſe adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon accordingly.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 8, 1696.

THE further Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech referred to this Afternoon, is referred 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock; and the Houſe adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 9, 1696.

UPON the further Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the ſtrengthening of the Frontiers at *Albany*, for the Safety of the Province;

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Mr. *Reade* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deſire that his Excellency would be pleaſed to appoint a Committee of the Council, to confer with a Committee of this Houſe, upon the eaſieſt and the beſt Means for the effecting of the ſame.

Ordered, That Colonel *Beekman*, Major *Howell*, Captain *Jackſon*, Major *Weſſells*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Dukſberry*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Captain *Reade*, and Captain *De Key*, or any Six of them, be a Committee to conſer with a Committee that ſhall be appointed by his Excellency and Council, concerning that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the ſtrengthening of the Frontiers at *Albany*, for the Safety of this Province; and of the eaſieſt and beſt Means for the effecting of the ſame.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 9, 1696.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Colonel *Willet*, as follows, *&c.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort in New-York, *the* 9th *of* April, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"HIS Excellency ordered to be read, a Meſſage from the Aſſembly, deſiring a Committee of the Council "to be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Aſſembly, "concerning ſtrengthening the Frontiers at *Albany*, *&c.* for the "Safety of the Province, being the firſt Thing recommended "to them in his Excellency's Speech. *Ordered*, Colonel *Ste*"*phanus Cortlandt*, Colonel *Nicholas Bayard*, Colonel *William* "*Smith*, *William Pinhorn*, Eſq; and Colonel *Caleb Heathcote*, "be a Committee of the Council, to confer with a Committee "of the Aſſembly thereupon accordingly, at the Houſe of "Colonel *Cortlandt*, Half an Hour after 3 this Afternoon.

"Colonel *Thomas Willett* to deliver this Meſſage to the Aſ"ſembly." *per Order*,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Co.*

Upon reading the ſaid Meſſage, *Ordered*, That the Committee appointed for the ſaid Conference do attend at the Time and Place appointed accordingly.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 7 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 7 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1696.

MAJOR *Howell*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee for a Conference with a Committee of the Council, does Report to the Houſe, That purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, they did attend the Committee of the Council at the Time and Place appointed, and had Conference upon that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to ſtrengthening of the Frontiers at *Albany*, for the Safety of the Province, and the eaſieſt and beſt Means for the effecting the ſame. After ſome Time ſpent in Debate thereon, the Gentlemen of the Council came to this Reſult, That the eaſieſt and the beſt Means for the anſwering that End, according to that Part of his Excellency's Speech, was for this Houſe to raiſe the Fund of *Twenty-four Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence*, to enable his Excellency to levy and pay One Hundred and Twenty Men, to be added to the preſent Forces employed for the Defence of the ſaid Frontiers for one Year; together with the Sum of *Three Pounds*, per Head, levy Money; but if the ſcarcity of Men ſhould be ſuch that his Excellency ſhould not be able to effect the ſame, then a Part of the ſaid Money ſhould be employed for the paying of ſuch Forces as his Excellency ſhall detach for the ſaid Service.

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Report, it is unanimouſly agreed, That a Fund of *Twenty-five Hundred and Ninety three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence*, be raiſed, and employed by his Excellency for the raiſing and paying One Hundred and Twenty effective Men, to be added to the preſent Forces employed for the Defence of the Frontiers at *Albany*, for the Safety of the Province, for one Year; and the Reſidue thereof to be diſtributed amongſt the four Companies of Soldiers that his Majeſty ſent over for the Security of this Province, in ſuch Manner as his Excellency ſhall think fit, as a ſufficient Strength to free the Inhabitants of this Province from Detachments for the ſaid Year.

The Houſe took into their Conſideration what was concluded Yeſterday; and,

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 7 o'Clock.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. April* 11, 1696.

Ordered,

THAT the ſaid Year begins the firſt Day of *May*, *Anno* 1696, and terminates the firſt Day of *May*, 1697; and that the Speaker bring in a Bill for the raiſing of the ſaid Money accordingly.

Then the Houſe took into Conſideration the ſecond Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Chapel in the Fort, and ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be taken when the Accounts and Debts of the Government is laid before this Houſe.

Then the Houſe ordered, That that Part of his Excellency's Speech ſhould be taken into Conſideration relating to the Accounts and Debts of the Government.

Ordered, That the Committee to which the Petition of the Repreſentatives of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County was committed, do bring in their Report on *Wedneſday* Morning next 10 o' Clock.

Upon the Conſideration of the Accounts and Debts of the Government.

Ordered, That Captain *Schuyler*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Captain *Reade*, Colonel *Beekman*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Weſſels*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Captain *De Key*, and Major *Demiere*, or any Six of them, be a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Revenue and Taxes, and the Debts of the Government, that ſhall be laid before them by Colonel *Cortlandt* and Colonel *Heathcote*, according to the Direction of his Excellency; and make Report thereof to this Houſe of their Proceedings therein on *Wedneſday* Morning next, 8 o'Clock. And the Houſe adjourned 'til *Wedneſday* Morning 8 o'Clock accordingly.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1696.

MAJOR *Howell*, Chairman of the Committee to examine the Accounts of the Revenue and Taxes, *&c.* reports, That purſuant to the Direction of this Houſe, they had proceeded in the Examination of the Accounts of the Taxes, and the additional Duty (that of the Revenue not yet having been laid before them) and they have made ſome Progreſs therein, but not ſo fully as may be needful to inform the Houſe of the Matter; and deſires that ſome further Time may be allowed them to make their ſaid Report. Whereupon the ſaid Committee is revived, and have Leave to make their Report To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing of* One Hundred and Twenty *effective Men, to be employed by his Excellency for the reinforcing and ſtrengthening the Frontiers of this Province at* Albany, *over and above the preſent Number of Forces poſted and employed there, for the Safety of this and neighbouring Provinces; to continue there for one whole Year, from the firſt of* May *next, to the firſt of* May, *in the Year* 1697. *And for the raiſing of the Sum of* Two Thouſand Five Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, *to be diſtributed by his Excellency the Captain General, amongſt the ſaid Men, and the Reſt of the four Companies ſent over by his Majeſty.*

Which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Do. Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to the aforeſaid Committee, for the ſettling the Quota's thereof; by Reaſon that the Repreſentatives of *King's* County did move to the Houſe, that their County was over burthened, in Proportion to the other Counties, and make Report at 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. April 15, 1696.

THE Committee aboveſaid, prays they may have Leave ſome further Time, for the bringing in their Report.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be revived, and bring in their Report To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. April 16, 1696.

THE Report of the Committee, to examine the Accounts of the Revenue and Taxes, &c. was brought into the Houſe, and read; and referred to further Conſideration.

The Report of the Committee, to which the Petition of the Repreſentatives of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, was committed, brought in, and read to the Houſe, and approved, which Report is as followeth, *viz.*

WHEREAS, there has been ſeveral Alarms, in ſeveral Parts of this Government; and yet no Tax nor Levy made, to ſatisfy what Charges has accrued thereby, when any Levy or Tax is made to ſatisfy the ſame; then thoſe Perſons concerned in *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, ſhall ſhare in the ſaid Levy and Tax, proportionable to their Service done.

John Jackſon, Chairman.

The Committee appointed for the Settling the ſeveral Quota's, of each reſpective City and County, brought in their Report, which was read and approved, and ordered to be inſerted in the Bill accordingly; the Report as followeth, *viz.*

That the ſeveral Quota's and Proportions for each reſpective City and County, ſhall be as followeth, *viz.* in equal Proportion to the Diviſions made laſt Seſſions, by *One Thouſand Pounds*, for all the Funds raiſed that Seſſions, *viz.*

	£.	s.	d.
City and County of *New-York*,	797	9	0
Weſtcheſter,	142	12	8
Richmond,	64	16	8
King's County,	455	2	8
Queen's County,	407	3	0
Suffolk,	466	16	0
Ulſter and *Dutcheſs* County,	233	8	0
Orange County,	25	18	8
	£. 2593	6	8

Matthew Howell, *Chairman*.

The Bill for raiſing 120 Men, and *Two Thouſand, Five Hundred* and *Ninety-three Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Eight-pence*; read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Capt. *Jackſon* and Mr. *Tuthill*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Philipſe*, brought from his Excellency and Council, a Meſſage as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort *in* New-York, April 16, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"*Ordered*,

"IT be recommended to the Aſſembly, to conſider of a Bill, for the Payment of Major *Schuyler's* Company, "from the firſt of *March* laſt, to the firſt of *May* next enſuing, being two Months, and that *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; "deliver this Recommendation." *per Order*,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

As alſo, A Bill, entitled, *A* Bill *for the better enabling the Executors of* Thomas Lloyd, *Eſq; deceaſed, for ſelling of Lands, for the Payment of Debts and Portions, ſettled by the ſaid* Thomas Lloyd *and* Patience *his Wife, upon her Children, by her former Huſband* Robert Story, *deceaſed.*

Do. Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Do. Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Do. Bill read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up to his Excellency and Council, the ſaid Bill.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. April 16, 1696.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Monviele*, which was read in the Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort *in* New-York, April 16, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"*Ordered*,

COLONEL *Stephanus Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, Col. *William Smith*, *William Pinhorn*, Eſq; "and Col. *Caleb Heathcote*; be a Committee, to confer with "a Committee of the Aſſembly, concerning an Amendment "in the Bill, for the raiſing *Two Thouſand, Five Hundred* "and *Ninety-three Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Eight-pence*; &c. "*viz.* concerning theſe Words in the Bill; *To free the Inhabitants of this Province from Detachments, except, in caſe of "Invaſion or Rebellion, for the Space and during the Term of "one whole Year, to commence on the firſt Day of* May *next*, "*enſuing the Publication hereof, and to end and terminate upon the "firſt Day of* May *then next following.*

"*Ordered*, Lieut. Col. *Monviele*, do carry down this Meſ"ſage, and deſire the Aſſembly, to appoint a Committee "accordingly, to meet forthwith, at Col. *Cortlandt's* Houſe." *per Order*,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage;

Ordered, That Capt. *Whitehead* and Capt. *Stillwell*, be added to the Committee formerly appointed, to confer with a Committee of the Council, and that they do confer with the ſaid Committee of the Council, according to the ſaid Meſſage, at the Time and Place appointed accordingly, and make Report thereof, To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. April 17, 1696.

MR. Speaker, brought in a Letter he received from *Humphry Underhill*, a Member of this Houſe, which was read, and the Houſe does excuſe the ſaid *Underhill*, from his Attendance at the Houſe this Seſſions, by Reaſon of thoſe Allegations, in his ſaid Letter expreſſed.

Major *Howell*, Chairman of the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, upon the Amendment of the Bill, ſent down by his Excellency and Council, do report, that according to the Order of this Houſe did meet with the Gentlemen of the Council, appointed for that Conference, and had ſome Debate upon the Amendment of ſaid Bill, *viz.* concerning theſe Words in the Bill, *To Free the Inhabitants of this Province from Detachments, except in Caſe of Invaſion or Rebellion, and for the Space and during the Term of one whole Year*, &c. Whereupon it was concluded by the Gentlemen of the Council, that if the Words, *except in Caſe of Invaſion or Rebellion*, were removed, and in Lieu thereof, the Words, *Except in Caſe of inevitable Neceſſity*; that then, they did believe, his Excellency would paſs the ſaid Bill.

Whereupon the Houſe took the ſame into Conſideration, and did agree to the ſaid Amendment; and ordered, that the Aſſent of this Houſe, be ſent up to his Excellency and Council accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Van Ecklen* and Capt. *Jackſon*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up this Aſſent of the Houſe, to the ſaid Amendment.

The Speaker communicated a Letter to the Houſe, that he had received from his Excellency, relating to ſome Diſcourſe he had with his Excellency this Morning; which Letter was read, together with a Copy of his Excellency's Warrant, which he iſſued out for the raiſing of Volunteers, and Detaching of Men, for the Reinforcing the Frontiers, purſuant to the *Six Thouſand Pounds* Act; and alſo, the laſt Clauſe of the ſaid Act, which they find agreeable to his Excellency's ſaid Warrant.

And Order, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be given unto his Excellency for his favourable Condeſcention to this Houſe in that Matter.

The Houſe took into Conſideration, the Debts of the Government, and referred the further Conſideration thereof, until 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. April 17, 1696.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Colonel *Smith*, read to the Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort *in* New-York, April 17, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"THE Bill for raiſing *Two Thouſand, Five Hundred* and *Ninety-three Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Eight-pence*; being read a ſecond Time, and it being obſerved, "there is preſent Occaſion for Money, for levying Recruits "for the Frontiers, and for the Encouragement of thoſe that "are there; that there is but little of the *Seven Hundred* "*Pounds*, raiſed laſt Seſſions, paid to the Receiver General, "and the firſt Payment of the Sum of *Two Thouſand, Five "Hundred* and *Ninety-three Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Eight-"pence*; directed to be made the 27th of *September*, next, "and

" and no Provision made in the Bill, for raising an immediate " Supply, for the Uses intended in the said Act; it is "

" *Ordered*, The Gentlemen of the Council of the last Committee, be a Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Assembly, to be appointed thereunto; upon some Method, to provide for a present Supply of Money, to answer said Uses accordingly.

" *Ordered*, Col. *Smith* deliver this Message, and desire their Committee to meet at Col. *Cortlandt's*, at 2 o'Clock Afternoon."

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Consideration of the said Message;

Ordered, That Major *Howell*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Major *Wessells*, Mr. *Rensselaer*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Duksberry*, Mr. *Van Eckelen*, Capt. *De Key*, Capt. *Reade* and Col. *Beekman*; be a Committee of this House, to confer with a Committee of the Council, upon the Contents of the said Message; at the Time and Place appointed accordingly.

The Committee returned, Major *Howell*, Chairman of the same, doth report, That the Gentlemen of the Council proposes, that in Regard there is no present Money for the answering the End of the said Bill; that this House might resolve, to allow the Interest of Ten *per Cent.* to such as shall advance upon the said Bill, the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, upon the first Payment, and also, the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, upon the second Payment thereof.

Upon Consideration of the said Report, it is resolved, That whosoever will advance the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, upon the Credit of the first Payment of the said Act, shall be allowed the Interest of 10 *per Cent. per Annum.* Likewise the same Interest upon the like Advance upon the second Payment.

Ordered, That Major *Demiere* and Captain *De Key* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up this Resolve of the House.

Upon Consideration of the Message brought down from his Excellency, relating to Major *Schuyler's* Company, *Ordered*, That Major *Wessells* and Mr. *Abeel* do wait upon his Excellency and desire to know of him how much Pay is and will be due for the said Company, from the first of *March* last, to the first of *May* next following, that this House may make Provision for the said Payment thereof accordingly.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 18, 1696.

MR. Speaker brought in an Establishment from his Excellency, for the Pay of a Company of Fuzileers under the Command of Major *Peter Schuyler*, from the first of *March* last, to the first of *May* next ensuing, amounting to the Sum of *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*; which was read to the House and approved.

And upon the Consideration of raising a Fund for the Payment of the same, it is *Resolved*, That in regard of the Smallness of the Sum, and the length of Time that must be consumed before the said Sum can be raised and paid, and the Necessity of having present Money for the paying and discharging the said Company, that his Excellency and Council be addressed to join with this House in the borrowing of so much Money as may pay and discharge the said Company, according to the aforesaid Establishment, upon the public Credit of the Government; this House engaging to join with his Excellency and Council at the next Sessions of Assembly, to raise a Fund for the payment of the said Sum, together with the Allowance of ten *per Cent.* for a Year, until the said Sum of *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds* be paid.

Ordered, That Captain *Jackson*, Mr. *Sebring*, Captain *Stillwell*, and Captain *De Key*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with this Address.

The Speaker ordered those Articles of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Chapel in the *Fort*, and the Debts of the Government, formerly under the Consideration of the House, to be taken into the further Consideration of the House immediately.

Whereupon the Committee appointed for the examining the Accounts of the Government laid before them by Col. *Cortland* and Colonel *Heathcote* do Report, That they could not come to any Issue for ascertaining the Debts of the Government before they had received sundry material Papers which were missing, which related unto the said Accounts; and therefore desires that the House would consider the same.

Ordered, That his Excellency be addressed that he would be pleased to appoint a Committee of the Council to join with a Committee of this House, for the examining the Accounts of the Government, and making a true State thereof, that the same may be fully considered and proved next Sessions; and upon the perfect knowledge of the State of the Debts of the Government, the building of the Chapel will be also then taken into Consideration.

Colonel *Monvile* brought a Message from his Excellency and Council, which is as followeth:

At a Council held at his Majesty's Fort in New-York, *18th Day of* April, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

" A Message brought from the Assembly by Mr. *Jamison*, *&c.* was read; wherein the House desires for some " Considerations, that his Excellency the Governor and Council, will be pleased to join with the Assembly, in the taking " up of *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, upon the Credit of the " Government, at Ten *per Cent.* Interest, until the same be " paid, which they will provide for next Sessions; being to " pay Major *Schuyler's* Company of Fuzileers, from the first of " *March* last past; to the first of *May* next following, being " two Months; the same Address is granted, and his Excellency and Council, do assent thereunto accordingly.

" *Ordered*, Lieut. Col. *Monviele*, do carry down the Answer to the Assembly, and desire they will take into their " Consideration the Debts of the Government, and the " Chapel."

per Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Council.*

And the House having the same under Consideration before the said Message came;

Ordered, That the Result of the said Consideration be sent up to his Excellency, as an Answer to the said Message.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock a *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1696.

MR. SPEAKER ordered, That what was under the Consideration of the House, relating to the Debts of the Government, and the building of the Chapel should be read to the House, and moved what Alteration they would make therein; whereupon they *Ordered*, That the same Result without any Alteration, should be sent up to his Excellency and Council; and that Capt. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Whitehead*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the same.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Lieut. Col. *Monviele*, read to the House as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majesty's Fort, *in* New-York, April 20, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

" THE Message brought up, by Capt. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Whitehead*, being read, his Excellency and " Council, do think fit and necessary for his Majesty's Service, that the Assembly, do proceed immediately upon the " Accounts of the Government, to have a perfect Knowledge " of the State of the Debts of the Government, and to provide what is necessary for them, and the finishing the Chapel, and therefore it is,

" *Ordered*, That Col. *Cortlandt*, Col. *Bayard*, *William Pinhorn*, Esq; and Col. *Heathcote*, be a Committee of this " Board, to confer with a Committee of the Assembly there- " upon, at 3 o'Clock this Afternoon, at Col. *Heathcote's* " Chamber.

" *Ordered*, That Lieut. Col. *Gabriel Monviele*, do carry this " Message to the Assembly, and desire them to appoint a Committee of this House to meet accordingly."

By Order,
David Jamison, *Cl. Ca.*

Upon Reading the said Message; it is

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Reade*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Major *Demiere*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Major *Wessells*, Mr. *Van Eckelen*, and Mr. *Rensselaer*; or any Six of them, be a Committee, to confer with the said Committee of the Council, to examine the Accounts of the Government, to the End that they may have a perfect Knowledge of the State of the Debts of the Government, and make report of their Proceedure therein, To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Key* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up this Order to his Excellency and Council.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 20, 1696.

ADJOURNED till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. April 21, 1696.

MAJOR *Howell* Chairman of the Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Council, to examine the Accounts of the Government, &c. do report, That pursuant to the Direction of this House, they attended at the Place appointed, and had Conference with the Gentlemen of the Council, and spent some Time upon Generals, but were unwilling to descend unto Particulars, until they had farther advised with this House; whereupon it is

Ordered, That the said Committee, together with Mr. *Dukesberry* and Capt. *Jackson*, who were Yesterday absent, be a Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Council, for the present Inspecting and Ascertaining the Debts of the Government, and make their Report To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock; and that his Excellency be addressed unto, to appoint a Committee of the Council accordingly.

And that Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Abeel*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with this Address.

Mr. *Jamison*, brought a Message from his Excellency and Council, informing this House, That his Excellency had received the Order of this House, and that he would appoint a Committee of the Council, to meet the Committee of this House accordingly, at 3 o'Clock this Afternoon, at the Place aforesaid.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. April 21, 1696.

ADJOURNED till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. April 22, 1696.

MAJOR *Howell*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council, to inspect and ascertain the Debts of the Government, brought in their Report to the House, which was read and approved; and is as followeth:

The Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council for the present inspecting and ascertaining the Debts of the Government, &c. as follows, *viz.*

At a Committee of the Council and Representatives,

PRESENT,

Of the Council.
- Colonel *Nicholas Bayard*,
- Colonel *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*,
- Colonel *Caleb Heathcote*,
- *William Pinhorn*, Esq;

Of the Representatives.
- *Matthew Howell*, Chairman,
- Captain *Brandt Schuyler*,
- Captain *Lawrence Reade*,
- Captain *Daniel Whitehead*,
- Major *William Demiere*,
- Mr. *John Tuthill*,
- Major *Dirck Wessels*,
- Mr. *John Van Ecklen*,
- Mr. *Killian Van Rensselaer*,
- Captain *John Jackson*,
- Mr. *Elias Dukesberry*,

Imprimis, We do find that the Province remains indebted upon the Account of the Taxes, from the 28th of *March*, 1691, to the first of *May*, 1695; and also for the Charge of Colonel *Ingoldsby's* Expedition to *Albany*, in the Year 1692, the Sum of £. 273 18 0 ¼

And from *Duke's* County Insolvent, the Sum of 43 15 0 0

Makes in all £. 317 13 0 ¼

Also we do find that the whole Additional Duty, received from the 22d of *November* 1692, to the 25th of *March* 1696, Amounts to the Sum of £. 5696 4 5 ¼

And we also find, that there hath been paid out of the said Additional Duty, as followeth, *viz.*

To sundry small Accounts, paid by Col. *Bayard*,	£.	1525	2	8 ¼
To Cash, paid to Col. *Cortlandt*, as *per* Order, from the Lords,		300	0	0 0
To his Excellency's Expedition to *Albany*, and making Presents to the *Indians*,		600	0	0 0
To the Building the Chapel,		450	0	0 0
To Mounting 16 great Guns.		150	0	0 0
	£.	3025	2	8 ¼

And also there is due to the following Persons, for which the said Additional Duty was raised, *viz.*

To Col. *Cortlandt*,	£.	1056	13	11 ¼
To Major *Brockholst* and Capt. *Baxter's* Company,		1103	9	8 ¼
To Major *Wessells*,		74	8	0
To the Magistrates of *Albany*,		1224	6	4
To Capt. *Clark*,		77	8	8 ½
To *John Rosee*,		15	0	0
To *David Schuyler*.		15	0	0
	£.	3566	6	8

Additional Duty in Debt,	£.	6591	9	4 ¼
Money received on Ditto,		5696	4	5 ¼
Ballance	£.	895	4	11

As to the Revenue, we are not yet ready to make a Report about it.

Matthew Howell, Chairman.

Upon the Consideration of the Report of the Committee, and particularly of that Clause, in which they say, they are not ready to make their Report, in regard of the great length of Time, that must be consumed in the Examination and Stating of all the particular Accounts relating to the Charge and Discharge of the Revenue; which must necessarily create a vast Charge and Expence unto the Government, and so consequently increase the Debts thereof; Whereupon the House are of Opinion, That if Provision be made for the Payment of *Three Hundred* and *Seventeen Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings* and a *Farthing*; being a Debt due by the Government for incidental Charges, expended for the Security of the Frontiers, from the 28th Day of *March* 1691, to the first Day of *May* 1696, occasioned by the Want of Money, not being raised for that Purpose; and likewise the Sum of *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, being due, for the Pay of the Officers and Soldiers of Major *Schuyler's* Company according to the Establishment, together with the Interest, until the same be paid; and likewise, the Sum of *Three Thousand*, *Five Hundred* and *Sixty Six Pounds*, *Six Shillings* and *Eight-pence*; due to the several Persons hereafter mentioned, for which the Additional Duty was formerly raised for their Payment; and also, the Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, for the finishing the Chapel in the Fort; and likewise, the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, to Col. *Richard Ingoldsby*, for the defraying the extraordinary Charge he has been at, by being posted at *Albany*, for the Security of the Frontiers; which in the whole makes the Sum of *Four Thousand*, *Seven Hundred* and *Thirty Three Pounds*, *Nineteen Shillings*, and *Eight-pence Farthing*; whereupon, it is

Resolved, That the Additional Duty (terminating upon the 14th Day of *November* next) shall be continued and remain in Force, for the Space of eighteen Months longer, which according to former Computation, together with the Sum of *Two Thousand*, *Seven Hundred* and *Thirty Four Pounds*, *Eleven Shillings* and *Two-pence Three-farthings*, in Hand; is thought by this House, a sufficient Fund, to pay all the Debts aforesaid; and for the other Debts relating to the Revenue, the Nature of the Revenue, being a yearly Income, have Cause to believe for the Time to come, will be sufficient to pay the Debts, and defray the future necessary Charge of the Government; the Persons for which the Additional Duty was formerly raised for their Payment, are as followeth, *viz.*

There is due to Col. *Cortlandt*, the Sum of	£.	1056	13	11 ¼
To Major *Brockholst* and Capt. *Baxter's* Company,		1103	9	8 ¼
To Major *Wessells*,		74	8	0 0
To the Magistrates of *Albany*,		1224	6	4 0
To Capt. *Clark*,		77	8	8 ½
To *John Rosee*,		15	0	0 0
To *David Schuyler*.		15	0	0 0
	£.	3566	6	8 0

Adjourned 'til two o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. April 22, 1696.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Speaker, do bring in a Bill accordingly.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. April 23, 1696.

MR. Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill confirming and continuing an Act of General Assembly*, made in the fourth Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for the satisfying and paying the Debts of the Government, eighteen Months longer than the Term therein mentioned, for the Paying the Debts therein expressed.*

Which was read to the House the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned till two o'Clock Afternoon.

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Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 23, 1696.

THE ſaid Bill read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* and Major *Demiere*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with the ſaid Bill.

The Petition of *John Robinſon*, brought into the Houſe, by Mr. *Jamiſon*, from his Excellency and Council, read to the Houſe.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 24, 1696.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this Houſe bring in the Account of Houſe Rent, Officers Salaries, Fire, Candle, *&c.* and what other Charges hath accrued, during this Seſſion.

The Account of Houſe Rent, Officers Salaries, *&c.* brought in by the Clerk, which was read to the Houſe and approved; and,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made unto his Excellency the Governor and Council, that he would pleaſe to order his Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General, to pay to *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Thirty-nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six-pence*, which is for ſo much due for Salaries to the Clerk, Door Keeper, Houſe Rent, and ſeveral other Expences during this Seſſion of Aſſembly, as *per* the Account thereof, this Day brought into the Houſe doth appear.

The Petition of Mr. *Robinſon*, read to the Houſe the ſecond Time, as alſo the Bill he brought in, read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; as alſo his Deed of Truſt read; all which remain under the Conſideration of this Houſe, until the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, by Reaſon the Time is ſo ſhort at preſent.

Mr. *Jamiſon* Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, to know if this Houſe had any further Buſineſs, and if not, that Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe attends his Excellency and Council, at the Fort immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole Houſe to the Fort accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe, that they had attended his Excellency, according to the uſual Ceremony, to the City-Hall, and there proclaimed the three Acts following, *viz.*

And that his Excellency's Pleaſure was, that the Houſe ſhould adjourn until the 29th Day of *September* next; and the Houſe is adjourned till that Time accordingly,

Imprimis, *An Act for the raiſing* 120 *Men, and the Sum of* 2, *An Act for the Continuation of the Additional Duty, Eighteen Months longer than the Time therein expreſſed, for the ſatisfying and paying the Debts of the Government.*

3, *An Act, entitled, an Act for the better enabling the Executors of* Thomas Lloyd, *Eſq; deceaſed, for ſelling of Lands, for the Payment of Debts and Portions, ſettled by the ſaid* Thomas Lloyd, *and* Patience *his Wife, upon her Children, by her former Huſband* Robert Story, *deceaſed.*

Die Martis, A. M. September 29, 1696.

THIS Morning according to the Adjournment of this Houſe, the Clerk of the Houſe gave his Attendance, where he found a Proclamation from his Excellency, for the Adjournment of this Houſe, until the 15th Day of *October* next; the Proclamation as followeth, *viz.*

By his Excellency Col. Benjamin Fletcher, *Capt. General and Governor in Chief, of his Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *&c.*

A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS his Majeſty's Service doth call for my immediate Preſence at *Albany*, to compoſe and "ſettle the *Indians* of the five Nations, in a ſtedfaſt Friend-"ſhip with all his Majeſty' Subjects, and to condole the Loſs, "which they have lately ſuſtained, from the *French* of *Canada* "and their *Indians*; I have therefore with the Advice and "Conſent of his Majeſty's Council, for this Province, thought "fit to adjourn this preſent Aſſembly, from the 29th Day of "*September* Inſtant, to the 15th of *October* next following, "and the General Aſſembly of this Province is hereby ad-"journed accordingly.

Given at Fort William Henry, *the* 12*th Day of* September, *in the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord* William *the* Third, *by the Grace of God, King of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith*, &c. Annoq; Domini, 1696.

Benjamin Fletcher.

GOD Save the KING.

Die Jovis, A. M. October 15, 1696.

THIS Morning according to the Adjournment of his Excellency, as by his Proclamation, the ſeveral Members hereafter mentioned, met at the Houſe, *viz. James Graham*, Eſq; Speaker, Capt. *Brandt Schuyler*, Capt. *Lawrence Reade*, Capt. *Tunis De Key*, Major *Dirck Weſſells*, Mr. *John Abeel*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Underhill* and Mr. *Purdy*; and no more of the Members appearing, Mr. Speaker did adjourn the Houſe, until 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 15, 1696.

THE Repreſentatives of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, with the Repreſentatives of *Richmond* County, not being come to Town, to compleat a full Houſe; Mr. Speaker, did adjourn the Houſe until 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1696.

THE Roll of the Houſe being called over, there was found a full Houſe, all the Members being come to Town.

Ordered, That the Clerk wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that we have now a full Houſe, and attend his Excellency's Pleaſure.

The Clerk returned, reports to the Houſe, That he had acquainted his Excellency as above, and that his Excellency was glad to hear of a full Houſe, and that he was ready for them, and would ſend down a Meſſage to the Houſe, as ſoon as the Council was met.

Mr. *Jamiſon* brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, acquainting the Houſe, That his Excellency was now with the Council met, and expected the Attendance of the Speaker, with the whole Houſe at the Fort immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the Fort accordingly.

The Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair; and did report to the Houſe, that in regard, his Excellency's Speech, doth conſiſt of ſeveral Heads of Importance, and to prevent any Miſtake in the Recital of the ſame, he did deſire that the Copy of the ſaid Speech, might be ſent for; whereupon it was,

Ordered, That Mr. *Tuthill* and Mr. *Dukſberry*, do wait upon his Excellency, and deſire a Copy of his Excellency's Speech.

The ſaid Gentlemen returned, reports, That his Excellency did tell them, That the Clerk was writing the ſaid Speech; which, as ſoon as was done, would ſend it down to the Houſe.

Adjourned 'till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 16, 1696.

MR. *Jamiſon* brought to the Houſe his Excellency's Speech which was read to the Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen Repreſentatives,

"THE Seaſon of the Year will hardly admit of a long "Seſſions; yet the preſent State of the Province calls "for deliberate and mature Conſideration.

"The laſt Seſſions was carried on with a true Regard of our "Duty to his Majeſty our moſt gracious King; we had no "Heat, but were united, agreeing in all our Debates; ſo I "hope it ſhall always be, we remain the ſame Men, and retain "the ſame Principles.

Mr. Speaker,

"I am to acquaint you I have been neceſſitated twice "this Summer, by the Advice and Conſent of the Coun-"cil, to viſit *Albany*; the *French* Governor of *Canada* marched "with ſo conſiderable a Force into the *Indian* Country of "*Onondaga* and *Oneyda*, that I could not ſuppoſe his Deſigns "would end there; but expected that he would with that "Strength have attempted *Albany*; where I was ready to adjuſt "my Duty, in Defence of the Place. He contented himſelf "with a poor Inſult over our naked *Indians*, and retired; yet "he deſtroyed the Caſtles and Corn of thoſe two Nations, "who muſt periſh this Winter, if not relieved by us.

"You all know they have been true to his Majeſty's Intereſt, "in joining with this Province againſt our common Enemy, "the

" the *French*; and unless encouraged may be compelled by " Poverty to make their Peace with them.

" My second Journey was to comfort those distressed *Indians*, " and to assure them of his Majesty's royal Favour and Pro- " tection, and to renew the Covenant Chain with the whole " Five Nations; which has been done with as much Chear- " fullness on the Part of the *Indians* as I have ever yet observed.

" I gave them those Presents which his Majesty in his great " Consideration (of their Service to us his loyal Subjects of " this Province) was pleased to send from *England*, as Marks " of his royal Bounty; they bespoke the Magnificence of our " great King, yet did not answer the Wants of those distressed " People; so that the Council thought it necessary to add at " the Charge of the Province, such Things as suited best their " present Necessities. This has occasioned a great Charge; " which I recommend to your Consideration, and hope you " will enquire into.

" The Council have joined with me to take Money on the " Credit of the Government to answer this Emergency.

" At my renewing the Covenant Chain (so the *Indians* Term " it) I found myself obliged to promise a Supply of Provisions " to the *Onondagas* and *Cajouges*, they being the only Sufferers " of the five Nations in this *French* Descent; this I hope you " will consider, by raising a Fund to answer it.

" *Mr. Speaker*,

" The Money so generously granted in a former Sessions, for " the Encouragement of his Majesty's Company, has not had " the Effect you designed and I endeavoured. Either the Neglect " of the Assessors and Collectors, or Want of Force in the Acts, " has occasioned a great Arrear, by which the Soldiers have been " discouraged; and Evil-minded Men have found Arguments to " persuaded them to desert the Service; the most of those who vo- " luntarily inlisted themselves upon the Encouragement you gave " of *Three Pounds* a Man, Levy Money, (which I am sure was paid " them); notwithstanding the Addition of *Four Pence* per Day, " which you have also given, they have deserted Fourteen Men " out of one Company, taking the King's Arms with them, and " are received and harboured by their Relations in the Face of " Magistracy; this Evil has its Source principally from the " Failure of Payments at the appointed Times; so that three " Companies, which ought to be One Hundred each, are " dwindled to Two Hundred and Twenty-one Men: One " Hundred more will barely answer a necessary Force for the " Defence of that Place, which I recommend to your Con- " sideration.

" Colonel *Cortlandt*, who receives that Money, will shew " you, as he does me, that of the Taxes payable the 25th of " *March* past, there is an Arrear of *Two Thousand One Hun- " dred and Seventy-nine Pounds, Five Shillings and Four Pence " one Farthing*; and of that payable the 29th of *September* last, " *One Thousand Two Hundred and 19 Pounds, Thirteen Shillings " and Two Pence Half-penny*. I hope you will think of preventing " this Malady, by giving Force to your Acts, that Money be " duly paid according to the Time; and that all Deserters may " be punished, with those that harbour them.

" The Security of the Province, your own Estates and Free- " holds depend upon your Care in these two material Points.

Mr. Speaker,

" I have received an Address from the Magistrates of *Albany*, " desiring my Presence with them this Winter. I assured them " I was ever ready to be where his Majesty's Service calls, and " promised them an Answer in fourteen Days; but was wil- " ling to have the Concurrence of the Council and Assembly, " in a Matter which seems of Moment; all Correspondence " between *York* and *Albany* being shut up, by the Frost for " some Months: Their Address I shall lay before you: It " contains their Reasons.

" I desire a Committee of your House, may join a Com- " mittee of the Council to consider of it, and give me Advice.

" I am very sensible of the great Pressures we lay under, by " the present War, while this Province singly bears the Weight, " and is become a Frontier to our Neighbouring Provinces " whose Safety is derived from the Preservation of *Albany*, no " less than ours.

" We not only pay a Duty upon our Trade, but are also " taxed for our Private Estates, the very noise thereof frigh- " tens away the Trading Vessels, to the Nighbouring Coloni- " es that are free from this Duty, albeit, they often come to " a worse Market.

" I have made frequent Application for Assistance from our " Neighbours, but have not been able to obtain one Man; " but this Matter will be represented to his Majesty, by those " employed for that Purpose.

" You have an Agent in *England*, of your own Choice, " who I am sure, will faithfully state the Case of the Pro- " vince before the King; and I do not doubt, but that his " most Sacred Majesty, will afford us such Relief, as will " lighten our Burthen.

" I hope you will not let a good Cause (this general Con- " cern) fall, for Want of a further Supply."

Gentlemen,

" You have free Access to all the Books of Receipts, and " Disbursements of the Revenue and Taxes of the Province; " I do earnestly desire you'll satisfy yourselves, in the Dispo- " sition of it.

" I do declare to you, and shall be always able to make it " appear, That I never received one Penny of the Publick " Money, raised upon the Country, neither by my own Hand " or any other for my Use, nor ever designed or desired to " enrich myself by it; in this Matter you can vindicate me " when you please.

" I pray God direct you to what may tend to his Glory, " the Honour of his Sacred Majesty our King, the Safety and, " Prosperity of this Province."

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House, be given unto his Excellency, for his favourable Speech:

Upon the Reading of his Excellency's Speech;

Resolved, That the same be taken into their immediate Consideration.

Whereupon the House took into their Consideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Forces at the Frontiers of this Province; and the Supply of the necessary Force for the Defence thereof, and spent some Time in Debate thereon; and referred the Consideration thereof, until To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 17, 1696.

Ordered,

THAT an Address be made unto his Excellency, that he would please to Order the Printing of his Speech.

The House hath had the Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Forces at the Frontiers of this Province, &c. all this Morning, and the further Consideration thereof, referred till *Monday* Morning 8 o'Clock.

And the House adjourned till 8 o'Clock a *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 19, 1696.

THE further Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Forces at the Frontiers, &c. referred till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 19, 1696.

MR. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter from Mr. *Nicoll* the Agent, sent him from *London*; which was read.

The further Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Forces at *Albany*, referred until To-morrow Morning.

Then the House took into their Consideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Address he received from the Magistrates at *Albany*; concerning his Excellency's being present there, with them this Winter, and thereupon;

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Reade*, Mr. *Duksberry*, Capt. *Jackson*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Underhill* and Capt. *De Key*; be a Committee, to join with a Committee of the Council, to consider thereof, and whether it would be most for his Majesty's Service, for his Excellency to reside here, at the Seat of Government, or at *Albany* this Winter; and make their Report with all convenient Speed.

And that Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Reade*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with this Message.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 20, 1696.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Willet*, read to the House, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majesty's Fort *in* New-York, *October* 20, 1696.

" THE Assembly, having returned the Names of a " Committee of their House, appointed to concert with " a Committee of the Council, concerning the Address of " the City of *Albany*, and whether it be needful and " requisite, that his Excellency be personally Present at *Albany* " this

" this Winter, or remain here at *New-York*; and having de-
" fired a Committee of the Council to be appointed accord-
" ingly; it is

" *Ordered*, Col. *Stephen Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard*,
" Col. *William Smith*, Col. *Thomas Willet* and *William Pin-*
" *horn*, Eſq; be a Committee of the Council, to meet the
" ſaid Committee, at the Houſe of Col. *Cortlandt*, at Three
" o'Clock this Afternoon, and concert thereof accordingly.

" *Ordered*, That Colonel *Thomas Willet*, do deliver this
" Meſſage."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Reading of ſaid Meſſage; it is

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee of this Houſe, do meet the ſaid Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed accordingly.

Then the Houſe took the Conſideration, of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Forces at *Albany*; and,

Reſolved, That the eaſieſt and beſt Way, for the Levying of 100 Men, for the Reinforcing of the Frontiers at *Albany*, from the firſt of *September*, to the firſt of *May*, will be by the raiſing of *Six Hundred Pounds*, to be diſtributed in Manner following, *viz. Five Pounds* for each Man, that ſhall Liſt himſelf in his Majeſty's Companies that are now in Quarters there, and *Twenty Shillings per* Head, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, that ſhall procure the ſame.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 20, 1696.

CAPT. *Jackſon*, Chairman of the Committee, to confer with the Committee of the Council, upon the Addreſs of the Magiſtrates of *Albany*, for his Excellency to reſide amongſt them this Winter, *&c.* (doth report) that they had Conference with the Council, upon the ſubject Matter, recommended to them, and after ſome Debates thereon, they did conclude, that it would be more for his Majeſty's Service, that his Excellency continue here at the Seat of Government this Winter; they having made Proviſion to ſupply the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, with an equal Force, to what hath been employed formerly for the Security thereof; which they think will be ſufficient to ſecure the ſame this Winter, without his Excellency's Preſence there.

Upon the Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the ſupplying the *Indians* with Proviſions, that have lately ſuffered by the Deſcent of the *French*; and alſo, for the employing of Scouts, to be ſent to the *Lake* and other Places, for the bringing of certain Intelligence, of the Motion of the Enemy, and the preventing of falſe Alarms; it is

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, be raiſed, to be employed for that Service only; and, That Major *Schuyler*, Major *Weſſels* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, have the Management thereof, and keep a diſtinct and perfect Account, of all the Charges, and render the ſame unto the Houſe, of Repreſentatives, when they ſhall be thereunto required.

And for the better ſecuring of the Frontiers at *Albany*, till the firſt of *May* next; it is further

Reſolved, That upon any Invaſion or Alarm by the Enemy, if the Inhabitants of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, ſhall be conſtrained to march thither, for their Aſſiſtance and Relief; then this Houſe doth engage to raiſe a Fund, for to give them reaſonable Satisfaction for the ſame.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 21, 1696.

MR. *Jamiſon*, brought a Letter from his Excellency, directed to the Speaker; which was ordered to be read; and alſo ſeveral Letters of Intelligence, which his Excellency received laſt Night from *Albany*, which gives an Account of the preſent Poſture of that Place, and likewiſe of a Skirmiſh that has lately happened between a Party of our *Indians*, and a Party of French, conſiſting of Twenty-one Men, which came from *Canada*, with a Deſign to deſtroy *Kinderhook*; but were prevented by our *Indians*, who fired upon them, wounded and killed ſeveral of the Enemy, forced them to a Retreat, and ſeized upon ſome of their Plunder; and three of the *French* Priſoners are now brought to *York*.

Whereupon, it is *Ordered*, That Captain *Whitehead* and Captain *De Key* do wait upon his Excellency, and give his Excellency the Thanks of this Houſe, for his favourable Communication of the ſaid Intelligence; and to aſſure his Excellency, that this Houſe will be always ready to aſſiſt his Excellency upon all Occaſions for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province for his Majeſty's Service; and that his Excellency would be pleaſed to order the Priſoners to come unto this Houſe, that they may be examined of the preſent State of Canada.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1696.

ADJOURNED 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 22, 1696.

UPON the Conſideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the additional Charge that was occaſioned by the ſupplying of the *Indians* Neceſſities, *&c.* ſome Time was ſpent, and Debates aroſe; but at laſt it was concluded, That inaſmuch as there is ſo great an Arrearage in the Taxes, it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſaid Charge and Expences be paid out of the Revenue.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 22, 1696.

UPON that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Arrearages of the Taxes, and putting new Force to the Laws, and the puniſhing Deſerters, it is *Ordered*, That in whatſoever Bills for the Time to come ſhall be brought into this Houſe that the Speaker do make them of ſuch Force as may be anſwerable to the Laws of England; and as to Deſerters this Houſe had formerly made Proviſion for the puniſhing of Deſerters, and thoſe that harboured them; and for that Purpoſe ſent up a Bill to his Excellency and Council, for their Aſſent, which they thought fit to lay aſide; and therefore cannot fall upon a better Way than what is contained in the ſaid Bill.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Octo.* 23, 1696.

A Memorial brought into the Houſe by Captain *Ebenezr Wilſon*, ſigned by him, read to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council by Colonel *Willett*, read to the Houſe, as follows, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort, *in* New-York, *the* 23*d of* October, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

" THE Votes of the Houſe Yeſterday being read this Day,
" and it appearing that the Aſſembly have not pro-
" ceeded to give a Supply to anſwer the additional Charge of
" the *Indians*, &c. but upon that Head have concluded, That
" ſince there is ſo great an Arrearage of Taxes, the ſaid
" Charge be paid out of the Revenue.

" That to that Clauſe in his Excellency's Speech relating
" to the Arrearage of Taxes, they have voted, That ſuch
" Bills brought into the Houſe be made of ſuch Force as may
" be anſwerable to the Laws of *England*; and having for-
" merly ſent up a Bill for puniſhing Deſerters, *&c.* which was
" laid aſide, they cannot fall upon a better Way.

" It is therefore, *Ordered*, Colonel *Cortlandt*, Colonel *Bayard*,
" Colonel *Smith*, Judge *Pinhorn*, and Colonel *Heathcote*, be a
" Committee to concert with a Committee of the Aſſembly
" upon theſe Reſolutions and Votes of the Aſſembly, and
" theſe Heads of his Excellency's Speech, at 3 o'Clock this
" Afternoon, at Colonel *Cortlandt*'s Houſe. And that Col.
" *Willett* do carry this Meſſage to the Houſe; and deſire the
" Aſſembly will appoint a Committee of the Houſe to meet
" them, and concert accordingly.

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage;

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Major *Domiere*, Capt. *Reade*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Sebring* and Capt. *Stillwell*; be a Committee of this Houſe, to join with a Committee of the Council, to concert upon the ſubject Matter of the ſaid Meſſage; and that they meet at the Time and Place appointed, and make their Report thereof, with all convenient Speed.

And that Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with this Order.

Ordered, That *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, be raiſed, for the Payment of the Intereſt of the Money, that is to be advanced, for the raiſing of the 100 Men, *&c.* and for the defraying of the Charge of the Forces, lately ſent out to the Crown Point, in purſuit of the Enemy.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1696.

MAJOR *Howell*, Chairman of the Committee, reports, That according to the Direction of this Houſe, they met

met at the Time and Place appointed, and had Conference with the Committee of the Council, upon that Clause of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Charge that was occasioned for procuring such Things as suited best the Necessities of the *Indians*; to which they had *Resolved*, That it should be paid out of the Revenue, but it was thereunto objected, That the Speaker of this House was called to his Excellency and Council, upon the Intelligence that his Excellency received, that the *French* and *Indians* had invaded our *Indian* Country, and were there with a considerable Force, and there being no Money in the Treasury, did give his Opinion, that it would be necessary for the Safety of the Country, That his Excellency should forthwith march thither, with what Forces he thought fit, and that he did not doubt, but the Assembly would take the same into Consideration; upon which Credit, there was Money taken up for the defraying of the said Charge: To which it was replied, That the Speaker had communicated no such Matter unto them, nor had they had any such Thing under their Consideration; but had passed their Vote only upon that Clause, of his Excellency's Speech, that relates to the Additional Charge, that was made for the Supplying of such Things as best suited the *Indians* present Necessities, and that the Committee of the Council, did think it strange that we should pass a Vote, to pay that Charge out of the Revenue, when there was no Money in the Treasury, and that the Revenue was anticipated one Year at least; to which it was replied, that the Cause of their making such Vote, was, that the Revenue was raised with design to defray the Annual Charge of Presents to the *Indians*, and if it was otherways anticipated, they could not help it.

Whereupon the Speaker does inform this House, That his Excellency was pleased to call him to the Fort, when he was present in Council, and did acquaint him, that he had received Intelligence from *Albany*, of an Invasion that was made by the *French*, into the *Indian* Country; and ordered, the same to be read, and desired his Advice thereupon, who gave his Opinion; that it was for his Majesty's Service, and the Security of the Province, that his Excellency should go thither, with a considerable Force, with all Expedition, and upon Information, that there was no Money in the Treasury, did further give his Opinion, that Money should be taken up, upon the Credit of the Government, and did not doubt, but it would be allowed by the Assembly, such an Expedition being for the general Good and Welfare of the Province; and that he had not communicated this his Advice to the House, because he had observed the Rules and Direction of the House, and proceeded on such Clauses of his Excellency's Speech, as was by them thought most necessary for their Consideration; and that those Clauses relating to his Excellency's Expedition to *Albany*, had never been mentioned or under the Consideration of the House, and therefore, he thought himself no Way obliged upon other Matters not relating thereunto, to acquaint the House with what he had done in that Matter, until it came properly, in its due Time and Season.

Resolved, That a Departing from the subject Matter of a Conference desired between a Committee of the Council and a Committee of this House, occasions Delay of Time, and seems to interrupt the Right of Conferences.

The said Chairman further Reports, That to that Clause in his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Arrearages of Taxes, *&c.* and to the adding of new Force to the Laws, *&c.* It was objected, that there was made only Provision for the Laws that should made, but had omitted to take Care to reinforce those already made.

To which it was answered, That the meaning of their Vote was to put new Force to those Laws already made, as well as to such as were to be made; of which the House approves, being their Sentiments also of the said Vote.

The Chairman of the said Committee does further Report, That upon the Vote concerning their having formerly sent up a Bill for the punishing Deserters, *&c.* which was laid aside, they cannot fall upon a better Way, the Committee of the Council did say, it was hard that there should be a severer Punishment upon the Soldiers in his Majesty's Pay, than on those detached out of the Militia; which varying from the subject Matter of the said Conference, gave little or no Answer to it, there being nothing of Detachment under the Consideration of this House, having made Provision for the Security of the Frontiers otherwise.

Which Answer made, is agreeable to the Opinion of the House.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Octo.* 24, 1696.

A Memorial brought into the House by Colonel *Cubb Heathcote*, and Major *William Merrit*, Mayor of this City, relating to the building of a Free School, read to the House; to which was added, the Draught of the said Free School, laid before the House.

Upon the Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to his Excellency's late Journey to *Albany*, it is *Ordered*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be raised, and added to the *Eleven Hundred Pounds*, towards the defraying his Excellency's said late Journey to *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Committee that was Yesterday appointed to join with the Committee of the Council, be a Committee for the adjusting of the Quotas for the several and respective Cities and Counties, for the Money now to be raised and levied.

Ordered, That the Speaker bring in a Bill for the raising of *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, according to the several Quotas and Proportions therewith given him.

Adjourned 'til *Monday*, 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Octo.* 26, 1696.

MR. *Jamison* brought to the House several Letters out of *New England*; and also a Journal of his Excellency's last Journey to *Albany*; and of what passed in the Expedition of his Excellency, Colonel *Benjamin Fletcher*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of *New-York*, &c. to *Albany*, to renew the Covenant Chain with the Five Canton Nations of *Indians*, the *Mohawks*, *Onidas*, *Onondagas*, *Cayuga's* and *Senekas*.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be given unto his Excellency, for his favourable Communication of the Intelligence that his Excellency has lately received out of *New-England*, from *Boston* and *Connecticut*; and also, for his Excellency's acquainting them with his Negotiation that he had with the Five Canton Nations of Indians, when his Excellency was lately present at *Albany*; and for the Care that his Excellency took, in the encouraging of those two Nations of Indians that were lately distressed by the *French* Invasion; and also for the renewing the Covenant Chain with the said Five Canton Nations of Indians, for the Security and Advantage of this Province, and all the neighbouring adjacent Colonies, mentioned in the said Negotiation; and that Mr. *Duksberry*, Major *Wessells*, Captain *Whitehead*, and Mr. *Van Ecklen*, do wait upon his Excellency with this Address, together with the Letters and Papers sent down.

Major *Horwell*, Chairman of the Committee appointed for the adjusting the Quota's for the several and respective Cities and Counties throughout this Province, for the Money now to be raised and levied, doth report as followeth, *viz.*

That in Pursuance to the said Order of the House, they have adjusted and settled the several Quota's and Proportions for each respective City and County throughout this Province, in Manner as followeth, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*,	£.	369	0 0
For *Westchester*,		69	12 0
For *Richmond* County,		37	4 0
For *King's* County,		194	8 0
For *Queen's* County,		193	16 0
For *Suffolk* County,		216	0 0
For *Ulster* and *Dutchess* County,		108	0 0
For *Orange* County,		12	0 0
	£.	1200	0 0

Matthew Howell, *Chairman.*

The said Report read to the House, and approved, and ordered to be inserted in the Bill accordingly.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Octo.* 27, 1696.

THE House taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee, that conferred with the Committee of the Council, concerning that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Address of the Magistrates of *Albany*, and of his Excellency's Residence there this ensuing Winter, *&c.*

Ordered, That this House do address his Excellency in that Affair.

The Address as followeth, *viz.*

May it please your Excellency,

Upon the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of this House, that conferred with a Committee of the Council, concerning that Part your Excellency's Speech, relating to the Address of the Magistrates of Albany, and of your Excellency's Residence there this ensuing Winter, the House cannot but with the greatest of Thankfulness, acknowledge the Care your Excellency hath always had of the Frontiers of this Province, and more especially, for the great Dispatch your Excellency made, in visiting the same upon

upon the late Invasion of the French, *to the great Terror and Discouragement of the Enemy, who withdrew their Forces, without doing any considerable Damage; and also with the like Gratitude, they humbly acknowledge, your Excellency's great Condescention, in consulting them, in a Matter of that Trust, with which his Majesty has been graciously pleased, only to lodge with your Excellency; and that as hitherto, they have experienced the good Effect that hath always attended your Excellency's faithful Discharge of the said Trust, by having the Frontiers preserved from any Insults of the Enemy; so that they have Cause to believe, that by your Excellency's future prudent Conduct, the same may be preserved from any Incroachment of the Enemy; and the Subjects in the Rest of the Province, to remain in perfect Tranquility, and in the future Confidence thereof, they with all Chearfulness, will be ready to assist your Excellency, in all Attempts against the Enemy, with the utmost of their Ability, and humbly Pray, for a continued Prosperity, to attend your Excellency, in all your Excellency's Endeavours, for the Preservation of the Frontiers and good of the Province.*

Ordered, That Capt. *Reade*, Major *Demiere*, Mr. *Abeel*, Capt. *Jackson*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr *Duksberry*, Mr. *Tuthill* and Mr. *Purdy*; do wait upon his Excellency with this Address.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1696.

MR. Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raising* One Hundred *Men, to be listed in his Majesty's Three Companies, posted at* Albany, *for the Security of the Frontiers; and for the raising the Sum of* Twelve Hundred Pounds, *for the Encouraging of such as shall List themselves in the said Companies, and for the defraying of other contingent Charges, at the said Frontiers.*

Which Bill was read to the House the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Do. Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1696.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Judge *Pinborn*, and Col. *Heathcote*; which was read by Judge *Pinborn*, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majesty's Fort *in* New-York, October 28, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

Resolved,

"THE Thanks of his Excellency and Council, be returned to the Assembly, for their favourable "Address presented to his Excellency Yesterday.

"It is *Ordered*, The Assembly be made acquainted, That "his Excellency has offered his Opinion this Morning to the "Council; That if the 100 Men, or near that Number, can "be procured to recruit the Companies at *Albany*, they may "be a sufficient Defence for the Frontiers this Winter; That "he is under some Apprehension, that they can hardly be "procured Time enough, in which Case his Excellency does "declare his Readiness to put his Person in that Place, for the "Defence thereof and does desire the Assembly, will order "the Surplusage of the Money, that is provided for those of "the 100 Men, as cannot be got, may be applied to Answer "the extraordinary Expence, that will arise upon that Occa- "sion, and desire the Advice and Result of the whole House "therein.

"*Ordered, William Pinborn*, Esq; and Col. *Caleb Heathcote*, do deliver this Message to the Assembly."

By Order,

David Jamison, *Cl. Co.*

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1696.

THE Bill for the raising 100 Men, *&c.* read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, Major *Wessells*, Mr. *Abeel* and Major *Demiere*; do carry up this Bill to his Excellency and Council.

A Bill to vacate a Deed of Trust, executed by *John Robinson* and *Margaret* his Wife, for the Land now in the Tenure and Occupation of *Cornelius Barensen*, and for the confirming of the same unto him, his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Do. Bill read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1696.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Underhill*, do carry up the said Bill to his Excellency and Council.

Upon the Reading of the Message, sent down Yesterday from his Excellency and Council, by Judge *Pinborne* and Col. *Heathcote*.

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof, be referred till an other Time.

Upon the Consideration of a further Supply to the Agent, *William Nicolls*, Esq; in *England*; it is

Ordered, That the said Consideration be referred till some other Time.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1696.

JUDGE *Pinborn* and Col. *Monvielle*, brought down the Bill for raising 100 Men, *&c.* with its Admendments; the said Amendments read to the House, and upon the Consideration of the Amendments, sent down to the said Bill, in Page 4, Line 9. *Instead of defraying his Excellency's Journey to* Albany, it be inserted, *Expended for the Relief and Encouragement of the Indians, to continue stedfast in their Alegiance and Friendship at and since.*

The House cannot agree to the said Amendment, because the Money thereby raised, was not intended for the Use the said Amendment expresses, but they are willing the Words, *his Excellency's Journey to* Albany, be left out of the said Bill, and in Lieu thereof inserted, *the extraordinary Charge*; and upon the Debate whether these Words should be put into the Bill or not; it was carried for the Affirmative, by 10 for the Affirmative, 8 for the Negative.

And to the Amendment in the said Page, Line 14, this House doth agree to the said Amendment, and order the Clerk to amend the same in the Bill accordingly.

As to the Amendment relating to the Clause to be inserted in the said Bill, the House doth agree to the same, and ordered the Clerk to insert the same in the said Bill accordingly. As to the Amendment, that the Assessors be limitted to some Time for the bringing the Rolls of their Assessments, the House cannot agree to the said Amendment; for it has often happened, that through Delay, in not sending the Acts to be timely published in the respective Counties within this Province, the Justices have not had twenty Days Time for the Execution of the said Act; and if there should be a Time limited for the said Assessors to bring in the Rolls of Assessment, it may happen after the Time of the Payments of the said Act, and so by that Means defeat the End of the said Act.

And as to the Amendment in Folio 11, Line 5, the House are willing that the Amendment be in these Words, *To expose to Sale in the Town or County where such Distress is made; and for Want of Buyers, to carry the said Distress unto any other Place in the Province, for the Sale of the said Distress accordingly.*

Adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Octo.* 30, 1696.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Rensselaer* and Major *Wessels* carry up the said Bill, with its Amendments, to his Excellency and Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do bring in the Account of House Rent, Fire, Candle, Salaries, *&c.* expended this Session.

Complaint being made to this House that the Supervisors of several Counties of this Province have taken upon them to cut off the Salary due to Assembly Men, contrary to the Law in that Case made and provided; the House having taken the same into Consideration, declare it to be their Opinion, That no such Power by any Law is lodged in the said Supervisors; and that the Assembly Men ought to have the Salaries allowed and established them by the Law for their Service in Assembly, except they make a special Contract to the contrary.

The House taking into their Consideration the great and signal Providence of Almighty God, in preserving of his Majesty's royal Person from the wicked Contrivances of those Conspirators that did lately confederate to assassinate his Majesty's royal Person; and in Detestation and Abhorrence of such horrible Practices, it is *Ordered*, That Major *Howell*, Colonel *Beekman*, Captain *Jackson*, Captain *Reade*, Major *Wessels*, Captain *Schuyler*, Captain *Whitehead*, and Mr. *Tuthill*, be a Committee of this House to join with a Committee of the Council, for the drawing up of an Address unto his Majesty, congratulating his Majesty's happy Deliverance from the said wicked Assassination; and for the drawing up of the Association of the General Assembly of this Province, for the assurance of his most

moſt Excellent Majeſty, that they will preſerve him and his Government with their Lives and Fortunes, againſt all his Majeſty's Enemies whatſoever; and *Ordered*, That the ſaid Gentlemen do carry up this Reſolve, and Addreſs his Excellency, that he would appoint a Committee of the Council to concert with a Committee of this Houſe thereon accordingly.

Lieutenant Colonel *Monville* brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council; read to the Houſe, as follows, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort in New-York, *the* 30*th of* October, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

Ordered,

"COLONEL *Cortlandt*, Colonel *Bayard*, Judge *Pinborn*, and Colonel *Heathcote*, be a Committee of the Coun-
" cil, to join the Committee of the Aſſembly this Afternoon, 3
" o'Clock, at Colonel *Cortlandt*'s Houſe, and concert the
" drawing up of an Addreſs to Congratulate his Majeſty's hap-
" py Deliverance from the late wicked Aſſaſſination; and an
" Aſſociation to be ſigned by the Governor and Council, and
" Repreſentatives met in General Aſſembly, as deſired by the
" Houſe of Repreſentatives.

" *Ordered*, Lieut. Col. *Monviele*, do deliver this Meſſage
" to the Aſſembly."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage;

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee of this Houſe, do meet the ſaid Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 30, 1696.

MAJOR *Howell*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reports, That in Purſuance of the Order of this Houſe, they had attended the Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed, and had agreed; That the Addreſs formerly ſent over to his Majeſty by his Excellency and Council, ſhould be the Addreſs, that ſhould be ſent now to his Majeſty, by the General Aſſembly of this Province; and that the Aſſociation ſhould be fairly written, and that we ſhould meet and ſign the ſame To-morrow Morning.

Which report is approved of by the Houſe.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1696.

MR. Speaker, with the whole Houſe attended his Excellency the Governor and Council, to the City Hall of this City, and publiſhed the two Acts following, *viz.*

An Act for the raiſing 100 *Men, and* Twelve Hundred Pounds, *&c. for the Reinforting* Albany, *&c.*

An Act to vacate a Deed of Truſt made by John Robinſon, *to* William Nicoll, *&c.*

After the Publication of the ſaid Acts, according to the uſual Ceremony, Mr. Speaker returned to the Houſe, and reſumed the Chair, and did report to the Houſe, That they had attended his Excellency at the Fort, where his Excellency was pleaſed to acquaint this Houſe, that he gave them many Thanks, for their Readineſs and Willingneſs, in endeavouring the Security of their Frontiers; and for their giving more Life and Force to their Acts, and in as much as the Badneſs of the Weather, might prevent their going out of Town this Afternoon, that they meet again on *Monday* next, and then to adjourn or prorogue the Houſe.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

The Houſe met and adjourned till *Monday* Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1696.

THE Clerk brought in his Account of Houſe Rent, Fire, Candle, Salaries, *&c.* which was read to the Houſe, and approved; and,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made unto his Excellency the Governor and Council, that he would be pleaſed to Order his Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General, to pay unto *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Twenty Eight Pounds, Three Shillings, and Three-pence*, Current Money of this Province; it being for Houſe Rent, Fire, Candle, Salaries to Clerks, Door-Keeper, and other incidental Charges, expended during this Sellions of Aſſembly; as *per* Account thereof, this Day brought into the Houſe doth appear.

Judge *Pinborn* brought to the Houſe, from his Excellency and Council, a Paper relating to Mr. *Livingſton*, which was read to the Houſe, which contains ſo many Heads, that the further Conſideration thereof, is referred till the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Major *Demiere* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and know of his Excellency, if any Thing further offers for his Majeſty's Service.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Judge *Pinborn* and Col. *Heathcote*; read to the Houſe, by Judge *Pinborn*, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort *in* New-York, November 2, 1696.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"UPON the Reading of a Meſſage from the Aſſembly, brought up this Morning, by Major *Demiere* and
" Capt. *Renſſelaer*;

" It is *Reſolved*, There is nothing farther to offer to them
" at preſent, but the Buſineſs relating to Mr. *Livingſton*, ſent
" down to them this Morning, and that they be made ac-
" quainted of the little Proſpect, there is of getting the
" *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, and 100 Men, to be raiſed by the
" Act of Aſſembly made this Seſſions, and his Excellency has
" declared it of abſolute Neceſſity, he put himſelf into *Albany*
" this Winter; and his Reſolution to ſet out next Week, and
" it is hoped, they will conſider to make Proviſion, for the
" extraordinary Expence that will happen againſt next Seſſion.

" *Ordered*, *William Pinborn*, Eſq; and Col. *Caleb Heathcote*,
" do deliver this Meſſage to the Aſſembly."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

The Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage referred 'till two o'Clock Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Novem.* 2, 1696.

THEN the Houſe took the ſaid Meſſage into Conſideration; and having ſpent ſome Time in Debate thereon; but the Seaſon of the Year preſſing the ſeveral Members to their reſpective Habitations, they could not come to any Concluſion, but have referred the further Conſideration thereof unto the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 3, 1696.

MR. *Jamiſon* brought down to the Houſe the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and the Aſſociation ſigned by his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council, to be alſo ſigned by the Houſe, which was done; then Mr. *Jamiſon*, acquainted Mr. Speaker and the Houſe, That his Excellency expected Mr. Speaker and the whole Houſe to attend him at the *Fort* immediately.

Upon which Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole Houſe to the *Fort* accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe, That after his Excellency was pleaſed once more to give his Thanks to this Houſe for their Care of the Frontiers, did acquaint them, That he thought it neceſſary, for the Security of the Province, that he ſhould ſpend this Winter in *Albany*; and that his Excellency did think fit to adjourn the Houſe until the 25th Day of *March* next.

Ordered, That the Addreſs now ſigned by this Houſe to be ſent to his Majeſty, and alſo the Aſſociation, be copied into the Journal of this Houſe.

The Aſſociation as follows, *viz.*

WHEREAS there hath been a horrid and deteſtable Conſpiracy formed and carried on by Papiſts, *and other wicked and traiterous Perſons, for aſſaſſinating his Majeſty's royal Perſon, in order to encourage an Invaſion from* France *on* England, *to ſubvert our Religion, Laws and Liberty; We, his Majeſty's Captain General and Governor in Chief, the Council and Repreſentatives of his Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *in* America, *now met in General Aſſembly, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, do heartily, ſincerely, and ſolemnly profeſs, teſtify, and declare, That his preſent Majeſty King* William *is rightful and lawful King of the Realms of* England, Scotland, *and* Ireland, *and ſupreme Lord of all the Territories and Dominions depending on them; that neither the late King* James, *nor the pretended Prince of* Wales, *nor any other Perſon, hath any Right whatſoever to the ſame. And we do make, promiſe, and engage to ſtand by and aſſiſt each other to the utmoſt of our Power, in the Support and Defence of his Majeſty's moſt ſacred Perſon and Government, againſt the late King* James, *and all his Adherents; and in Caſe his Majeſty come to any violent or untimely Death, (which* GOD *forbid)*

forbid) we do hereby further freely and unanimously bind ourselves to unite, associate, and stand by each other in revenging the same upon his Enemies and their Adherents; and in supporting and defending the Succession of the Crown, according to an Act made in the first Year of the Reign of King William *and Queen* Mary, *entitled,* An Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, and settling the Succession of the Crown.

New-York, in *America*, *October* 31, 1696.

Benjamin Fletcher,	William Pinhorn,
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Hendricus Beekman,	

John Clapp, *Clerk of the Assembly.*

The Address to his Majesty as follows, *viz.*

To the King's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of your Majesty's Captain General and Governor in Chief, the Council and Representatives of your Majesty's Province of *New-York*, in *America*, now met in General Assembly.

WE *your Majesty's most humble, most loyal, and most obedient Subjects, deeply sensible of the great and good Providence of Almighty God, lately manifested to all your Majesty's good People, by the most gracious and wonderful Deliverance of your sacred Person from the horrid and detestable Conspiracy of your Enemies, do heartily congratulate the same; and do daily offer up our Prayers, to Almighty God, that the Preservation of your Majesty's sacred Person, so frequently exposed to Danger for the Security of our Religion and Liberty, and to grant to your Majesty long Life, and a victorious and happy Reign.*

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John Clapp, *Clerk of the Assembly.*

Ordered, That an Address be made unto his Excellency the Governor, that he would please to order his Majesty's Collector and Receiver General to pay *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this House, the Sum of *One Pound Eight Shillings and Six Pence* more than is inserted in the former Address, which is in all the Sum of *Thirty Pounds Eleven Shillings and Nine Pence*, being for House Rent, Fire, Candles, Salaries, *&c.* expended since.

And then the House adjourned 'til the 25th Day of *March* next; and the House is adjourned 'til that Time.

Die Jovis, A. M. March 25, 1697.

THIS Morning, according to Adjournment, Mr. Speaker attended at the House, where were also present Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *De Key*, Col. *Beekman*, Major *Demiere* and Mr. *Abeel*; and ordered the Clerk of the House, to wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them therewith. The Clerk returned, informs Mr. Speaker and the Gentlemen present, that his Excellency was pleased to say, That he thought, if the House did adjourn till *Monday* next, his Excellency was in hopes, all the rest of the Members might be in Town by that Time. Then Mr. Speaker, and the Gentlemen present, did adjourn themselves until *Monday* Morning next, 10 o'Clock accordingly.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 29, 1697.

THE Roll of the House being called over, were found absent only, Capt. *De Key*, Mr. *Underhill*, Mr. *Purdy*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Jackson* and Major *Howell*; who not appearing at the House this Morning, Mr. Speaker did adjourn till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 29, 1697.

THE Roll of the House being called over, were found absent only, the two Representatives of *Westchester* County, and Capt. *Jackson*.

Ordered, That Major *Demiere*, Mr. *Duksberry*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Rensselaer*; do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, That pursuant to the Adjournment, the whole House are met, except *Westchester* County, and wait to know what his Excellency has to communicate to them, for his Majesty and Country's Service.

Mr. *Jamison* brought a Message from his Excellency and Council, and acquainted this House, That his Excellency and Council were met, and expected the Attendance of this House at the Fort immediately.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and attended his Excellency with the whole House accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, resumed the Chair, and reports to the House, the Heads of his Excellency's Speech, which was received by the House with great Satisfaction. And,

Ordered, That Major *Howell*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Duksberry*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Abeel*; do wait upon his Excellency, and return him the hearty Thanks of this House for his Care, in exposing his Person to so many Dangers and Hardships, for the Security of the Frontiers this Winter, and also for his favourable Speech now communicated to them, and that his Excellency would be pleased, to order a Copy thereof, to be sent down for the more speedy Dispatch of Business.

Major *Howell* returned, reports, That they had delivered the said Message to his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, he would send down a Copy thereof, to the House To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 30, 1697.

HIS Excellency's Speech, brought down by Mr. *Jamison*, read to the House, as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen Representatives,

"I Am very glad to meet you here, according to your Adjournment the last Session. I just now heard the "Members of *Westchester* County have absented, and hope "Mr. Speaker, the House will do that Right to their own "Honour to inquire into the Reason of their Absence.

"I was called to *Albany* this Winter, by a double Obligation, my Duty to his most sacred Majesty, in Discharge of "that Trust he has been graciously pleased to put into my "Hands, and my Affection to his Subjects of that City, "who by Address desired my Presence with them.

"And indeed, the Intelligence of a Design on that Place, "by the *French* and their *Indians* (being flushed with their "Success on *Pemaquid* in *New-England*, the last Summer) was "a sufficient Spur to me.

"I Therefore resolved to make *Albany* my Winter Quarter, "looking upon it not only as a Barrier to this Province, "but to other Colonies of his Majesty's Empire in *America*.

"My Passage met with some Difficulties by an early Winter, being twice drove ashore by the Ice, and at last locked up by it; yet I made the Journey in twelve Days, tho' "with some extraordinary Expence, being necessitated to travel "Part of the Way by Land, with a Detachment of my own "Company.

"Col. *Schuyler*, who Commands the Militia in those Parts, "and speaks the Language, was very Active in procuring "Waggons and other Assistance, as Sleighs for bringing up "Field Pieces, Small Arms, Ammunition, *&c.* which could "not be done Gratis.

"The Journey had the Effect I expected, some Families "who designed to remove, upon the report of my coming, "stayed, by which the Garrison was much strengthened.

"I observed in all the Inhabitants, great Zeal for his Majesty's Service; they were cheerful in the Performance of "their Duty, watchful and vigilant upon those Guards committed to their Care.

"The Inhabitants are somewhat straightened by Quartering "his Majesty's Companies, the Houses are small, fitted only "for the Conveniency of their own Families; if Barracks "were built (which will be no great Charge) the Inhabitants "would be eased, Soldiers better accommodated, Desertion "easier prevented, and the City better fortified.

"And

" And as you have hitherto shewed great Regard for his " Majesty's Service, in taking Care as well for Recruiting, as " better Subsisting those Companies, so I hope you will con- " tinue in the good Mind of easing the Inhabitants, by ac- " commodating the Soldiers.

" Your last Gratuity to them had such Influence, that not " one Man has deserted since.

" I desire you will appoint some of your House, to look " into those Payments, by which you will see, that so much " Money as could be got upon the Credit of that Act, has " been applied as it directs. Those Recruits from *Connecticut* " came very seasonably; they had their levy Money, and those " two Officers that conducted them, were paid One Pound for " each Man, as a Reward for their Pains and Care, which I " hope gave them all Satisfaction.

" The Winter seems the most proper Season for the *French* " to make an Attack upon *Albany*, all Rivers, Lakes and " Marshes being so hard by the Frost that Cannon may be " drawn, &c.

" Yet in Summer those Parts suffer most by skulking Parties " of *French* and *Indians*; so that I must recommend to you " the Care of recruiting his Majesty's Companies at *May* next " (when the Time of those inlisted by your Act determines) " otherwise it will be impossible to cover the Out-Plantations; " those Farmers will remove, and leave the Country Waste, " the Consequence of that will be the Desolation of the City, " which must then become a Garrison.

" The Five Nations of *Indians* can have no Relief there, " their Friends being gone, which they may justly conclude to " be for Fear of the *French*; and those *Indians* will then pur- " chase their Safety and Conveniency by joining to our Ene- " mies of *Canada*.

" The Care you have taken for Payment of a Party to " advance upon the Enemy's Borders, and lodge there for " some Time to discover their Motion, is of great Use: I " hope you will continue that Allowance, and also consider " the Advantage we found last Summer by the Payment of " *Six Pounds* to any *Christian* or *Indian*, for every Head they " bring in of those skulking Murderers, who spare neither " Women nor Children.

" By that Encouragement we had some of them cut off in " *September* last. Those Gentlemen you have entrusted in the " Payment of the advance Parties, are without Doubt the " best qualified for this, being resident in *Albany*; they should " have a Fund or Credit to pay for every Head brought in.

" The punctual Payment for last Summer's Service will " spur many young Men to be Adventurers, both *Christians* " and *Indians*; they'll Hunt hard upon this Encouragement. " I desire you'll continue Life in so honest a Design, for the " Preservation of his Majesty's Subjects in those Parts.

" I cannot be unconcerned at the Hardships this Province " lies under, above others (by Reason of this War). You " have Agents now attending his Majesty, he is our gracious " King, Father of his People, he will hear.

" True and plain Accounts of our Circumstances will be " represented, and Relief obtained from his Majesty's pious " Care of all his Subjects.

" You have seen the Memorial given into their Excellencies, " the Lords Justices. I have since received Letters, and ano- " ther Paper given in by those Gentlemen to the Right Ho- " nourable the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations. I " shall communicate them to your House.

" If those Gentlemen employed from the Province are " faithful and diligent, I will not question their Success, if " we are not wainting to ourselves; they are at an extraor- " dinary Charge; one of them is out of the Road of that " Business, which is his Support; his Fortune and his Family " both suffer by his Absence. He was appointed by your- " selves. You'll consider what is proper to be done for the " carrying on so good a Work, which is so well begun, and " when finished will lighten our present Burthen, and secure " us from the Attempts of our Enemies.

" Gentlemen, I pray God direct you.

A Memorial brought into the House by Captain *William Hyde*, read.

The House taking into their Consideration the first Head of his Excellency's Speech, do order, That Captain *Stillwell* and Mr. *Sebring* do wait upon his Excellency, and desire his Excellency would be pleased to appoint a Serjeant at Arms to attend the Service of this House, on occasion.

Mr. *Jamison* brought a Letter directed to the Speaker, which he opened, and ordered the same to be read immediately; wherein were diverse Letters from Mr. *Nicolls* and Mr. *Brooke*; and also two Memorials delivered by them unto their Excellencies the Lords Justices of *England*, relating to the State of this Province, which were likewise read. Whereupon it was *Ordered*, That Major *Demiere* and Mr. *Abeel* do wait upon his Excellency, and give his Excellency the hearty Thanks of this House for his favourable Communication thereof.

Mr. Speaker did likewise read to the House two Letters which he received also from Mr. *Nicolls*.

The House finding *Humphry Underhill* and *Joseph Purdy*, the Representatives for the County of *Westchester*, have neglected their Duty to their Country, by absenting themselves from the Service of this House convened in General Assembly; It is therefore, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Richard Stokes*, Serjeant at Arms, do forthwith go to the said Persons, or to the Places of their respective Abodes, and there take them into safe Custody, if they can be found, and bring them to this House, to answer the Contempt, in the Neglect of their Duty aforesaid; and for his so doing, the Order of this House, signed by the Speaker, shall be his sufficient Warrant.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 30, 1697.

THE House ordered the reading of his Excellency's Speech; and did resolve, That the Security of the Frontiers at *Albany* should be the first Point that should be taken into their Consideration.

Mr. *Purdy*, lately ordered to be taken into the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, having appeared at the Bar, and requested the Favour of this House, that he might be admitted to his Place, having no Design in Contempt of this House. Which Submission being accepted, it is, *Ordered*, That he be dismissed from the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, paying his Fees; and that he take his Place in the House accordingly.

The further Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the securing the Frontiers of the Province at *Albany*, referred 'til To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 31, 1697.

THE Petition of Mr. *Giles Silvester*, referred to the Consideration of this House, by his Excellency and Council, read.

The further Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the securing the Frontiers at *Albany*, &c. referred 'til Afternoon.

Adjourned 'till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. March* 31, 1697.

THE further Consideration of that said Part of his Excellency's Speech referred 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning. And the House adjourned 'til that Time.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 1, 1697.

THE Serjeant at Arms having reported to this House, That according to the Speaker's Warrant to him directed, he had been at the House of *Humphry Underhill*, one of the Representatives of the County of *Westchester*, and had there required him to render his Obedience unto the said Warrant; who thereupon refused to come along with him; and amongst other Words by him then uttered, he positively and peremptorily said, *That*

That he could not, nor would he come to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, before he had his Money. Which Anſwer being taken into the Conſideration of this Houſe, it is unanimouſly *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Humphry Underhill*, hath undutifully, againſt the Privilege of this Houſe, and in Breach of the Truſt committed unto him by the Freeholders of the ſaid County, obſtinately, unfaithfully, and againſt his Duty, abſented himſelf from the Service of this Houſe, in Contempt of the Privilege of Aſſembly, and evil Example to others; and that for ſuch his Contempt, it is, *Ordered*, That he be hereby excluded from being any longer a Member of this Houſe; and that the Speaker do iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, for the cauſing another Perſon of the ſaid County to be elected in his Room.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WHEREAS, Humphry Underhill, *lately one of the Repreſentatives of the County of* Weſtcheſter, *hath obſtinately and contemptuouſly abſented himſelf from this Houſe, and hath confederated with ſeveral other diſaffected Perſons, inhabiting within the Towns of* Rye *and* Bedford, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to oppoſe and reſiſt the Laws of this Government, by withdrawing themſelves from their Allegiance to his Majeſty, in his Majeſty's Government of this Province, to the bad Example of others. And in further purſuit of his ſaid wicked Practices, hath contemptuouſly refuſed, upon a perſonal Summons, to attend the Service of a Repreſentative for the ſaid County, in General Aſſembly. Now therefore humbly ſupplicate your Excellency to iſſue out your Excellency's Proclamation, that the ſaid* Humphry Underhill *do make his perſonal Appearance in General Aſſembly, at or before the day of next, to anſwer the ſame according to Law.*

WHEREAS, Humphry Underhill, ——— *elected to ſerve in this Aſſembly for the County of Weſtcheſter, hath (after that he had taken the Oaths, &c. and Charge, as a Member in ſaid Aſſembly) obſtinately neglected his Duty in attending the Service thereof, in Contempt of the Privilege and Orders of Aſſembly, and is therefore expelled this Houſe, and excluded the ſaid Service, whereby there is a Vacancy of another Member for the ſaid County. Theſe are therefore to require you forthwith to iſſue out a new Writ to the ſaid County, for the electing of a new Member, to ſupply the ſaid Vacancy. Given under my Hand and Seal.*

To Matthew Clarkſon, *Eſq*;
Secretary and Clerk of the Crown, or his Deputy.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 1, 1697.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Sebring* and Captain *De Key* do wait upon his Excellency with this Addreſs.

The further Conſideration of the Security of the Frontiers referred 'til To-morrow Morning.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 2, 1697.

A Memorial of Captain *William Hyde*, brought in by him, read.

Mr. *Jamiſon* brought a Letter from his Excellency (which his Excellency was pleaſed to communicate to the Houſe) from the Deputy Governor of *Boſton*, which was read.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to his Excellency for his favourable Communication thereof unto them.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 2, 1697.

THE Houſe having under their Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech for the Security of the Frontiers, have *Reſolved*, by Majority of Votes, That the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* current Money of this Province, be raiſed, aſſeſſed and levied upon all and every the Inhabitants, Reſidents and Free-holders of this Province, to be employed for the neceſſary Security and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province at *Albany*, from the firſt of *May* next, until the firſt Day of *November* then next following.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tuthill*, Mr. *Weſſels*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Mr. *Reade*, Mr. *De Key*, Captain *Jackſon*, Captain *Stillwell*, and Major *Demiere*, be a Committee to examine how the Money raiſed by Acts of Aſſembly, for the Encouragement of the Frontiers at *Albany*, hath been employed; and bring in their Report on *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatti, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 3, 1697.

Reſolved,

THAT the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds four Shillings* ſhall be employed for the raiſing two Lieutenants, Eighteen *Chriſtians* and Sixteen *Indians*, to be employed as Scouts, to range the Woods, for the better diſcovering of the Motion of the Enemy, from the firſt Day of *May* next until the firſt Day of *November* then next following. And alſo, That the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, being the Reſidue and Remainder of the aforeſaid Sum of *One Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be employed for making his Majeſty's two Companies at *Albany*, quartered without the Fort, for the Security of the Frontiers, compleatly Two Hundred effective Men, to continue and remain there from and during the ſaid Time, and diſtributed amongſt all the Forces there, for their Encouragement, punctually to attend the ſaid Service. And *Ordered*, That the Speaker do bring in a Bill accordingly.

Adjourned 'til *Wedneſday* Morning 10 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 7, 1697.

ADJOURNED 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 7, 1697.

THE Report of the Committee appointed to examine how the Money raiſed by Acts of Aſſembly, for the Encouragement of the Frontiers at *Albany*, hath been employed, &c. read, and do ſay, That the Accomptant General having been ſo indiſpoſed, that he could not give them a full State of the Accounts thereof, do deſire ſome longer Time for the bringing in of their ſaid Report.

William Demiere, Chairman.

Ordered, That the ſame Committee be continued, and bring in their Report on *Saturday* next accordingly.

The Petition of *John Van Ecklen* read, and *Ordered*, That the Serjeant at Arms do ſummons *John Ariſon* to appear at the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Morning, 10 o'Clock, to anſwer the Complaint of the ſaid Petitioner, for Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1697.

MR. Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing the Sum of* Fifteen Hundred Pounds, *to be employed by his Excellency, or any Perſons he ſhall appoint, for the raiſing of One Hundred effective Men, to recruit his Majeſty's Companies at the Frontiers of this Province at* Albany; *and for the employing Twenty* Chriſtians *and Sixteen* Indians, *as Scouts, for the ranging the Woods, to diſcover the Motion of the Enemy, and to free the Inhabitants from Detachments, from the firſt of* May *next, to the firſt of* November *then next following, except in Caſe of inevitable Neceſſity*; read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The ſame Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Serjeant at Arms returned, reports to the Houſe, That purſuant to the Order thereof, he had ſummoned *John Ariſon* to appear here at the Bar of this Houſe, and that the ſaid *John Ariſon* now attends accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 8, 1697.

UPON hearing the Complaint of *John Van Ecklen*, againſt *John Ariſon*, for Breach

Breach of the Privilege of this House, and *John Arison*'s Defence, with the Witnesses on both Sides;

Thereupon it is, *Resolved*, That the Manner of *John Arison*'s speaking those Words, are a Breach of the Privilege of this House; and ordered, that the said *John Arison*, be taken into the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, and pay the Fees accruing thereby.

Upon reading the Petition of *John Arison*, committed for the Breach of the Privileges of this House; it is

Ordered, That he be discharged from his said Commitment, paying his Fees.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 9, 1697.

THE Bill for the raising the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, &c. read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Key*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Purdy* and Major *Demiere*; do wait upon his Excellency and Council with the said Bill.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 9, 1697.

THE Petition of Mr. *Giles Sylvester*, read the second Time, also his Patent of *Shelter-Island*, and Patent of Privileges.

The Petition of divers Tradesmen, &c. of this City, read to the House.

Ordered, That the Members of *Albany*, do bring in a Bill for the Continuation of an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act to enable the City and County of* Albany, *to defray their necessary Charge, two Year longer than the Time therein limited.*

The House having taken into their Consideration the Petition of *Giles Sylvester*, of *Shelter Island*, in the Province of *New-York*, Gent. who on the Behalf of *William Nicolls* and himself, &c. referred him to them, by his Excellency and Council, and examined the Patents and other Grants, brought to Evidence the Allegations therein mentioned, are humbly of an Opinion, There is no Privilege therein granted, to exempt him from the Payment of Taxes, raised for the defraying the necessary Charges of the Government; and that they have had a due Regard to his Majesty's Grants of Privileges to his Subjects of this Province, by leaving them to make their respective Assessments, according to the Methods accustomed in their respective Manors or Jurisdictions, unless upon their neglect, refusal or default of their said Duty, then have invested the Justices of the Counties, where such Manors or Jurisdictions are, with Power to supply the said Defects, as it is lawful for to do.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1697.

THE Representatives of the City and County of *Albany*, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill to enable the City and County of* Albany *to defray their necessary Charge*, which Bill was ordered to be read the first Time.

The same Bill read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The same Bill read the third Time, and passed; and ordered to be sent up unto his Excellency the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wessells*, Mr. *Abeel*, and Mr. *Rensselaer*; do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the said Bill.

Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 10 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 12, 1697.

MR. *Jamison* brought a Message from his Excellency, and informed Mr. Speaker, That his Excellency expected his Attendance, with the whole House, at the Fort immediately; whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and went with the House, to wait upon his Excellency at the Fort accordingly.

Mr. Speaker returned, resumed the Chair, and reports to the House, the Heads of what his Excellency was pleased to communicate to them, as followeth;

That the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, *will Answer the Service: That the Companies must be recruited the first of* May: *That the first Payment of Money must be the 29th of* September *next: That there is no Clause for Interest in the Bill: That levy Money must be paid in Hand, or none will inlist: That if* 4d. per *Day is cut off, no new Men will inlist, and the Old ones will run: That the* Seven Hundred *and* Ninety One Pounds, Four Shillings, *to give* 18d. per *Day for* Indians, *and* 3s. *to Bush Lopers, is extravagant and unnecessary, which may be better performed for less Money, by the Encouragement of those who shall go out to Range, over their Pay, and only paid for the Time they are out. And that the Act circumscribes his Excellency by these Words,* (To no other End and Purpose whatsoever) *And that the Assembly seems to slight his Excellency's Company, who does Duty, by Detachments, on the Frontiers, and otherwise, however waves that, but is willing the three Companies above have* 4d. per *Day.*

Joseph Theal brought to the House, an Indenture signed by several Freeholders of *Westchester* County, which was read, wherein the said *Theal* was returned as a Representative for the said County (in the Room of *Humphry Underhill*) to serve as a Member in General Assembly, whom Mr. Speaker informed, That he must first go to the Fort to his Excellency and Council, and there take the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, in lieu, &c. and sign the Test, before he could be qualified to take his Place and Act in this House as a Member thereof.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 12, 1697.

MR. *Theal* brought to the House, a Certificate under the Hand of Col. *Cortlandt* and Col. *Bayard*, which was read, certifying, That the said *Theal* had taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, &c. and signed the Test. Whereupon the Speaker ordered him to take his Place in the House, which he did accordingly.

The House having taken into their Consideration the Reasons offered by his Excellency, for the Alteration of the Uses mentioned, in the Bill sent up from this House, entitled, *A Bill for the raising the Sum of* Fifteen Hundred Pounds, &c. And as to the first, relating to the Interest of Money that shall be advanced for recruiting the Companies with 100 Men, the first of *May* next, &c. did apprehend that the mentioning Interest Money to be raised according to the Manner, Rule and Direction of a Clause in another Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for the raising* 100 *Men, to be listed in his Majesty's three Companies posted at* Albany, *for the Security of the Frontiers, and for the raising of* Twelve Hundred Pounds, *for the Encouragement of such as shall list themselves*, &c. To which this same has a Reference, and did suppose that the said Clause for the advancing of Money upon Interest, shall have the same Force and Effect, for that End and Purpose, as the other Clauses in the said Act, to which this Bill has reference, but are willing, if the same be not plain enough, that any other Clause to answer the said End, may be mentioned accordingly. As to his Excellency's Proposition of 4*d. per* Day, this House has given the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Eight Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, for the Recruiting his Majesty's Companies at *Albany*, with 100 Men, and the Encouragement of his Majesty's three Companies posted there, which they esteem sufficient Encouragent, for the answering the said Service, without any Alteration, And as to the *Seven Hundred* and *Ninety One Pounds, Four Shillings*, raised for the raising of 20 *Christians* and 16 *Indians*, to be employed as Scouts, for the ranging of the Woods, to discover the Motion of the Enemy, We humbly conceive it to be of great Service for the Security of the Frontiers, and reasonable that the said Sum be so applied accordingly. And as to these Words, *To no other End or Purpose*

poſe whatſoever, alledged to circumſcribe his Excellency, the Houſe cannot conceive any ſuch Conſtruction to be put upon them, being only intended to declare the Application of the Uſe, for which they have raiſed that Money, and not in any Manner to circumſcribe his Excellency, in the Execution of any of his Power, and therefore humbly pray, the ſaid Bill may paſs without any other Alteration, ſave only what relates to the Intereſt.

The further Conſideration of the ſaid Heads, left till To-morrow Morning, 8 o'Clock.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1697.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Smith* and Col. *Heathcote*, as alſo a Copy of the more particular Heads of his Excellency's Speech to the Houſe Yeſterday, which was read to the Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort, *in* New-York, *the* 13*th of* April, 1697.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

Ordered,

"COL. *William Smith* and Col. *Caleb Heathcote* do wait upon the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and acquaint "them, That his Excellency deſires to know, if they have "conſidered what was offered to them Yeſterday, and that "for their better Remembrance, his Excellency has ſent them "the Heads of what he did offer, in writing, as alſo a Letter "from the Sheriff of *Weſtcheſter*; and that the Governor and "Council, deſire the Opinion of the Houſe, about this De-"fection of the Towns of *Rye* and *Bedford*."

per Order,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

The more particular Heads of what his Excellency was pleaſed to offer to the Houſe Yeſterday, is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen Repreſentatives,

I *Sent for you to have a right Underſtanding of the Bill, whereby you raiſe* Fifteen Hundred Pounds, *for your own Security: The Sum would anſwer the Service for that Time, if rightly appropriated. But firſt, Conſideration ought to be had, That the Companies on the Frontiers, are to be recruited the firſt of* May *next*; *the firſt Payment of this Money is the* 29*th of* September, *and no Clauſe in the Bill for Intereſts ſo that levy Money cannot be paid in Hand, and conſequently none will inliſt. Beſides, the* 4d. per *Day is cut off, which is ſo great a Diſcouragement, that no new Men will enter, nor the old Men be kept from Deſertion, as I told you, that kept our Men together, none had Deſerted, when they found it paid, ſo the taking it off, will make them Run. You all know the King's Pay does no more than feed them,* 2d. Sterling *is ſloped in* England, *to anſwer Cloathing.*

You take no Notice of my Company, who by Detachments have rolled upon Duty in the Frontiers, Part of them were with me all this Winter, and a Detachment of them have been twice on board the Richmond *Frigate, to ſtrengthen her in her Cruiſing, and prevent the preſſing of your Seamen. But I wave that.*

The Sum of Seven Hundred *and* Ninety One Pounds, Four Shillings, *is an extravagant and unneceſſary Charge (being to keep* Indians *at* 18 d. *a Day, and Chriſtians at* 3s. *a Day, in conſtant Pay for Six Months, as Scouts) the Companies being compleated, it will be better performed for* 200 l. *for Encouragement of ſuch as march upon that Service, and only paid for ſuch Days as they are upon that Duty, which is directed by my Inſtructions to the commanding Officer in that Garriſon, a Copy of which is left in the Hands of the Mayor. It is very neceſſary a Sum of Money be lodged at* Albany, *to pay them punctually as they come in from their Marches, and do Execution upon the Enemy.*

The Money you ſo generouſly give will anſwer all that I propoſed to you, the Intereſt, Levy Money, Groat a Day, *for* 300 *Men, and Scouts for that Time, if it were not ſo circumſcribed in the Bill. I have been at* Albany *long enough to judge what Methods are proper for the Security of that Place, and will, at the Hazard of my Life, undertake the Defence of it, if the Aſſembly pleaſe to anſwer what I laid before them, at the Opening of this Seſſions, and the Sum granted will anſwer what I propoſed, therefore I deſire you will go together, and conſider of it. I pray God direct you,*

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 13, 1697.

THE Letter from *Benjamin Collier*, high Sheriff of *Weſtcheſter* County, directed to his Excellency the Governor, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Major *Weſſells* and Capt. *Stillwell*; do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the Reſolves of the Houſe, upon the Propoſitions made to his Excellency Yeſterday, relating to the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing the Sum of* Fifteen Hundred Pounds, *&c.*

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1697.

CAPT. *Stillwell* brought a Meſſage into the Houſe (which he ſaid Col. *Bayard* delivered into his Hands) from his Excellency and Council, which was read, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, April 14, 1697.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

Ordered,

"COL. *Stephanus Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, Col. *William Smith*, *William Pinhorn*, Eſq; and "Col. *Caleb Heathcote*; be a Committee of the Council, to "confer with a Committee of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, "upon the Reſolves ſent up Yeſterday Afternoon, from the "Houſe to his Excellency, at the Houſe of Col. *Cortlandt*, "at 10 o'Clock this Day. And that Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, "do wait upon the Houſe, and deſire a Committee may be "appointed for the Conference accordingly." *per Order*,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon the Reading the ſaid Meſſage;

Ordered, That Capt. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Abeel*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Major *Weſſells*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Van Ecklen*; be a Committee of this Houſe, to confer with the Committee of the Council, upon the ſame Reſolves. And that they meet at the Time and Place appointed accordingly. And,

Ordered, That Captain *Jackſon* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with this Order of the Houſe.

The Houſe having taken into their Conſideration, that Part of the Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, relating unto the Defection of the Towns of *Rye* and *Bedford*, in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, within this Province; upon Examination do find, That for theſe twelve Years now laſt paſt, the Towns of *Rye* and *Bedford*, have been under the Government of this Province, and have been protected by the ſame, and held and enjoyed all the Privileges, Advantages and Benefits, that any of his Majeſty's Subjects do poſſeſs and enjoy, by Virtue of the Laws thereof; without the Pretence, Claim or Moleſtation of any other Perſon or Government whatſoever; and as ſuch have tied themſelves by their Allegiance unto his Majeſty's Government of this Province, and have been contributing, in their Proportion, both to the Support of his Majeſty's ſaid Government, and the Defence and Security of the ſame on the Frontiers at *Albany*, and therefore are humbly of Opinion; That the Inhabitants of the ſaid Towns of *Rye* and *Bedford*, in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, ought not to continue in their Defection, nor depart from their Allegiance to his Majeſty, in his Government of this Province, nor revolt from the ſame, by joining themſelves unto the Government of *Connecticut*, without a Violence to the Faith and Allegiance they ought to bear unto his moſt Sacred Majeſty, and thereby incurring the Pains and Penalties eſtabliſhed by Law, upon ſuch as rebel againſt his Majeſty's Government. And alſo conceive, that the late appearance of Major *Sillick*, with a Troop of Dragoons armed, to diſturb the Sheriff in the

the Execution of his Majesty's Writ for the Election of a Member, and to the Terror of his Majesty's Subjects there assembled, for that Service at the said Town, to be a forceable Invasion of the Majesty's Right and Dominion over this his Majesty's Province, having no Pretence nor Claim to the same; because at the Time of the late Revolution, when the Inhabitants of the said Colony of *Connecticut* did resume their former Charter Government, they did in no Ways or Manner resume any Right, Pretence or Claim unto the aforesaid Towns of *Rye* and *Bedford*, but suffered the same to remain and continue as Members of this Province, and as such his most Excellent Majesty was possessed thereof, by his Letters Patent unto Col. *Slaughter*, late Governor of this Province, to whom the said Inhabitants of *Rye* and *Bedford* rendered an entire Obedience, and have continued in the same under your Excellency's Administration of his Majesty's Government over this Province. Do therefore most humbly address your Excellency, That your Excellency would be pleased to issue out your Excellency's Proclamation, requiring the Inhahitants of the said Towns to return unto their Faith and Allegiance they owe unto his Majesty, as his Subjects in this Province, at a certain Day. And that your Excellency will be pleased to assure them of his Majesty's Grace and Pardon upon that Condition; otherwise that they may be proceeded against as the Law directs. And at the same Time that your Excellency would represent unto the Government of *Connecticut*, the great Evil they commit by protecting such of his Majesty's Subjects that have revolted from their Allegiance to his Majesty's Government of this Province; and that they have thereby lessened the Strength of his Majesty's Government here, being a Frontier Province, and by that Means given great Advantage to his Majesty's declared Enemies, the *French*; and that they would for the future desist from the same. And that if they have any Right or Claim in the Law to those Towns of *Rye* and *Bedford*, that they may apply unto his Majesty, who is the sole Judge of the Extent and Limits of his Dominions in *America*, and submit the same unto his royal Determination; and not by Force enter upon his Majesty's Dominions, to the evil Example of those disaffected to his Majesty's Government and Empire, and the disuniting of the Strength of his Majesty's Subjects, now necessary to be employed with Vigour against his Majesty's Enemies, the *French*. Which is humbly submitted unto your Excellency's prudent Conduct and Consideration.

Ordered, That this Address to his Excellency be copied out fair, and sent up to his Excellency and Council.

Adjourned 'til two o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. April 14, 1697.

Ordered,

THAT Captain *Reade*, Colonel *Beekman*, Captain *Whitehead*, and Mr. *Tuthill*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up this Address. The Gentlemen returned, report, That they had waited upon his Excellency, as ordered, and delivered unto his Excellency the said Address.

Major *Howell*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council, *&c.* doth report, That according to the Order of this House, they had attended the Gentlemen of the Council, appointed to confer with them upon the subject Matter of the Resolves of this House, sent up Yesterday; and that upon the whole Matter, after some Time spent, and many Debates thereon, they found nothing new offered by them, but what had been fully before debated in this House; and therefore that they conceive no Reason to depart from the Resolves of this House, the subject Matter of the said Conference.

The House does approve of this Report, and order, That Major *Wessels* and Mr. *Tuthill* do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and desire the Dispatch of the said Bill.

Major *Wessels* returned, reports, That he had delivered the said Message to his Excellency.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. April 15, 1697.

THE Report of the Committee appointed to examine how the Money raised by Acts of Assembly, for the Encouragement of the Frontiers at *Albany*, had been employed, *&c.* The said Committee do say, That the Accomptant General is so indisposed, that he cannot attend the said Committee, and unwilling to part with the Vouchers, except by Order of his Excellency and Council.

William Demiere, Chairman.

The Petition of Major *Merret*, and others, sent down from his Excellency and Council, and recommended to the Consideration of this House; read.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. April 15, 1697.

THE Petition of divers Tradesmen, *&c.* read the second Time.

The Petition of Major *Merret*, *&c.* read the second Time; and upon the Consideration of the same, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Merret* gets ready all his Evidences, Accounts, and Papers relating to the said Petition, and attend the House with them To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Isaac Caveer* read.

The Petition of *Martin Clock* read the second Time, and upon the Consideration of the same, *Ordered*, The said *Clock* do produce a Certificate that he served in the Station of a Lieutenant from the 28th Day of *March*, *Anno* 1691; that then the House will enquire further into the Matter.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. April 16, 1697.

COLONEL *Monvile* brought down two Bills, the one entitled, *A Bill to enable the City and County of* Albany *to defray their necessary Charge*, together with the Amendments, which was read, and the House cannot agree thereunto, because the income of the said Duty is so little, that it will scarce defray the yearly Charge that must arise by the said Amendments. And therefore humbly Pray that it may pass without the said Amendments.

Adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. April 16, 1697.

THE House cannot agree to the Amendments in the Bill sent down this Morning by Colonel *Monvile*, entitled, *A Bill for the raising the Sum of* One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, *&c.* because they conceive there will be no Surplusage, if the Service be executed as the Bill directs. As to the next Amendment, they cannot agree to change the Time mentioned in the Bill, because it will be impossible to collect the Money to be paid by the first of *June*, and therefore humbly pray that the Bill may pass without any Alteration.

May it please your Excellency,

WE *humbly presume to acquaint your Excellency, that after many Debates and Expence of Time, this House came to a Conclusion of framing this Bill, with Intent that it might give*

your Excellency entire Satisfaction, and ſecure the Frontiers; but it ſeems it hath not met with that deſired Effect, nor by any Conference had thereupon, nor Amendment ſent down with the ſaid Bill, been able to alter or change the Thoughts of this Houſe, who continue in the Opinion, That it ought to paſs without any Alteration. But in Regard the Bill does not paſs without apprehenſion that may cauſe much Diſcontent in the Frontiers, and by that Means leſſen the Strength thereof; Therefore the Houſe having taken the ſame into their ſerious Conſideration, humbly pray that your Excellency would be pleaſed to make a favourable Conſtruction on all their Proceedings, they having no other Intent than to aſſiſt your Excellency in the ſecuring of the Frontiers with their utmoſt Endeavours, according to their Ability.

And to evidence their Readineſs to aſſiſt your Excellency accordingly (and if your Excellency do not ſee Cauſe to paſs the ſaid Bill in Manner therein expreſſed) the Repreſentatives do humbly propoſe unto your Excellency, That they are willing, for the Encouragement of his Majeſty's Companies, to raiſe the Sum of One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *to be diſtributed amongſt the ſaid Companies, for their better Subſiſtance, provided that your Excellency will take Care, that there ſhall be poſted at* Albany, *for the Security of the Frontiers, in his Majeſty's Fort, in the City and County there,* 300 *effective Men, to continue and abide there, for that Service, one whole Year, from the firſt of* May *next, until the firſt of* May, *in the Year of our Lord* 1698. *And alſo to raiſe the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *to be lodged at* Albany, *to be diſtributed amongſt thoſe, that ſhall be employed as Scouts upon Occaſion, and that the Inhabitants of this Province be, during the ſaid Time, freed from Detachments, and any other Supply for that Service, unleſs in the Time of inevitable Neceſſity. Which is humbly ſubmitted unto your Excellency's prudent Conſideration, and offered in Evidence of the Loyal Affection they bear unto his Majeſty, and Willingneſs to aſſiſt your Excellency, in ſecuring the Province, to the utmoſt Extent of their Ability.*

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *Jackſon*, Major *Demiere*, Capt. *De Key*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Sebring* and Major *Weſſells*; do wait upon his Excellency with this Addreſs.

The Gentlemen returned, report, that they had delivered the ſaid Addreſs to his Excellency, after the reading the ſame by Major *Demiere*, Chairman.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 17, 1697.

MARTIN Clock, having produced Certificates under the Hands of *Peter Schuyler* and *Barnet Lewis* (according to the Order of this Houſe) of his Service, as Lieutenant, at *Albany*, for the Security of the Frontiers, until the 24th Day of *April* 1691, are of Opinion, That he ought to be allowed his Pay from the 28th Day of *March*, until the 24th Day of *April* 1691, according to Eſtabliſhment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Judge *Pinhorn*, which he read to the Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

"IN Anſwer to your Addreſs read unto me laſt Night, I have told you before, the Sum which you ſo gene-
" rouſly give in your Bill, would anſwer the End, which I
" did propoſe, and the Reaſons why I could not paſs it, if
" your Bill had been ſo framed as to anſwer my Propoſals in
" the Diſpoſition of the Money. I did likewiſe undertake,
" for the Security of the Frontiers, with the Hazard of my
" Life. His Sacred Majeſty did ſee Cauſe, to entruſt me with
" the Care of this Province, and I think I have been long
" enough here to know what is proper for the Defence of it.
" I do not call in queſtion your good Intentions to enable
" me to ſecure the Frontiers. If after all your long Debates
" and Expence of Time, you ſee no Cauſe to alter or change
" your Thoughts, as to the Uſes in that Bill, I do not ſee
" Cauſe to paſs it, in the Manner therein expreſſed; and
" therefore I chooſe rather to accept of your preſent Propoſi-
" tion, although I perceive therein, that allowing 4*d.* a Day
" to 300 Men, for one Year, there is no Proviſion for Levy
" Money, which muſt be had the firſt of *May* next, nor any
" mention made of the Time of Payment, which I would
" have as ſoon as may be, and rather at three Payments than two,
" that it may the better anſwer the Service; I ſhall endeavour to
" make it go as far as it can, and aſſure you it ſhall be applied to
" no other Uſe or Intent, than the Service you propoſe. If the
" leſſening the 4*d.* a Day, which you have formerly enabled
" me to give (which muſt neceſſarily follow, when Men can-
" not be had without Levy Money) have any ill Effect to the
" Diſcouragement of the Men, I hope you will be my Wit-
" neſſes, That I have endeavoured to prevent it, as I ſhall
" endeavour it.

Gentlemen,

" I return you Thanks for the Sum you propoſe to give,
" and pray that you may diſpatch, for the Time draws near
" when the laſt Recruits will be diſcharged."

BENJAMIN FLETCHER.

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort *in* New-York, April 17, 1697.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, *&c.*

"HIS Excellency did communicate to the Council, an Addreſs from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, read
" unto his Excellency laſt Evening, and an Anſwer in writ-
" ing thereunto, which was read, and approved by the Coun-
" cil; and,

" *Ordered, William Pinhorn*, Eſq; do carry down the ſaid
" Anſwer to the Houſe.

By Order,

David Jamiſon, *Cl. Co.*

Upon Reading the Anſwer ſent down from his Excellency and Council this Morning, to the Addreſs ſent up by this Houſe Yeſterday;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will fall upon no other Conſideration, for the Securing of the Frontiers, until the Bill ſent up to his Excellency and Council, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing the Sum of* Fifteen Hundred Pounds, *&c.* be either paſſed, or rejected, and returned to this Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Key* and Mr. *Abeel*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with this Reſolve of the Houſe. The Gentlemen returned, report, they had delivered the ſaid Reſolve unto his Excellency.

Upon Reading the Petition of Mr. *Merritt*;

Ordered, That Mr. *Tuthill*, Major *Howell*, Capt. *De Key* and Major *Weſſells*; be a Committee to examine into the Allegation alledged by the ſaid Petitioner, and make their Report with all convenient Speed.

Mr. *Jamiſon*, brought down the Bill, for raiſing the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, which was rejected, by his Excellency and Council.

Upon the Conſideration of the Security of the Frontiers at *Albany*; it is,

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, Current Money of this Province, be raiſed, aſſeſſed, levied and paid, upon all and every the Inhabitants of this Province; and employed by his Excellency, in ſuch Manner and Way, as his Excellency ſhall think fit in his Diſcretion, for the Security of the Frontiers at *Albany*, and the freeing the Inhabitants of this Province from Detachments, from the firſt Day of *May* next, until the firſt of *November* then next following, and that the Speaker bring in a Bill accordingly.

Adjourned till 10 o'Clock, a *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1697.

THE Roll of the Houſe being called over, were found abſent, Capt. *Theal*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Van Ecklen*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Dukſberry* and Mr. *Purdy*.

Adjourned till two o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 19, 1697.

THE Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for raiſing the Sum of* Twelve Hundred Pounds. *&c.* read the firſt Time, and rejected.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1697.

THE Houſe having taken into their Conſideration, the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts, and finding no Vouchers to the Accounts given in, by a Computation they have made, they do reckon, a conſiderable Sum will be in Hand, over and above what was employed for the Uſes deſigned in the Acts of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for the raiſing* 120 *effective Men, to be employed by his Excellency*, &c. *and for the raiſing the Sum of* Two Thouſand, Five Hundred *and* Ninety Three Pounds, Six Shillings, *and* Eight-pence, paſſed in the 8th Year of his Majeſty's Reign; and alſo, an Act, entitled, *An Act for the raiſing of* One Hundred *Men, to be liſted in his Majeſty's Three Companies, poſted at* Albany, &c. *and for the raiſing the Sum of* Twelve Hundred Pounds, *for the Encouraging of ſuch as ſhall Liſt themſelves*, &c. alſo paſſed in the 8th Year of Majeſty's Reign; And do therefore pray his Excellency, that he would accept of one Moiety thereof, towards his extraordinary Charge, in

in his Excellency's laſt Voyage to *Albany*, and alſo pleaſe to Order the other Moiety unto the Agent, *William Nicolls*, Eſq; for his return Home.

The Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing of* Two Thouſand, Three Hundred Pounds, *to enable his Excellency to ſecure the Frontiers at* Albany, *for the recruiting his Majeſty's three Companies poſted there, with a ſufficient Number, to compleat* 300 *effective Men, to remain there from the firſt of* May *next, until the firſt of* May *then next following, and to free the Inhabitants of this Province from Detachments*; read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading in the Afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. April 20, 1697.

THE ſame Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſame Bill read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Major *Demiere*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Major *Howell*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Reade* and Mr. *Duksberry*; do wait upon his Excellency and Council with this Bill.

The Gentlemen returned, do report, that they had delivered the ſaid Bill unto his Excellency, who ſaid, he would call the Council immediately thereupon.

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine into the Allegations alledged by Major *Merret*, &c. do ſay, That until a perfect State of the Accounts, how the ſeveral and reſpective Sheriffs, of the ſeveral and reſpective Counties, have diſcharged themſelves of the Money due to the Petitioners, hath been paid, and how they have obtained their *Quietaſes*, they can proceed no further therein.

Matthew Howell, Chairman.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Lieut. Col. *Monveile*, with the Bill to enable the City and County of *Albany*, &c. with Amendments.

Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, brought a verbal Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, acquainting the Houſe, that his Excellency had been pleaſed to paſs the Bill, for the raiſing the Sum of *Two Thouſand, Three Hundred Pounds*, without Amendments.

Adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. April 21, 1697.

THE Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the raiſing a yearly Rate, to pay the reſpective Collectors, in each reſpective City and County in this Province, for their Pains in collecting and paying the publick Rates and Taxes.* The ſaid Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The ſame Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſame Bill read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up unto his Excellency and Council for their Aſſent.

The Houſe having under their Conſideration, the Report of the Committee, appointed to examine into the Allegations of the Petitioners, *William Merret*, and others, and finding it ſo general, that they cannot make any Order thereon, to the juſt Satisfaction of the Petitioners, but upon a Review of the former Audit, and the Report of a Committee, formerly appointed in Aſſembly, to examine the ſaid Matter, That it was the Opinion of the Repreſentatives convened in General Aſſembly, That a Warrant ought to have been iſſued out to call them reſpective Sheriffs, mentioned in the ſaid Audit, to an Account for the reſpective Sums of Money by them received, that the ſame might be applied to the Paying and Satisfying the aforeſaid Petitioners. And if upon ſaid Inquiſition it was found that the reſpective Sheriffs have paid any of the Sums contained in the ſaid Audit, and the ſame hath been applied to any other Uſe, Then that ſuch Perſons as have received any of the ſaid Money, ought to account to the Petitioners for the ſame. And having ſince ſeen a Certificate that ſome of the Sheriffs have received their *Quietas* for the ſaid Sums, this Houſe are of Opinion, That the Sums of Money due unto the Petitioners, by the ſaid Audit, ought to be paid by the reſpective Sheriffs unto the ſaid Petitioners, before they could juſtly obtain any *Quietas*, to diſcharge them from the reſpective Debts therein mentioned; and that ſome ſpeedy Courſe ought to be taken, to give the Petitioners juſt Satisfaction in their Demands, that the Credit of the Publick may not be longer ſtained. And if it doth appear that the aforeſaid Sheriffs, have paid any of the Monies due by them, and the ſame hath been employed to any other Uſe for the Publick Service, that in ſuch Caſe, the Revenue ought to account for, and pay unto the ſaid Petitioners, what hath been in that Manner applied. And humbly Addreſs his Excellency, That his Excellency would be pleaſed to iſſue out his Warrant accordingly, that the ſaid Petitioners may not be longer ſo grievouſly vexed and delayed in their juſt Claim and Demands.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do bring in an Account of Houſe Rent, Fire, Candle, Salaries, &c. expended this Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Majeſty's Service.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Purdy*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with the Bill, for the raiſing a yearly Rate for the Collectors, &c.

The Repreſentatives of *Albany*, being unwilling to agree to the Amendments in their Bill, &c. alledging, That if it ſhould be ſo clogged, it would be of no Benefit unto them, therefore pray, that the ſaid Bill may paſs without Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council with the ſaid Bill, &c.

The Speaker brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the continuing and confirming two Acts paſſed in the fifth and ſeventh Years of his Majeſty's Reign, for the eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature*, &c. *for one Year longer after the Time mentioned, in the ſaid Acts expires, by their own Limitation.* The ſaid Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The ſame Bill read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſame Bill read the third Time, and ordered to be ſent up unto his Excellency and Council for their Aſſent.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Colonel *Stephanus Cortlandt* and Col. *Nicholas Bayard*; which was read to the Houſe, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at his Majeſty's Fort *in* New-York, April 21, 1697.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Benjamin Fletcher, &c.

"HIS Excellency the Governor and Council, taking into Conſideration the Vote of the Houſe Yeſterday, whereby it appears they are proceeding upon the Computation of a Surpluſage of former Taxes, appropriated to former Uſes, have ordered Col. *Stephanus Cortlandt* and Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, do acquaint the Houſe with the Accounts of thoſe Taxes, and of the State of them and Arrearages.

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

"And the ſaid Col. *Cortlandt*, is to acquaint the Houſe, That his Excellency the Governor and Council, have paſſed the Collector's Bill, and the *Albany* Bill, without Amendments."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Adjourned till 2 o'Clock Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. April 21, 1697.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Theal*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and carry up the Bill for ſettling Courts of Judicature.

Ordered, That the Committee that was formerly appointed to examine how the Money raiſed, &c. do go together, and peruſe all Vouchers, &c. and make their Report thereof, to the Houſe as ſoon as poſſible.

Mr. *Jamiſon* Clerk of the Council, acquainted Mr. Speaker and the Houſe, from his Excellency and Council, That the Bill for ſettling Courts of Judicature, his Excellency and Council had been pleaſed to paſs without Amendments.

Adjourned 'til 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. April 22, 1697.

THE Clerk of this Houſe brought in the Account of Houſe Rent, Fire, Candle, &c. Salaries to Clerk, Door-Keeper, &c. expended this Seſſion of Aſſembly for his Majeſty's Service; which was read to the Houſe, and approved; and,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made unto his Excellency and Council, that his Excellency would be pleaſed to Order his Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General, to pay unto *John Clapp*, the Clerk of this Houſe, the Sum of *Forty Four Pounds, Three Shillings*, Current Money of this Province; it being for Houſe Rent, Fire, Candle, Salaries to Clerks, Door Keeper, and other incidental Charges, expended during this Seſſions of Aſſembly; as *per* the Account thereof, this Day brought into the Houſe doth appear.

Mr. *Jamiſon*, Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, acquainting Mr. Speaker and

and the Houſe, That his Excellency deſigned to publiſh the Laws immediately, and expected the Attendance of the Houſe to the ſame.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe to the Fort, to wait upon his Excellency accordingly.

The Speaker returned, reſumed the Chair, and reports to the Houſe, That they had waited upon his Excellency to the City Hall, according to the uſual Ceremony, and there publiſhed the four following Acts; then afterwards returned to the Houſe, and according to his Excellency's Directions, did adjourn the Houſe till the 21ſt Day of *September* next; and the Houſe is adjourned until that Time accordingly.

The four Acts publiſhed, were,

1. *An Act for the raiſing the Sum of* Two Thouſand, Three Hundred Pounds.
2. *An Act for the Allowance to Collectors.*
3. *An Act to continue Courts of Judicature.*
4. *An Act to enable* Albany, *to defray their neceſſary Charge.*

Note, It doth not appear that the Aſſembly met again the 21ſt of *September* 1697. If they did, the Votes are loſt. But as no Laws appear to have been paſſed from the Time of this Adjournment, until the Time of the Aſſembly's meeting Lord *Bellamont*, it is preſumed that they have not met during this Space of Time, eſpecially as it appears by the Sequel, that they had been diſſolved when they met Lord *Bellamont*.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of *NEW-YORK.*

At a General Aſſembly of the Repreſentatives of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, in *America*; held at *New-York* by Adjournment, from the 18th Day of *May*, *Anno Domini*, 1698, in the 10th Year of the Reign, of our Sovereign Lord *William* the IIId, by the Grace of God, of *England*, &c. King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

Die Jovis, A. M. May 19, 1698.

SEVERAL of the Repreſentatives, being returned by the Sheriffs of the Province, purſuant to his Majeſty's Writ, being met, to the Number of Sixteen, *viz.* For the City and County of *New-York*, Mr. *Philip French*, Capt. *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*, Capt. *Thomas Wenham*, Capt. *Johannis Kipp*: For the City and County of *Albany*, Mr. *Jan Janſen Bleker*, and Mr. *Ryer Schermerhorn*: For the County of *Ulſter*, Mr. *Abraham Haaſbrook*: For the County of *Richmond*, Mr. *John Teuniſen* and Mr. *Thomas Morgan*: For the County of *Weſtcheſter*, Mr. *John Drake* and Mr. *Joſeph Purdy*: For the County of *Suffolk*, Lieutenant Col. *Henry Pierſon*, and Major *Matthew Howell*: For *King*'s County, Mr. *Meyndert Coerten*: For *Queen*'s County, Major *John Jackſon*, and Captain *Daniel Whitehead*. They took the uſual Oaths, and ſubſcribed the Teſt and Aſſociation, before the Hon. *Frederick Philipſe*, Col. *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, and Col. *Gabriel Monviele*, Eſqrs, appointed by his EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF BELLAMONT, to adminiſter the ſame; and alſo, Mr. *Benjamin Jackſon*, appointed by his Excellency, to be Clerk of the Aſſembly; produced his Commiſſion, under the Great Seal of the Province, and was ſworn and ſigned as aforeſaid.

A Meſſage came from his Excellency, by Mr. *James Graham*, his Majeſty's Attorney General, ſignifying that the Houſe ſhould chooſe their Speaker, and adjourn till 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, when his Excellency would be ready to receive them; and accordingly Mr. *Philip French*, by the Majority of Votes, was choſen Speaker, and was conducted to the Chair; and the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 19, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment, and ſent a Meſſage, by Mr. *Benjamin Jackſon*, Clerk of the Aſſembly, to his Excellency, to know whether he was ready to receive them; unto which he anſwered, he was ready, and accordingly, the Houſe attended his Excellency, in the Fort; where the Council being met, his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Speech; and deliver it to Mr. Speaker in writing.

Which the Houſe ordered to be entered, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

MY Voyage hither from England, *was very tedious, and attended with great Hardſhips; but ſince my being among you, I have endeavoured to redeem that Loſs of Time, by applying myſelf diligently to the publick Buſineſs, in Duty to his Majeſty, and that I might be the better enable to ſerve you.*

I cannot but obſerve to you, what a Legacy my Predeceſſor has left me, and what Difficulties to ſtruggle with; a divided People, an empty Treaſury, a few miſerable naked half ſtarved Soldiers, not half the Number the King allowed Pay for, the Fortifications and even the Governor's Houſe, very much out of Repair; and in a Word, the whole Government out of Frame. To you therefore, I recommend the Conſideration of theſe Diſorders, as beſt becoming your Prudence, to apply the proper Remedies; and you may be ſure of my hearty Concurrence, in every Thing that will conduce to the extinguiſhing thoſe Heats and Animoſities among you, which I fear, have been of late Years, induſtriouſly cheriſhed and fomented, and to the curing all the other Diſorders and Miſchiefs among you.

It hath been repreſented to the Government in England, *that this Province, hath been a noted Receptacle of Pyrates, and the Trade of it, under no Reſtriction; but the Acts of Trade violated, by the Neglect and Connivance of thoſe, whoſe Duty it was to have prevented it. I hope, Gentlemen, you will put all the Diſcountenance imaginable, on that flagitious Crime of Piracy, which is not only the worſt Sort of Robbery, but is for the moſt Part attended, with the horrid Sin of Murder, which is a great Aggravation of that odious Practice, deteſted by all the civil Nations of the World; it is not only injurious to the Honour of his Majeſty, and the* Engliſh *Nation, but alſo highly prejudicial to the Trade of* England, *and particularly to the* East-India *Company; and the Gentlemen of the Court here preſent, will bear me Witneſs, that my Orders from his Majeſty, are very ſtrict for enquiry into, and effectually preventing for the Future, that lawleſs and vile Trade of Piracy, within all my Governments.*

As I have declared myſelf againſt Piracy and all unlawful Trade, ſo I muſt aſſure you, I will give you all the Encouragement I can poſſibly, in carrying on a lawful Trade, and every Thing elſe, that will make you happy and flouriſhing.

Mr. Speaker, and you Gentlemen Repreſentatives,

I hope you will take into your Conſideration, that the Revenue is near expiring, and that you will provide for the Support of the Government, for the Time to come; and therein give me leave to

put you in Mind, that your Duty and Reſpect to his Majeſty, ſhould be an Argument to you, not to leave the Government deſtitute. It would be hard, if I that come among you with an honeſt Mind, and a Reſolution to be juſt to your Intereſt; ſhould meet with greater Difficulties in the Diſcharge of his Majeſty's Service, than thoſe that have gone before me. I will take Care, there ſhall be no Miſapplication of the publick Money: I will Pocket none of it myſelf, nor ſhall there be any Imbezelment by others, but exact Accounts ſhall be given you, when, and as often, as you ſhall require it.

I have ordered all the Accounts to be laid before you, that you may ſet a State of the Debts of the Government, and take ſuch Courſe for the Diſcharge of them, as you ſhall think fit. I wiſh too, you would conſider, how to reſtore Credit to the Government, which I underſtand is now very low, if not wholly loſt.

I have ordered the Engineer to go and viſit the Frontiers, and to report to me, the State and Condition he finds the Fortifications in; which Report, I intend for you, as ſoon as it comes to my Hands.

Gentlemen,

I muſt remind you of the Neceſſity there is of finding out ſome Expedient, to reconcile the Parties among you. I muſt own to you, I ſet my Heart ſo much upon it, That I ſhall think it the Glory of my Government, to bring ſo good a Work to paſs; I deſire therefore, you will think of the proper Methods to effect an entire Reconciliation among you; to be of one Faith and one Mind, is not only an excellent Scripture Rule, but alſo a good Maxim in Government: Union among ſt a People, is the Bond of Peace, and of Strength too.

You cannot but know what Abuſes, have been formerly in Elections of Members, to ſerve in the Aſſembly, which tends much to the Subverſion of your Liberties; I do therefore recommend to you, the making a Law to provide againſt it, and that you will think of ſuch other Laws, as you ſtand in Need of to ſecure this Province a laſting Happineſs, to which I promiſe you my Concurrence.

I ſhall conclude, Gentlemen, with recommending that, which is chiefly incumbent on us all, an inviolable Duty and Allegiance to his Majeſty, who by his Valour, has reſcued us from the two greateſt Plagues, that ever infeſted the World, Popery *and* Slavery; *and by that, and his wiſe and temperate Government, has ſecured us the free Exerciſe of our holy Proteſtant Religion, the Enjoyment of our Liberties and Eſtates; and as a further Inſtance and Illuſtration of the Glory of his Reign, his Majeſty, has with repeated Hazards of his precious Life, procured for us and all Chriſtendom, a glorious Peace; for which, Gentlemen, let us addreſs his Majeſty, that he will be graciouſly pleaſed to accept of, the Tender of our moſt humble Duty and Thanks.*

And his Excellency in Council, being pleaſed to approve of Mr. *Phillip French* for Speaker, the Houſe returned, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Houſe *Reſolved*, That his Excellency's Speech ſhould be then read, and it was accordingly read to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be given to his Excellency, for his favourable Speech.

Major *Gerardus Beekman*, one of the Repreſentatives for *King*'s County, was ſworn and ſigned the Teſt and Aſſociation, before the Hon. *Frederick Philipſe*, Col. *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, and Col. *Gabriel Monviele*, Eſqrs, appointed by his Excellency to adminiſter the ſame.

A Petition of Doctor *Samuel Staats*, Capt. *Johannis De Peyſter*, Alderman *Leonard Lewis* and Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*; was preſented to the Houſe, by Major *Matthew Howell*, and read.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, A. M. May 20, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Ordered, That the Thanks of the Houſe, be returned to his Excellency, for his favourable Speech, in the following Form, *viz.*

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE *his Majeſty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Repreſentatives of this his Majeſty's Province; being very ſenſible of our great Obligation to your Excellency, for your moſt favourable Speech; think it our Duty, to return our moſt humble and hearty Thanks for the ſame, aſſuring you, that we ſhall have all due Regard to what your Excellency is pleaſed to recommend to us therein.*

By Order of the Houſe,
Philip French, Speaker.

Ordered, That Major *Gerardus Beekman*, Mr. *Johannis Bleeker* and Capt. *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*; Members of this Houſe, do wait upon his Excellency, with the Thanks of this Houſe.

And the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Ringing of the Bell.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 20, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, in Behalf of the Houſe, demand their Rights and Privileges. *Imprimis*, That none of the Members, nor their Servants, be arreſted or moleſted during the Seſſion; That they have a freedom of Acceſs to his Excellency's Perſon, when Occaſion preſents, that they may have Liberty of Speech, and a favourable Conſtruction upon all Debates that ariſe among them, and that this their Demand may be approved by his Excellency and Council, and accordingly entered in the Council Books.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker give Direction, That his Excellency's Speech, and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Mr. Speaker and the Houſe, attended his Excellency in Council, and did demand the Rights and Privileges of this Houſe, which his Excellency was pleaſed to accept and allow of.

Capt. *Kilian Van Renſſelaer*, having taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and ſubſcribed the Teſt and Aſſociation, as appeared to the Houſe, by Certificate from *Frederick Philipſe*, Col. *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard* and Col. *Gabriel Monviele*, Eſqrs, came into the Houſe, and took his Place as Repreſentative, for the Bailywick of *Renſſelaer Wyck*.

And the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair; and the Roll being read, all the Members were preſent, except Mr. *Thomas Garton*, one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Ulſter*.

The Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put by Mr. Speaker, whether this Houſe ſhall draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty, to congratulate his Majeſty's ſafe Arrival into *England*, and his obtaining an honourable Peace; and alſo congratulating his Excellency's ſafe Arrival into this Government, or conſider of the Petitions, concerning Elections and Grievances firſt. And it was carried in the Affirmative, that his Majeſty and his Excellency be firſt congratulated.

And the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 23, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment. Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair; and the Roll being read, all the Members were preſent, except Mr. *Thomas Garton*, Mr. *John Drake*, and Mr. *Joſeph Purdy*.

Ordered, That Major *Gerardus Beekman*, Mr. *Jan Janſen Bleeker* and Mr. *John Teunniſen*; do wait upon his Excellency, and deſire, That a Committee of the Council, may be appointed to join with a Committee of this Houſe, to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty.

James Graham, Eſq; his Majeſty's Attorney General, bro't the following Order of Council from his Excellency, which the Houſe ordered to be entered, *viz.*

At a Council held at New-York, May 23, 1698.
PRESENT,
His Excellency the Earl of Bellamont, *&c.*

"UPON the Reading of a Meſſage of the Aſſembly this Day, it is

"*Ordered*, Col. *Stephanus Cortlandt* and Col. *William Smith*, "be a Committee of the Council, to join the Committee "of Aſſembly, in the forming and drawing up an Addreſs "to his moſt Excellent Majeſty, and that they take the At"torney General to their Aſſiſtance.

"*Ordered*, The Attorney General, do deliver this Anſwer "to the Aſſembly, and do acquaint them, that the Commit"tee of the Council, will be ready to meet their Committee, "at Col. *Cortlandt*'s Houſe, at Six o'Clock this Evening."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Cl. Council.*

Upon reading the aforeſaid Order of Council.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Major *Matthew Howell*, Major *John Jackſon*, Capt. *Thomas Wenham*, and Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*; be a Committee, to join with the Committee of the Council, at Col. *Stephen Cortlandt*'s Houſe, at Six o'Clock this Evening, to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock, at the firſt Bell.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair; and the Roll being read, all the Members were preſent, except Mr. *Thomas Garton* and Capt. *Johannis Kipp*.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Henry Pierſon*, Major *John Jackſon*, Mr. *Kilian Van Renſſelaer* and Capt. *Johannis Kipp*; be a Committee, to form and draw up an Addreſs, to congratulate his Excellency's ſafe Arrival into this Gorvernment; and that they bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

And the Houſe adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 24, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and Major *Matthew Howell*, Major *John Jackſon*, Capt. *Thomas Wenham* and Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*; reported, from the Committee, appointed to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and delivered a Draught of the Addreſs to the Houſe, which was read; and approved by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Thomas Wenham*, and Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, with the Addreſs to his Majeſty, for their Approbation.

Lieutenant Col. *Henry Pierſon*, Major *John Jackſon*, Mr. *Killian Van Renſſelaer* and Capt. *Johannis Kipp*; appointed a Committee, to form and draw up an Addreſs, to congratulate his Excellency's ſafe Arrival into this Government, reported to the Houſe, that they had drawn a Draught thereof which they delivered, and the Houſe ordered to be read; and it being approved by the Houſe, they ordered it to be entered, *viz.*

To his Excellency *Richard* Earl of *Bellamont*, Captain General and Governor in Chief, of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, &c.

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*.

AS we are moſt humbly thankful to his Majeſty, for the greateſt Honour and Favour that ever was ſhewed to this Province, in appointing ſo noble, juſt and pious a Governor; ſo we do moſt heartily congratulate your Lordſhip's ſafe Arrival, into this your Government; being well aſſured, from the Zeal which hath been ſo eminently conſpicuous in your Lordſhip in Europe; *for the beſt Religion, and beſt Conſtitution of Laws; That your Government and Example, will be a conſtant Encouragement to the Exerciſe of our holy Proteſtant Religion, and a Support and Maintenance, of the Rights and Liberties of* Engliſhmen; *we do return our moſt hearty Thanks, for your Lordſhip's moſt generous Expreſſions in your Speech, to us the Repreſentatives of this Province; in return to which, we ſhall make it our chief Endeavour, to ſtudy the beſt Method, to expreſs the moſt inviolable Duty and Gratitude to his Majeſty, and the juſteſt Reſpects and Value for your Lordſhip; under whoſe Government, we hope to lay the Foundation of a laſting Happineſs to this Province, by uniting the Minds of the People, ſupporting the Dignity of the Government, and eſtabliſhing ſuch a Conſtitution of Laws, as may for ever exclude* Popery *and* Slavery.

By Order of the Houſe,
Philip French, Speaker.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and a Petition of *Joſiah Hunt*, *Henry Fowler* and *John Shute*, in Behalf of themſelves, and others; complaining of an undue Election, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, made to his Excellency, and by him referred to this Houſe, was read.

A Petition of *Content Titus*, *Jonas Wood*, *William Lawrence*, *Hopp Carpenter* and *John Coe*; complaining of an undue Election for *Queen*'s County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

A Memorial of the Hon. Col. *Stephanus Cortlandt*, ſetting forth, that one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Richmond*, is not qualified according to Law, to act as ſuch, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

A Petition of *Roetoff Schaick*, *Nicholas Stillwell*, *Garrit Stoothoff*; in Behalf of themſelves and others, complaining of an undue Return of Repreſentatives for *King*'s County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That Copies of all Petitions, Complaints and Memorials, &c. that lie in the Houſe, be given if deſired.

Reſolved, That Major *Gerardus Beekman* and Mr. *Meynden Coerten*, Repreſentatives for *King*'s County, be heard To-morrow, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon; concerning the Complaint ſet forth in the Petition againſt them, by *Roetoff Schaick*, *Nicholas Stillwell* and *Garrit Stoothoff*.

And the Houſe adjourned 'til 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 25, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Thomas Garton*, one of the Repreſentatives, for the County of *Ulſter*, produced to the Houſe, a Certificate from the Hon. *Frederick Philipſe*, Col. *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard* and Col. *Gabriel Monviele*, Eſqrs, That he had taken the Oaths, and ſubſcribed the Teſt and Aſſociation, and accordingly took his Place in the Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency, with the Addreſs to congratulate his ſafe Arrival into this Government; after which, the Houſe returned, and Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, by Mr. Speaker, whether the Petitions, concerning Elections and Grievances, ſhall be heard before the whole Houſe, or a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, it was carried in the Affirmative, that they ſhould be heard by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Daniel Whitehead* and Capt. *Thomas Garton*, do wait upon his Excellency, and deſire that he will be pleaſed to appoint a Serjeant at Arms, to attend this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; High Sheriff of the County and City of *New-York*, do attend this Houſe on *Friday* Morning, and that a Summons be iſſued out by Mr. Speaker, for his Attendance.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 26, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, do ſummon *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, to appear at the Bar of this Houſe, To-morrow Morning at 9 o'Clock, to anſwer the Complaint of Mr. *Samuel Staats*, Capt. *Johannis De Peyſter*, Alderman *Leonard Lewis* and Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*; concerning an undue Return of Repreſentatives for the City and County aforeſaid; as is ſet forth in their Petition to this Houſe.

And the Houſe adjourned till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 26, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Reſolved, That all Complaints concerning Elections and Grievances, be brought into this Houſe in writing, and all Anſwers to ſuch Complaints, be ſo likewiſe.

Reſolved, That the hearing of the Petition againſt Major *Gerardus Beekman* and Mr. *Meyndert Courten*, be deferred till *Saturday* next, at 8 of the Clock in the Morning, upon their requeſt to the Houſe.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Upon a Memorial given in to this Houſe, by the Honourable Col. *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, againſt Mr. *John Teuniſen*, one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Richmond*, that

that he was not qualified according to Law, to act as ſuch, which was this Day conſidered.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr. *John Teuniſen*, is not qualified according to Law, to ſit as a Member of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker iſſue his Warrant, to the Clerk of the Crown, that there be a new Writ, for electing a Repreſentative for the County of *Richmond*.

The Serjeant at Arms, made return to the Houſe, of the Summons to *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*; to appear at the Bar of this Houſe this Morning, and accordingly the ſaid *Ebenezer Wilſon* appeared, and delivered in Writing to the Houſe, an Anſwer to the Petition of Mr. *Samuel Staats*, Capt. *Johannis De Peyſter*, Alderman *Leonard Lewis* and Mr. *Abraham Governeur*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Anſwer of *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; be read; and it was read accordingly.

And the Houſe adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 27, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Province of *New-York*.

FORASMUCH *as the Houſe of Repreſentatives, upon a Memorial given to them, againſt Mr.* John Teuniſen, *one of the Repreſentatives for the County of* Richmond, *by Col.* Stephanus Van Cortlandt, *Eſq; have this Day*, Reſolved, *That the ſaid Mr.* John Teuniſen, *is not qualified by Law, to ſit in the Houſe. Theſe are therefore, by Virtue of an Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, convened in General Aſſembly, for this his Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *and Dependencies; to require you forthwith, to iſſue out a new Writ to the County of* Richmond, *for the Electing a new Member, to ſupply the ſaid Vacancy.*

Given under my Hand and Seal, this 27th Day of May, *in the Tenth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, Anno Dom. 1698.

To *Matthew Clarkſon*, Eſq;
Secretary and Clerk of the Crown, for his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*.

Philip French, *Speaker*.

And the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 28, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjourment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Clapp*, late Clerk of the Aſſembly, do enter fairly in the Journal, the Minutes of the Aſſembly that are not yet entered, and alſo give unto this Houſe, a true Liſt of all Papers, Acts and Records, *&c.* of the Aſſembly, that were in his Cuſtody, during the Time of his being in the ſaid Office.

Major *Gerardus Beekman* and Mr. *Meynder Coerten*, two Repreſentatives for *King*'s County, delivered to the Houſe, their Anſwer in Writing, to the Petition of *Roetoff Schaick*, *&c.* relating to their Qualification for being Members of this Houſe; which the Houſe ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly; and conſidered by the Houſe. And thereupon

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, by Mr. Speaker, whether Major *Gerardus Beekman* and Mr. *Meyndert Coerten*, were qualified to ſit in this Houſe, as Repreſentatives for *King*'s County, and it was carried in the Negative, they were not qualified.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, do iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, that there be a new Writ for the Electing two new Repreſentatives for *King*'s County.

And the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 30, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, by Mr. *Samuel Staats*, Capt. *Johannis De Peyſter*, Alderman *Leonard Lewis* and Mr. *Abraham Governeur*; which the Houſe ordered to be read; and it was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Samuel Staats*, Capt. *Johannis De Peyſter*, Alderman *Leonard Lewis* and Mr. *Abraham Governeur*; have Time given them till *Wedneſday* next, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, to prepare their Reply to the Anſwer of *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; to their Complaint againſt him.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, do ſummon *Joſiah Hunt*, *Henry Fowler* and *John Shute*, of the County of *Weſtcheſter*; to appear forthwith, before this Houſe, to make good their Complaint, againſt Mr. *Benjamin Collier*, High Sheriff of the ſaid County, now lying before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, do ſummon Mr. *Benjamin Collier*, High Sheriff of the County of *Weſtcheſter*; forthwith to appear at the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer the Complaint of *Joſiah Hunt*, *Henry Fowler* and *John Shute*; exhibited to this Houſe againſt him, concerning an undue Election of Repreſentatives for the ſaid County.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Mr. *John Harriſon*, High Sheriff of *Queen*'s County, preſented to the Houſe, an Anſwer to the Petition of *Content Titus*, *Jonas Wood*, *William Lawrence*, *Hope Carpenter*'s and *John Coe*; exhibited againſt him to this Houſe, which the Houſe ordered to be read; and it was accordingly.

And the Houſe having cauſed the Depoſition of *Thomas Hicks*, *Samuel Moor*, *William Hallet*, *John Treadwell*, *Edward White*, *Iſaac Doughty*, *Nathaniel Pearſall*, *Jonathan Smith* and *William Fowler*; being the Witneſſes to the ſaid Election, to be read;

Reſolved, That the Return of the Sheriff of *Queen*'s County, of Major *John Jackſon* and Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*, as Repreſentatives for the ſaid County, is a due Return.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Samuel Staats*, Capt. *Johannis De Peyſter*, Alderman *Leonard Lewis* and Mr. *Abraham Governeur*; preſented to the Houſe, their Reply to the Anſwer of *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, which the Houſe ordered to be read; and it was read accordingly.

Ebenezer Wilſon, Eſq; aforeſaid, preſented to the Houſe, the Depoſition of Capt. *Brandt Schuyler*, Capt. *John Hutchins*, Capt. *Jeremy Tuthill*, Capt. *William Morris*, Mr. *Dirck Vanderberg*, Mr. *Matthew Clarkſon* and Mr. *James Spencer*; who were Witneſſes to the Election of Repreſentatives, for the City and County of *New-York*, which the Houſe ordered to be read; and it was read accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, by Mr. Speaker, whether the Return of Repreſentatives, for the City and County of *New-York*, be lawful or not? And the Houſe was divided.

And the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 1, 1698.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, by Mr. Speaker, whether the Return of Repreſentatives, for the City and County of *New-York*, be lawful or not? And it was carried in the Affirmative, that it was lawful.

Ordered, That Col. *Henry Pierſon* and Major *John Jackſon*, attend his Excellency, and deſire that an Account of the Taxes and Additional Duty be laid before this Houſe.

Col. *Henry Pierſon* and Major *John Jackſon*, attended his Excellency with the ſaid Order, and his Excellency deſired the Houſe to attend himſelf and Council immediately; upon which Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe attended his Excellency accordingly.

The Houſe returned, and Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That Major *Matthew Howell* and Capt. *Thomas Wenham*, do wait upon his Excellency, to desire a Copy of his Commission for this Government, to lie before this House; and they attended his Excellency accordingly; and he was pleased to give them a Copy of his Commission, which they delivered to the House.

Mr. John Clapp, late Clerk of the Assembly, according to Order, delivered to the House, a List of Papers, Acts and Records, &c. of the Assembly; which he says, are all that were in his Custody, during his being in the said Office.

And the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1698.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The Serjeant at Arms made return of his summoning Mr. *Benjamin Collier*, High Sheriff of the County of *Westchester*, to answer a Complaint against him, by *Josiah Hunt*, *Henry Fowler* and *John Shute*, of the said County; and of his summoning the said *Josiah Hunt*, *Henry Fowler* and *John Shute*; to make good their Complaint against him.

Ordered, That Major *Matthew Howell*, Capt. *Jacobus Cortlandt*, Capt. *Johannis Kipp*, Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*, Mr. *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Capt. *Thomas Garton* and Mr. *Joseph Purdy*, be a Committee, to examine the Accounts of the Taxes and Additional Duty; and to make Report thereof, to the House on *Monday* next, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr. *Benjamin Collier*, High Sheriff of the County of *Westchester*, appeared before the House, according to summons, and delivered an Answer to the Petition of *Josiah Hunt*, *Henry Fowler* and *John Shute*; who also appeared at the same Time, to make good their Complaint against him, and after a hearing of the Matter on both Sides;

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the Return of the Sheriff of the County of *Westchester*, of Mr. *John Drake* and Mr. *Joseph Purdy*, as Representatives for the said County, is a due Return.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1698.

THE House met, according to Adjournment, and having taken into Consideration, those Parts of his Excellency's Speech, concerning the reconciling of Parties and regulating Elections;

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Henry Pierson*, Major *John Jackson*, Capt. *Thomas Wenham*, Capt. *Killian Van Rensselaer*, Capt. *John Drake*, Mr. *Jan Jansen Bleker* and Mr. *Abraham Haasbrook*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in Bills accordingly, To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

And the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock.

Die Sabati, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1698.

THE House met, according to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed for preparing Bills, for reconciling of Parties and regulating Elections, moved the House for further Time, which was granted till Two o'Clock on *Monday* next.

And the House adjourned till *Monday*, at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1698.

THE House met, according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Cornelius Sebring* and Mr. *Cornelius Van Brundt*, produced to the House, a Certificate from the Hon. *Frederick Philipse*, Col. *Stephanus Van Cortlandt*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard* and Col. *Gabriel Monviele*, Esqrs, That they had taken the Oaths and subscribed the Test and Association, and took their Places in the House, as Representatives for *King*'s County, instead of Major *Gerardus Beekman* and Mr. *Meyndert Coerten*.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Taxes and Additional Duty, reported to the House, that for Want of having the Account of the Taxes laid before them, they can make no Progress in that Matter, and desired further Time, which was granted till To-morrow at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Committee appointed to bring in Bills, concerning reconciling of Parties and regulating Elections, reported to the House, That they had agreed on some Heads, for a Bill for regulating Elections, which was presented to the House, and read; and they desired further Time for preparing the Bills, which was granted till To-morrow, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

And the House adjourned till To-morrow, at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 7, 1698.

THE House met, according to Adjournment.

Mr. *John Woglom*, produced a Certificate to the House, That he had taken the Oaths and subscribed the Test and Association, and took his Place in the House, as one of the Representatives for the County of *Richmond*, instead of Mr. *John Teunisen*.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Taxes and Additional Duty, moved the House for further Time, which was granted till *Thursday* next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Committee appointed to bring in Bills, for reconciling of Parties and regulating Elections, presented to the House two Bills accordingly, which were ordered to be read to the House; and were read.

And thereupon a Motion was made, and the Question was put, by Mr. Speaker, whether the Bill for reconciling of Parties, should be read a second Time or not? And the House was divided.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, by Mr. Speaker, whether this House shall Address his Excellency, that he would be pleased to appoint a Committee of the Council, to join with a Committee of this House, to draw up a Bill for reconciling of Parties amongst us.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That his Excellency be addressed accordingly.

Ordered, That Capt. *Jacobus Van Cortlandt* and Major *John Jackson*, do wait upon his Excellency, to desire that a Committee of the Council, may be appointed to join with a Committee of this House, to draw up a Bill for reconciling of Parties amongst us.

And the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1698.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

A Remonstrance was presented to the House, which was ordered to be read; and was read accordingly.

And thereupon a Motion was made, and the Question was put, by Mr. Speaker, whether the said Remonstrance shall be considered or rejected? And it was carried in the Affirmative, that it should be rejected.

And the House adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 8, 1698.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *William Smith*, was presented to the House, and read; which was ordered to be entered, *viz.*

At a Council held at New-York, June 8, 1698.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Richard *Earl of* Bellamont, *&c.*

" HIS Excellency did communicate a Message from the House, praying a Committee to be appointed, to " join a Committee of the Assembly, for the drawing up a " Bill for reconcilling of Parties.

" *Ordered*, That Col. *William Smith*, Col. *Nicholas Bayard* " and Lieut. Col. *Gabriel Monviele*; be a Committee, to join " the Committee of the Assembly, for drawing up said Bill " accordingly, and the Attorney General is ordered to be Assistant therein.

" Col. *William Smith*, proposed the Recommending to the " Assembly, these following Matters, for their Consideration, " *viz.*

" That the Act for establishing Courts of Judicature, will " expire by its own Limitation, in *October* next.

" That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the Coun- " ties as established are inconvenient, by Reason three Justices " are commissionated with one Judge in each County, three

" of which are a Quorum, and two of the four being ſick or " abſent, the Court cannot ſit, by which Means, Juſtice has " often been delayed.

" And that Drunkenneſs and Debauchery cannot be ſup- " preſſed by Authority as it ought, for Want of an Explana- " tion of the Clauſes in the Act of the Revenue, relating to " the Exciſe, and ſuppreſſing unlicenced Tippling Houſes, " which is agreed to ; and,

" *Ordered*, Col. *William Smith*, do deliver a Copy of theſe " Minutes, and explain theſe Clauſes recommended to the " Aſſembly, and appoint the Time and Place, of the Meeting " of the Committees."

per Order,
David Jamiſon, *Dep. Secretary*.

Ordered, That Col. *Henry Pierſon*, Capt. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, Major *John Jackſon*, Capt. *Thomas Wenham*, Captain *John Drake* and Mr. *Abraham Haaſbrook*; be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, To-morring Morning at 8 of the Clock, at the Houſe Col. of *Gabriel Monviele*, to draw up a Bill, for reconciling of Parties amongſt us; and that they take into their Conſideration, the Propoſal of Col. *William Smith*, to this Houſe, and make Report thereof, To-morrow at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow at 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Taxes and Additional Duty, moved for further Time, by Reaſon they have not had all the Accounts till this Day; and it was granted, till To-morrow at Two o'Clock.

The Committee for drawing up a Bill, for reconciling of Parties, amongſt us, and conſidering the Propoſal of Colonel *William Smith*, reported to the Houſe, That they met the Committee of Council, and agreed upon Heads, for the ſaid Bills, and ordered the Attorney General, to draw up Bills accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill for regulating Elections, be read a ſecond Time; and it was read accordingly, and rejected.

The Houſe having agreed upon Heads for a Bill, for regulating Elections.

Ordered, That the Heads of ſaid Bill, for regulating Elections, this Day read to the Houſe, be carried to Mr. Attorney General, that he may draw up a Bill accordingly.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at 8 o'Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

A Petition of Mr. *George Scott*, referred by his Excellency to this Houſe, was read; and lies under Conſideration.

A Memorial of Mr. *Alexander Paxton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; and lies under Conſideration.

And the Houſe adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Taxes and Additional Duty, preſented their Report of the ſame, to the Houſe in writing; which was read and approved, and is as followeth, *viz.*

A Committee appointed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to examine the Accounts of the Taxes, do find,

That from the Arrival of Col. *Henry Sloughter*, Governor of this Province, till the 25th Day of *March* 1698, there was raiſed, by ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, the Sum of
£. 26795 14*s.* 8*d.* ¼

And do alſo find, that Mr. *Daniel Honan*, has refunded to the Receiver General, out of the 25 £. received, to pay the Incidentals of the Fuzileers. - £. 18 17*s.* 0*d.*

The Total Credit is - £. 26814 11*s.* 8*d.* ¼

And do further find, That the ſaid Receiver General, has paid by Warrants of the Governor and Council, as *per* Account and Warrants, examined by us appears the Sum of
£. 24527 15*s.* 8*d.*

So that their remains ſtill due of the ſaid Taxes, if all be received from *Fiſher's Iſland*, *Rye*, *Bedford*, and other Counties in Arrearage, *Two Thouſand*, *Two Hundred* and *Eighty Six Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings* and a *Farthing*; out of which ſaid Sum, is ſtill to be paid, as *per* Col. *Cortlandt's* Memorial, annexed to his Account, laid before us.

By Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman*.

The Committee appointed to inſpect into the Additional Duty, do find, That

March 25, 1696, There was, in the Receiver General's Hands, - - £. 2734 11*s.* 2*d.* ¼

And ſince, to the Expiration of the laſt Act, received the Sum of - - £. 3591 17*s.* 11*d.* ¼

Total, - £. 6326 9*s.* 2*d.* ¼

And that there is paid out of the ſaid Sum, according to the Intent and Uſes of the reſpective Acts, for eſtabliſhing the ſaid Duty, - - £. 4443 15*s.* 8*d.* ½

And there remains due to ſeveral Perſons, that ſhould have been paid before this Time £. 290 3*s.* 11*d.* ¼

And there is now in the Hands of the Receiver General, - - - £. 1592 9*s.* 6*d.*

Total. - - - £. 6326 9*s.* 2*d.* ¼

Per Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chai*

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Mo[rning] of the Clock.

Die Sabati, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to join with a Committee of Council, to draw up a Bill, for reconciling of Parties amongſt us, and conſidering the Propoſals of Col. *William Smith*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill for reconciling of Parties, which was ordered to be read; and was read accordingly.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, was bro't by Mr. *Jamiſon*, deſiring Mr. Speaker and the Houſe to attend him immediately; and Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency accordingly; and the Houſe returned, and Mr. Speaker reaſſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, That his Excellency ordered a Petition, given to himſelf and Council, by Six of the Members of this Houſe, who have withdrawn themſelves, to be read; which his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, was not cognizable by him; but that being very tender in touching the Privileges of the Houſe, he did recommend it them, and the ſaid Six Members to go together, and do the Country's Service, that thoſe Things which he had recommended to us in his Speech, might not be fruſtrated; and ordered a Copy of the ſaid Petition, to be delivered to the Houſe, which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill for reconciling of Parties, be read a ſecond Time, and it was read accordingly; and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Six Members that have with-drawn themſelves, *viz.*

Mr. *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Jan Janſen Bleker*, Mr. *Thomas Morgan*, Mr. *Cornelius Sebring*, Mr. *Cornelius Van Brundt* and Mr. *Thomas Woglom*; came into the Houſe, and do ſay, That they return to the Houſe as his Excellency recommended to them, but cannot ſit and act as Members at preſent, but deſire further Time for Conſideration.

And the Houſe adjourned till *Monday*, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. June 13, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, at Eight of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. June 14, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Bill for reconciling of Parties, be read the third Time, and it was read accordingly, and paſſed; and ordered to be ſent up to his Excellency and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Major *John Jackſon* and Capt. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, do carry the Bill for reconciling of Parties, to his Excellency and Council for their Aſſent.

And the Houſe adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. June 14, 1698.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, came by Mr. *Jamiſon*, That Mr. Speaker and the Houſe, are deſired to attend his Excellency in Council, immediately at the Fort; and accordingly Mr. Seaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency, who was pleaſed to diſſolve the Aſſembly.

Per Benjamin Jackſon,
Clerk of the Aſſembly.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Province of *NEW-YORK.*

A LIST of the ſeveral Repreſentatives, returned to ſerve in *General-Aſſembly*, for their ſeveral and reſpective Cities and Counties, as followeth, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York.*

James Graham,
John De Peyſter, Mayor.
John Kerfbyl, deceaſed.
Capt. *David Provoſt*, in his Stead.
Leonard Lewis.

For *Orange* and *King*'s County.

Jurat } *Abraham Governeur,* *Cornelius Sebring*; And, *Cornelius Van Brundt.*

For *Queen*'s County.

Jurat } *John Jackſon*; And, *Daniel Whitehead.*

For the County of *Richmond.*

Jurat } *Thomas Morgan*; And, *Garrat Veghte.*

For the County of *Weſtcheſter.*

Jurat } *John Drake*; And, *John Hunt.*

For the County of *Albany.*

Jurat } *Hendrick Hanſen,* *Jan Janſen Bleker*; And, *Ryer Schermerhorn.*

For the County of *Ulſter.*

Jurat } *Jacob Rutſen*; Eſq; And, *Abraham Haaſbrook*, Eſq;

For *Renſſelaer Wyck.*

Jurat) *Killian Van Renſſelaer.*

For the County of *Suffolk.*

Henry Pierſon,
Matthew Howell.

At a *General Aſſembly* held for the Province of *New-York*, in the City of *New-York.*

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. March* 2, 1699.

THIS Day in Purſuance of his Majeſty's Writs, for chuſing Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, for the ſaid Province; the four Perſons returned for the City and County of *New-York*, brought their Indenture, whereby it appeared, That *Johannis De Peyſter*, *Leonard Lewis*, *John Kerfbyl* and *James Graham*, Eſqrs, were returned Repreſentatives for the ſaid City and County; and *Abraham Governeur*, Eſq; alſo produced an Indenture, That he was returned Repreſentative, for the County of *Orange*; who gave their Attendance at the Houſe, and no other of the Repreſentatives appearing, they ordered the Clerk of the Houſe, to wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him therewith; the Clerk returned, and informed them, his Excellency deſired their Attendance, at the Fort immediately; who waited on his Exccellency accordingly; where his Excellency in Council acquainted them, that by Reaſon there were but few of them as yet come to Town, he thought fit to adjourn them to *Thurſday*, the 9th Day of this inſtant *March*, and they are adjourned accordingly.

Die Jovis, *A. M. March* 9, 1699.

SEVERAL of the Repreſentatives, returned by the Sheriffs of the Province, being met according to Adjournment, *Cornelius Sebring* and *Cornelius Van Brundt*, Eſqrs, produced their

their Indenture, that they were returned for *King*'s County; *John Jackſon* and *Daniel Whitehead*, Eſqrs, for *Queen*'s County; *Thomas Morgan* and *Garrat Voghten*, Eſqrs, for the County of *Richmond*; and *John Drake*, Eſq; one of the two elected, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*; who ordered the Clerk of the Houſe, to wait on his Excellency to know his Pleaſure. The Clerk returned, and acquainted the Gentlemen, his Excellency in Council ſtaid for them, who immediately waited on his Excellency, who adjourned them until *Monday* Morning the 13th Inſtant; and they are adjourned accordingly.

Die Lunæ, A. M. March 13, 1699.

THE Repreſentatives being met, according to Adjournment; ſent the Clerk to know his Excellency's Pleaſure; and his Excellency in Council, adjourned them till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock, many of the Repreſentatives, being not yet come to Town; and they were adjourned accordingly.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 14, 1699.

THE Repreſentatives, and *John Hunt*, Eſq; one of the Repreſentatives, returned for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, met according to Adjournment, and the Clerk waited on his Excellency, to acquaint him the Repreſentatives were met; who adjourned them till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock, many of the Members being not yet come; and they were adjourned accordingly.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 15, 1699.

THE Repreſentatives being 13 in Number, *viz.* Four for the City and County of *New-York*: One for the County of *Orange*: Two for *King*'s County: Two for *Queen*'s County: Two for the County of *Richmond*: And two for the County of *Weſtcheſter*; met according to Adjornment. The Clerk waited on his Excellency to know his Pleaſure, and his Excellency adjourned them till To-morrow Morning, Ten of the Clock the 16th Inſtant, many of the Repreſentatives being wanting; and they are adjourned accordingly.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 16, 1699.

THE Repreſentatives before mentioned, met according to Adjournment, ordered the Clerk to attend his Excellency, who adjourned them till *Monday* Morning, Ten of the Clock, being the 20th Inſtant, ſeveral being wanting; and they are adjourned accordingly.

Die Lunæ, A. M. March 20, 1699.

THE Repreſentatives being met, according to Adjournment, were by his Excellency in Council, adjourned till the 21ſt Inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 21, 1699.

THIS Day all the Members elected and choſen, to ſerve in General Aſſembly for this Province, except the Members, choſe for *Suffolk* County, being met according to Adjournment; his Excellency ſent Col. *William Smith*, Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, and the Clerk of the Crown, with a *Dedimus Poteſtatem*, to ſware the ſaid Members, and ſee that they ſigned the Teſt and Aſſociation, directed according to Law; which was done accordingly.

Then the ſaid Members ſent the Clerk of the Houſe, to wait on his Lordſhip, to know his further Pleaſure, for his Majeſty's Service.

Mr. Coſens, Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, requiring them to proceed to chooſe their Speaker, and when they have ſo done, they ſhould then attend the Governor and Council with him, who waited for them, and thereupon, the Houſe did proceed on the ſaid Meſſage, and unanimouſly did chooſe *James Graham*, Eſq; for their Speaker, and conducted him to, and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker in Behalf of the Houſe, demand their former Rights and Privileges.

Imprimis, That none of their Members, nor their Servants, may be arreſted or moleſted during the Seſſion; That they may have freedom of Acceſs to his Excellency's Perſon, when Occaſion offers, that they may have Liberty of Speech, and a favourable Conſtruction upon all Debates that may ariſe amongſt them.

That in all Miſunderſtandings, which may happen to ariſe between the Council and this Houſe, upon any Subject Matter, which ſhall be concluded by them, that then, and in ſuch Caſe, a Committee of the Council may be appointed, to confer with the Committee of this Houſe, for the adjuſting and reconciling all ſuch Differences, and that theſe their Requeſts may be approved by his Excellency and Council, and entered in the Council Books accordingly.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole Houſe, to wait upon his Excellency and Council, who preſented their ſaid Speaker to his Excellency for his Approbation.

The Choice of the Speaker, being approved by his Excellency, the Speaker demanded the above Privileges, which were granted; afterwards they returned to the Houſe, and Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair and acquainted this Houſe, That according to their Order, they had attended his Excellency in Council, who approved of their Speaker, and granted their Privileges, as deſired, and at the ſame Time, his Excellency made his Speech unto the General Aſſembly there convened; which Speech his Excellency was pleaſed to deliver unto him, which he ordered to be read in the Houſe. On which the Houſe ordered, That the unanimous Thanks of this Houſe be given unto his Excellency, for his kind, favourable and affectionate Speech.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Proceedings of this Day be forthwith printed. Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 22, 1699.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

The Speaker ordered the Roll of the Houſe to be called over, which was accordingly done, and there was found *Henry Pierſon* and *Matthew Howell*, returned to ſerve for the County of *Suffolk*, abſent.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue out his Warrant, to require the Members elected, for the County of *Suffolk*, to attend the Service of this Houſe, with all Speed.

The Speaker ordered his Excellency's Speech to be read; which was read accordingly; then he propoſed to the Houſe, what Part of his Excellency's Speech ſhould fall under the Conſideration of this Houſe firſt.

Thereupon it was moved, that in Regard that this Houſe, was ſenſible of the great Advantages that does attend this Province, by having ſo glorious a Prince as his Majeſty reign over us; That in Acknowledgement of ſo great a Bleſſing, the Settlement of the Revenue ſhould fall firſt under the Conſideration of this Houſe.

It was alſo moved, that the Conſideration of the reconciling of Parties, may be firſt under the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Whereupon the Speaker put the Queſtion, whether the Settlement of the Revenue on his Majeſty, or the reconciling of Parties ſhould fall firſt under the Conſideration of the Houſe, and it was carried by the Majority of Votes, That the Settlement of the Revenue, &c. ſhould firſt fall under the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Houſe reſolve itſelf into a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to take the Settlement of the Revenue, *&c.* into their preſent Conſideration.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair.

The Houſe being reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take under their Conſideration, the Settlement of the Revenue upon his Majeſty, for the defraying the neceſſary Charge of Government, did elect *Abraham Gouverntur*, to be their Chairman.

The Speaker having re-aſſumed the Chair, *Abraham Gouverneur*, Chairman of the Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to take the Settlement of the Revenue, *&c.* into their Conſideration, brought his Report, which was read, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

Reſolved, That they have made ſome Progreſs in that Matter, but came to no Concluſion, and therefore deſire Leave of this Houſe, That the ſaid Committee may ſit again, at another Time, to conſider further of that Buſineſs.

Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Whereupon it is *Ordered*, That all other Buſineſs ſhall be laid aſide, and that this Houſe, will reſolve themſelves into a

Grand Committee of the whole House, To-morrow Morning, at 9 of the Clock, to take the Settlement of the Revenue, &c. into their further Consideration.

The Summons for Lieut. Col. *Henry Pierson* and Major *Matthew Howell*.

WHEREAS Henry Pierson *and* Matthew Howell, *returned Representatives for the County of* Suffolk, *have neglected their Duty to their County, by absenting themselves from the Service of this House, convened in General Assembly:*

It is therefore Ordered, *That the Speaker do issue his Warrant, for their immediate Attendance, at the House of Representatives, for the Discharge of the Trust reposed in them by their County; and hereof they are not to fail.*

Gabriel Ludlow, *Clerk of the Assembly.* By Order of the House of Representatives, *James Graham*, Speaker.

Gentlemen,

THE *House being sensible of your Neglect, in not attending the Service of your County in General Assembly, according to the Tenure of his Majesty's Writ, have ordered me, to require your immediate Attendance, at the House of Representatives, for the Discharge of that Trust reposed in you, as you will answer the contrary at your Peril.*

By Order of the House of Representatives,
James Graham, Speaker.

His Excellency the Earl of *Bellamont*'s Speech, to the Representatives of his Majesty's Province of *New-York*, the 21st of *March* 1699, received from the Press, the 22d Instant.

Gentlemen,

THERE *had been no Occasion for calling you at this Time, if the last Assembly had answered the good Ends I proposed to myself, for the King's Service and that of the Province; but having sat a whole Month and done no Business, I thought it adviseable to dissolve them; and the rather, because there were great Heats and Divisions among them, which I found impracticable for me to compose or put an End to.*

You need not be told to what a Degree, Faction and Sedition have taken Root in this Town; 'tis a Thing so generally known. And there has been the most Industry used by some ill Men, to spread the Infection all over the Province, and to alenate the Affections of the People, by false Suggestions and Notions of their Independence from the Crown of England, *and that 'tis a Violence and Wrong done them, that* England *should put a Limitation on their Trade. How extravagant and wild is this Notion! does not* England *put a Restriction on its own Trade, in some Cases? And as for Pyracy, which some People are so fond of here, 'tis held in such Abomination, as not to be known or practis'd there. People must not be deceived, this Province is Subject to the Crown of* England, *and 'tis its greatest Glory and Happiness that it is so. For by that Means, the People are entitled to the Protection of the Crown of* England, *and 'tis its greatest Glory and Happiness that it is so. For by that Means, the People are entitled to the Protection of the Crown, and are under the best and bravest People in the World, the People of* England, *and they must be obedient to* English *Laws; 'tis their Duty and Interest so to be. And the angry Men of* New-York, *must not expect from me, that Connivance at their ill Practices, that they were accustomed to some Years before my coming to the Government. The Oath of a Governor, the Laws of* England, *and the King's Instructions, which are made to square with the Laws, are sacred Ties and Obligations with me.*

I have observed great Marks of Irreligion and Immorality in this Place; and I take it to proceed from a long Habit of breaking the Laws, which has introduced licentious and dissolute Living: And nothing can rectify or reform our Lives and Manners but Religion: Religion is of that admirable Frame and Temper, it inflames us with a true Devotion to our great Maker, which is our most reasonable Service. Then it fits us for all the Ends of civil Society, by uniting our Minds, Affections and Interests; it makes us good Men: And good Men, will of Course be good Friends, good Neighbours, good Subjects, and good Patriots, that is Lovers of their Country and obedient to its Laws.

Now that I have stated to you the unhappy Circumstances we are in, by the Contrivance of ill Men, I shall proceed to recommend to your Thoughts, a few Things which are necessary for the Support and Peace of the Government, and will be a manifestation of your Duty and Affection to the King.

I therefore propose to you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, the Continuance of the present Revenue, (which will otherwise shortly expire) for what Number of Years you shall think fit. I found the Government very considerably indebted when I came to it, and it cannot be expected that Debt should be much lessened, in so short a Time as I have been here: And I could wish you would put the Government on a clear Foot, by finding a Way to discharge that Debt. The publick Accounts I have ordered to be prepared for you, with an Estimate of the Debts of the Government. I promise you, I will be as good a Husband of your Money, as 'tis possible for me to be; and when 'tis either misapplied or mismanaged by my Means, I shall not take it amiss, if you put me in Mind of my Want of Care therein. To induce you to the Continuance of the Revenue to the Crown, I cannot set before your Eyes a better Example than that of the great and glorious People of England, *who out of a Sense of the inestimable Advantages they were restored to by the King, freely, and without the least murmuring, supported him in a long and expensive War, well knowing he bravely fought for the Liberties of all the Christian World, and that they had as great a Share, as any other in that Quarrel; wherein also, his Majesty often ventured his royal Person, with the meanest Soldier in his Armies. Besides the King considering this Province, as a Barrier between the* French *of* Canada *and his other Plantations, and therefore most exposed, was pleased to take a peculiar Care of you, having been at great Expence this last War in paying for 400 Men, and maintaining a Man of War for your Defence, and constantly supplying you with Stores of War. These are such Obligations, as I hope you will not only remember in the Manner I have now recommended, but also with your earnest Prayers to God, for his Majesty's long Life and prosperous Reign over you.*

The next Thing I recommend to you, is the reconciling of People and Parties, which will be a glorious Work, and will, I doubt not, be easily accomplished by your prudent Care; you all know the Mischiefs, both publick and private, that Feuds and Divisions bring on a People or Nation. They cause an Interruption in Trade, by the Discord they make in private Families and Friendship: And next to a civil War, 'tis the most unhappy State and Condition a Country can be in. I will heartily join with you in such Methods, as shall be thought adviseable for the Procurement of a thorough Reconciliation of Parties. And that you may induce others to be peaceably and charitably minded, I earnestly recommend to you, Gentlemen Representatives, that you manage your Debates and Proceedings in your House, with that Calmness and Moderation, that becomes the Prudence of Men, that are under such a Trust from their Country. The present Conjuncture requires it from your Hands; the King will thank you, the World will applaud you for it, and God will bless and prosper you and your Affairs.

I must acquaint you with the Circumstances of our five Nations of Indians, *with whom I had a Conference this last Summer at* Albany, *and then fixed their Friendship and Fidelity to the Crown, by extraordinary Presents and kind Usage; and they parted with me in all the good Humour imaginable. But I am lately advised they are grown very uneasy and dissatisfied at the* French *Governor of* Canada's *detaining some of their Friends Prisoners, notwithstanding the late Treaty of Peace, which is a very unfair Practice in that Governor. You shall have all the Memorials and Proceedings with our* Indians *laid before you, that you may advise me what Measures to take, for preserving them firm to the Interest of the Crown, and this our own Province, which is a Thing of very great Consequence, and deserves as much as any Thing whatsoever, to be the Subject of your Thoughts and Determination.*

I am ordered by the King's Instructions, to prepare and offer you two or three Bills, for your passing; which will be for the Service of the Province, and such other Things as you shall judge proper to offer me for the securing your Liberties, and advancing your Trade, I promise you my Assent to their passing into Laws, provided they be not repugnant to the Laws and Interest of England.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. March 23, 1699.

THIS Day the House met according to Adjournment, and the Roll of the House being called over, none of the Members being absent, but the two Members returned for *Suffolk* County.

The House being resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to take under their Consideration, the Settlement of the Revenue upon his Majesty, for defraying the necessary Charge of the Government, the Speaker left the Chair, and after some Debate, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair; *Abraham Gouverneur*, Chairman of the Grand Committee aforesaid, brought his Report, which was read in these Words following, *viz.*

Resolved, That a Revenue, such as the House shall think fit be settled on his Majesty, for six Years to commence at the Expiration of the present Act of Revenue.

Abraham Gouverneur, Chairman.

Upon reading the Report, it was moved, that it might be re-committed, and it was also moved, that the said Report, might be approved by the House; whereupon the Speaker put the Question, Whether the said Report, should be re-committed or approved by the House, and it was carried by the Majority of Votes, that the said Report should be approved, and the House doth approve thereof accordingly.

A Message

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, brought by Col. *William Smith* and Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, was read; and the Conſideration thereof, referred till another Time.

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, March 22d, 1699.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Richard *Earl of* Bellamont, *&c.*

Capt. *John Nanfan*, Lieut. Governor.

Stephanus Van Cortlandt, *William Smith*, *Abraham De Peyſter*. } Eſqrs, *Samuel Staats*, *Robert Walters*. } Eſqrs.

"HIS Excellency having been formerly informed by ſeveral Hands, that there was great Quantities of "Goods run into *Oyſter-Bay* and other Places on *Naſſau* "Iſland, which paid no Cuſtoms to his Majeſty, did there- "fore conſtitute and appoint *John Townſend*, of *Oyſter-Bay*, "to be Serveyor and Searcher of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in "the Towns of *Oyſter-Bay*, *Huntington* and *Muſqueto Cove*, "in the ſaid Iſland, and that by Commiſſion under his Excel- "lency's Hand and Seal at Arms, bearing Date the 17th Day "of this Inſtant *March*, *&c.* with a Salary of *Thirty Pounds*, "*per Annum*; and the ſaid *John Townſend*, appearing this "Day before his Excellency and the Council, did declare "that he hath met with ſuch Diſcouragement, by the Abuſes "and Menaces of the Inhabitants of the ſaid *Oyſter-Bay*, "that he dares not execute the ſaid Office, and therefore de- "ſires to be diſcharged from the ſame, and accordingly has "ſurrendered up his Commiſſion.

"His Excellency and Council are of Opinion, That the "aforeſaid Complaint and Surrender ought to be laid before "the Aſſembly, and recommended to them, that ſome Courſe "may be taken, to prevent unlawful Importations and Expor- "tations there, and in all other Places in this Province. "And Col. *William Smith* and Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, are "deſired by this Board, to go to the Aſſembly with this "Minute."

Per Order of the Council,
B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

The Petition of *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*, *Thomas Wenham*, *Johannis Kipp* and *Ripp Van Dam*, Candidates in the late Election, for the City and County of *New-York*, was read.

Ordered, That the Repreſentatives of *King*'s County, *Queen*'s County, *Weſtcheſter* County, *Richmond* County, *Orange* County, and the City and County of *Albany*, be a Committee, to examine the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, and that the Sheriff be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and attend the ſaid Committee. And,

Ordered, That none of the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, ſhall ſit or vote in this Houſe, until the ſaid Election be determined, and that the ſaid Committee, do ſit this Afternoon, at Three of the Clock.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 24, 1699.

THE Houſe met this Day, according to Adjournment, and the Speaker taking the Chair, the Chairman of the Committee, for examining the Election, and return of the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, delivered the Reſolve of the ſaid Committee, which was in the Words following, *viz.*

Reſolved, That upon reading the Petition of the Gentlemen above named, and the Sheriffs anſwer thereto, and hearing the Parties, it is concluded by the Committee, that the Return of the Repreſentatives of the City and County of *New-York*, made by the Sheriff, is good and according to Law.

Abraham Gouverneur, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be diſmiſſed, which was approved; and

Ordered, That the Members returned by the Sheriff of *New-York*, for the City and County of *New-York*, take their Places accordingly.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jeremiah Tuthill*, *Ebenezer Wilſon*, *Thomas Burroughs*, *Robert Lurting* and *Adolph Philipſe*; and the Petition of *Dennis Teuniſſen*, *Samuel Bayard*, *Johannis Cortlandt* and *John Vanſandt*, complaining of undue Elections, be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Sheriff be ſerved with the Copies of their Petitions.

The Committee of Elections, did chuſe *Johannis De Peyſter* Chairman, and then they proceeded upon the Examination of the Petition of *Jeremiah Tuthill*, *Ebenezer Wilſon*, *Thomas Burroughs*, *Robert Lurting* and *Adolph Philipſe*.

And the Matter therein alledged againſt the Sheriff, being adjudged frivolous, are of Opinion, That it will be a Delay to the Buſineſs of this Houſe, as well as an unneceſſary Charge, to ſummons him to attend at a certain Day, he having diſcharged his Duty according to the Tenor of his Writ. And as to the other Matters alledged, the ſaid *Abraham Gouverneur*, acknowledging that he was of foreign Birth, but producing a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the Mayor, as well as by the Oaths of Dr. *Kerfbyl* and Mr. *Bleker*, it does appear, that he was actually in this Province, in the Year 1683, before, and at the Time, of the Act of Aſſembly, for naturalizing all ſuch, as were of Foreign of Birth was paſſed, in the Time of Col. *Dongan*'s Government, and therefore are of Opinion, that he hath the Benefit of the ſaid Law, and is naturalized in the ſame Manner, as all the reſt in this Province, who have the Benefit of the ſame Law. And as to his Conviction of Murder, the ſaid *Gouverneur*, having produced a Copy of his Majeſty's Pardon, as well as an Act of Parliament, for the reverſing the Judgments, Convictions and Attainders of Treaſon and Felony, when he had been attainted, we are alſo of Opinion, that the ſame are authentic and ſufficient, to reverſe the ſaid Judgment and Conviction of Murder, and therefore qualified by the Law, to be returned a Member to ſit in this Houſe, and that he ought to take his Place as ſuch accordingly.

By Order of the Committee of Elections,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Petition be diſmiſſed.

And that Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*, take his Place accordingly.

An Order for *John De Puy*, High Sheriff of *Richmond* County.

WHEREAS *Denys Teuniſſe*, *Samuel Bayard*, *Johannis Van Cortlandt* and *John Vanſandt*, have preferred a Petition, to the Honourable Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Province of *New-York*, complaining therein, of an undue Election and unfair Return, of Perſons to ſit in the Aſſembly, made by *John De Puy*, Eſq; High Sheriff of the County of *Richmond*. It is,

Ordered, That *Johannis De Peyſter*, Chairman of the Committee for Elections, do ſummon the ſaid *John De Puy*, to attend the ſaid Committee, that he have a Copy of the ſaid Petition. And you the ſaid *John De Puy*, are hereby ſummoned to attend the ſaid Committee on *Tueſday* next, in the City of *New-York* accordingly, and hereof you are not to fail.

Per Order of the Committee of Elections,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Then the Houſe adjourned until *Monday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. March 27, 1699.

THIS Day the Houſe met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lewis*, Major *Jackſon*, Mr. *Gouverneur*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Hunt*, be a Committee, to examine the Books, Records and Papers, relating to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, ſince they were convened in General Aſſembly; and make Report thereof, to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. March 28, 1699.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment.

Abraham Gouverneur, Chairman of the Committee, to examine the Books and Records, *&c.* made his Report to the Houſe, which was approved.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee, to examine the Inventory of the Books and Records be entered, and that the Clerk require of Mr. *Coſens*, the former Clerk, the Books, that are wanting, *viz.* a Journal of the Year 97 and 98, a printed Book of Laws, from 91 to 97, and Col. *Cortlandt*'s Books of Taxes.

Reſolved, They do find all the Books and Papers, from the beginning of Col. *Slaughter*'s Government, mentioned in the Inventory hereunto annexed, except a Journal Book of the Year 97 and 98, a printed Book of Laws from 91 to 97, and Col. *Cortlandt*'s Books of Taxes.

Per Order.
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

And *Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, to inſpect the Journals of this Houſe, from the Arrival of Col. *Slaughter*, and ſo that the ſame be fairly entered, and a Book appointed for keeping the ſame; and if they find there has been any Neglect in the doing thereof, that they then call before them, all ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Clerk or Clerks, whoſe Duty it was to execute that Matter; and to cauſe him or them, to perform the ſaid Duty, according to the Truſt that was then repoſed in them, and that they ſit from Time to Time, as they in their Diſcretion ſhall ſeem meet.

Johannis De Peyſter, Chairman of the Committee, for undue Elections, reported to the Houſe.

Having examined the Petition of *Denys Teuniſen*, *Samuel Bayard*, *Johannis Van Cortlandt* and *John Vanſandt*, complaining of undue Election, for the Repreſentatives of the County of *Richmond*, together with the Anſwers of *John De Puy*, High Sheriff of the ſaid County to the ſame, and the Oaths of *Jaques Poillon*, Eſq; *Barent Tyſſen*, *John Staats*, *Jores Hooglandt*, *Dirck Roete* and *William George*; ſworn on the 27th Inſtant, before two Juſtices of the ſaid County, and that the Return of the ſaid Sheriff was due and fair; and *Thomas Coome*, Clerk of ſaid County appearing, and on his Corporal Oath before the Mayor of this City, declared that he was in the ſaid County, at the Time and Place of Election on the 15th of *February* laſt, and that the Sheriff's Writ, was then and there at his Houſe, within the Time appointed by Law, and that the Sheriff, did cauſe three Proclamations to be made in the Preſence of the Complainants, ſignifying that he was going to read his Writ, which was accordingly done, and that the Complainants thereupon went away.

The Committee is therefore of Opinion, That the Return made by the ſaid Sheriff, of the Repreſentatives of ſaid County, is good and according to Law, and that the Members ought to take their Places accordingly.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Petition be diſmiſſed, and that the Members of *Richmond* County, take their Places in the Houſe accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. March 28, 1699.

THE Houſe being met, took into Conſideration theſe Parts of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the publick Debts and Accounts of the Government, and the ſecuring of the Friendſhip and Fidelity of the five Nations of *Indians*, to the Crown, as well as what may tend to the ſecuring the Liberties of the Inhabitants of this Province, with the advance of its Trade, and removing all Grievances which may Obſtruct the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor, Alderman *Lewis*, Mr. Recorder *Bleker*, Mr. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, Col. *Ruſſen*, Major *Jackſon*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Garrat Veght* and Major *Van Brundt*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to examine the publick Debts and Accounts of this Government, and they are hereby authorized to call before them all Perſons together, with all Books of Accounts and Papers, that may give them any certain Knowledge or Information thereof, and they to make their Report of their Proceedure therein, and to bring in their Report, To-morrow at 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Ordered, That Doctor *Kerſbyl*, Mr. *Gouverneur*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Drake*, the Mayor of *Albany*, Mr. *Haaſbrook*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Morgan*, be a Committee of this Houſe, for the redreſſing of Grievances, and examining the Affairs of the five Nations of Indians, and that they make their Report of their Proceedure therein, To-morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouverneur* and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and deſire of them, that what Memorials and Tranſactions which have been lately made of the five Nations of *Indians*, may be ſent unto the Committee of this Houſe, appointed for the Examination of the ſame, and that Mr. *Gouverneur* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up this Meſſage to his Excellency.

Mr. *Gouverneur* reported to this Houſe, he had delivered his Meſſage, and his Excellency told him, That To-morrow Morning at 9 o'Clock, the Papers ſhould be ready for him.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. March 29, 1699.

THIS Day the Houſe met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Gouverneur* Chairman of the Committee for Grievances, made his Report to the Houſe, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That they have received ſeveral Papers and Memorials from his Excellency, relating to the *Indian* Affairs, and finding a great Conteſt, about a Patent, granted by Col. *Fletcher*, to Col. *Schuyler*, Major *Weſſels*, *William Pinhorn*, *Evert Banker* and Mr. *Dellius*; and obſerving, that Col. *Schuyler* and Major *Weſſells*, have reſigned their Intereſt therein, they are of Opinion, That the Record of the ſaid Patent, and the Reſignation of Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Weſſells*, would be of great Uſe to them, in the further examining this Affair.

Per Order,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee, be impowered to call Perſons, Records, Papers and other Things, which may be needful for their Information of any Matter, that ſhall fall under their Cognizance or Conſideration, and that they continue to ſit *de Die ad Diem*, making their report of what they ſhall do every Day.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Chairman of the Committee, to inſpect the publick Accounts of the Government, moved this Houſe, That they may have further Time, to examine the publick Accounts and Debts of the Government, becauſe the Books and Accounts were not brought into them, before Ten of the Clock this Morning.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee, do ſit, *de Die ad Diem*, for the ſaid Service, making their report, of the Progreſs they make therein, every Morning when the Houſe ſits, until the ſaid Service be accompliſhed.

The Speaker having moved the Houſe, that they might take into their further Conſideration, the Settlement of the Revenue. It is,

Ordered, That the Houſe do take the ſame into their Conſideration, after that the Committee, appointed to examine the publick Accounts and Debts of the Government, have ſtated the Accounts and Debts of the Government, report the ſame unto this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock.

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Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 30, 1699.

THIS Day the Houſe met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Gouverneur*, Chairman of the Committee of Grievances, made his Report in theſe Words following;

That they have ſeen and examined his Excellency's Negotiations, with the five Nations of *Indians*, had at *Albany* laſt Summer, and do highly approve of his Excellency's great Prudence and Care therein; and that it is their Opinion, that the Houſe return Thanks for the ſame to his Excellency.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee prepare an Addreſs, to be preſented his Excellency accordingly.

He alſo did report in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That upon reading the Complaint of the *Indians* of the *Maquaas* Nation, concerning a ſurreptitious Grant or Patent, granted by the late Governor Col. *Fletcher*, to Col. *Schuyler*, Major *Weſſells*, *William Pinhorn*, *Godfrey Dellius* and *Evert Banker*; as it appears to us, by the Examination of the ſaid Patent and the Depoſitions and other Papers relating thereunto, we are therefore of Opinion, That the ſaid Patency, as well as the Manner of obtaining it, is a great Injuſtice to the *Indians* of the *Maquaas* Nation, and Grievance to the whole Province; and therefore humbly move, that Mr. *Godfrey Dellius*, *Evert Banker* and *William Pinhorn*, ſome of the Patentees of the ſaid Patent, may be required forthwith to attend this Houſe, to ſhew Cauſe, if any they have, why the ſaid Patent ſhall not be vacated, and to make Anſwer to ſuch Objections as ſhall be made againſt them, for the illegal Practices that was uſed by them in obtaining the ſaid Patent.

Ordered, That the Speaker, do iſſue out his Warrant, requiring the perſonal Appearance of thoſe Gentlemen, on *Thurſday* the 13th Day of *April* next, to Anſwer what ſhall be objected againſt them in that Behalf.

Mr. *Gouverneur*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed for the drawing of an Addreſs to his Excellency, brought in an Addreſs, which was ordered to be read, and approved; and

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be engroſſed; and that the Committee that drew it, preſent the ſame to his Excellency.

The humble Addreſs of the Repreſentatives, convened in General Aſſembly.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

THE *Repreſentatives convened in General Aſſembly, are ſo ſenſible of the great Service done to his Majeſty and this Province, in the Negociation your Excellency had with the five Nations of* Indians, *when your Lordſhip was at* Albany; *that they cannot, but with the greateſt Fervency of Affection, expreſs their Acknowledgment thereof, having obſerved by your Excellency's great Prudence and Conduct in that Matter, you had ſweetned their Humour, which had been much ſowered by the great Diſappointments they had formerly met with, which enraged them to ſuch a Degree, that if your Excellency's Care had not intervened, they would have deſerted their Friendſhip, and gone over to the* French, *which would have made the Peace more grievous to all the Inhabitants than the late War.*

Therefore we moſt humbly aſſure your Lordſhip, in the deep Senſe of the great Advantage, all the Inhabitants of this Province have obtained, by your Lordſhip's prudent Management of that Negotiation; that we will with the utmoſt of our Powers and Abilities, aſſiſt your Excellency in the Adminiſtration of your Lordſhip's Government, and pray for your Lordſhip's Proſperity and long rule over us; for the Honour of his Majeſty, and the Welfare of the Inhabitants of this Province.

Mr. Mayor, Chairman of the Committee, to inſpect the publick Accounts of the Goverment,

Reports to this Houſe, That having ſpent the Afternoon Yeſterday, to inſpect the publick Accounts of the Government, but wanting the Book of Taxes, and the Clerk being ſent for the ſame, Col. *Cortlandt*, in whoſe Poſſeſſion the ſaid Book was, could not be ſpoke with, being with his Excellency in Council, the ſaid Book was not produced to the ſaid Committee, for Want of which, and not obtaining it until this Morning late, and not yet having the Account of the Debts of the Government before them, and by reaſon the Houſe met according to Adjournment, humbly deſire further Time.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

A further Time is granted to them accordingly.

The Petition of *Richard Ponton*, being read; was referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 31, 1699.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*, Chairman of the Committee of Grievances, made his Report in the Words following, *viz.*

That they have ſeveral Grievances under their Conſideration, *viz.* about Negro Slaves, *&c.* but are not yet come to a Concluſion.

By Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Chairman of the Committee, to inſpect the publick Accounts of the Government,

Reports that ſeveral of the publick Accounts, that are laid before this Committee, do not appear to them, to be Audited; humbly pray, they may have further Time to ſit, to inſpect the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which was granted them accordingly.

The Petition of *John Marſh*, being read to the Houſe, was committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of the Civil and Military Officers of *Queen's* County, on the Iſland of *Naſſau*, was alſo read; and left to the Committee of Grievances.

The Speaker informed the Houſe, That it hath been uſual for the whole Houſe, to attend his Excellency, when they preſented any Addreſs.

Ordered, That the whole Houſe do attend his Excellency accordingly; and that Mr. *Gouverneur* and Major *Jackſon*, do wait upon his Excellency, to know of him, when he will be at Leiſure to receive the Addreſs of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Gouverneur* and Major *Jackſon* returned, and acquainted this Houſe, That his Excellency was ready to receive the Addreſs of this Houſe immediately; Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole Houſe to the Fort, to wait upon his Excellency, and did there read the Addreſs of the whoſe Houſe, and preſented it to his Excellency in Council, who received it very kindly.

Then the Houſe returned, and Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and reported, That his Excellency was pleaſed to expreſs his Thankfulneſs for the Compliments paid him, and that the Services that he had done at *Albany*, for his Majeſty and this Province, was but in diſcharge of that Duty he owed his Majeſty, and ſince that was ſo acceptable to this Houſe, he would take Care to diſcharge the like Duty for the future, for his Majeſty's Service and the Good of this Province; for which grateful Reception and Expreſſion of his Excellency of their Addreſs, this Houſe is humbly thankful.

The Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 3, 1699.

THE Houſe met according to Adjournment.

A Bill for continuing the Act of Aſſembly, for the erecting Courts of Judicature, in force for one Year from the Publication hereof, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ſaid Bill being read the ſecond Time, was ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Houſe adjourned till 2 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 3, 1699.

THE Houſe met this Afternoon according to Adjournment.

Col. *Pierſon* and Major *Howell*, returned for the County of *Suffolk*, made their Appearance, according to the Order of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouverneur* and Major *Jackſon*, do go with them, to the Perſons appointed by his Excellency and Council, to take the Oaths, as will qualify them to be Members of this Houſe.

Mr. *Gouverneur* and Major *Jackſon* reports, That according to the Order of this Houſe, they went with Col. *Pierſon* and Major *Howell*, and did ſee them take the Oaths, before Col. *William Smith*, and Doctor *Samuel Staats*, Gentlemen of the Council, authorized for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That they take their Places as Members of this Houſe accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, A Bill for the continuing an Act of Aſſembly, for the erecting Courts of Judicature, be in Force for one Year, from the Publication hereof; being twice read, together with the Amendments of the Committee, ordered to be rejected.

The Petition of the Gaugers, Packers and Coöpers, of the City of *New-York*, &c. being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

Ordered, That Major *Howell*, be of the Committee of Grievances, and Col. *Pierſon* be of the Committee, to inſpect the publick Accounts of the Province.

The Houſe is adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 4, 1699.

THIS Day the Houſe met, according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*, Chairman of the Committee of Grievances, read his Report, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That they have conſidered ſeveral Matters, relating to the Settlement of the Courts of Juſtice, within this Province; and humbly offer to this Houſe, that in ſettling the ſame, the following Amendments and Additions, may be made to the former Acts now expired.

That the Time for the ſitting of the Courts of Seſſions and Pleas, in the County of *Ulſter*, be on the firſt *Tueſday* in *May*, and on the firſt *Tueſday* in *October*.

That a Seſſion be kept in the County of *Orange*, once a Year, on the laſt *Tueſday* in *May*, and a Court of Common Pleas.

The Quarter Seſſions in this City of *New-York*, to be held for three Days each Time.

The Court of Common Pleas, to conſiſt of a Judge and any three of the Juſtices of the County with him, to be of the Quorum.

The Supreme Court to be holden, before the Judge, Judges or Juſtices, in each County, at the Times mentioned in the former Acts, and all Removals and Appeals, to be made from the Court of Pleas, above *Twenty Pounds*, to the Supreme Court, holden in ſaid County, and not otherwiſe.

Orange County, to bring all Trials to the Superior Court at *New-York*.

The Corporation of *Kingſton*, to have Liberty to try and determine, as far as *Twenty Pounds*, but a Removal may be, or an Appeal, when above *Five Pounds*, to the Court of Pleas.

That the Town of *Schenectady*, have Power to try all Matters under *Five Pounds*, before the Juſtices, or any one of them, and three of the five, or more of the Truſtees, to be Annually choſen by ſaid Town; but if above *Forty Shillings*, may be removed, or Appeal to the Court of Pleas.

That a Bill be made for ſettling a Court of Chancery.

All which they are Opinion, ought to be in Force for two Years, and then until the End of the next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly.

And that a Clauſe be brought in to confirm all Proceſſes had, or to be had, in any Court or Courts, in this Province; ſince the Expiration of the laſt Acts, until the publiſhing of the New Act.

They are alſo of Opinion, that a Bill be brought in to indemnify all thoſe that were excepted out of the General Pardon, paſt by Act of Aſſembly, in Col. *Sloughter*'s Time.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General, draw up Bills accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouverneur*, draw up the Bill of indemnity.

The Petition of *George Sydenham*, *Samuel Clowſe*, *John Clapp*, &c. about Negro Slaves, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, brought by Doctor *Samuel Staats* and Capt. *Walter*'s, was read; and the Letters and Papers relating to the ſaid Meſſage, bro't by the ſaid Doctor *Samuel Staats* and Capt. *Walter*'s, was read to the Houſe alſo.

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage and Papers, be committed to the Committee of Grievances, and make their Report to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 5, 1699.

THIS Day the Houſe met according to Adjournment.

A Bill for the eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, in each reſpective City and County, within this Province, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Bill for the Indemnifying of all ſuch Perſons as were excepted out of the General Pardon, made by Act of General Aſſembly in this Province, in the Year of our Lord 1691, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

The Committee of Grievances read their Report, *viz.*

That they have examined the Petition of the Coopers of this City, and are humbly of Opinion, That a Bill be made to aſcertain the Gauge of Caſk, according to the Schedule annexed, and that there be a Prohibition againſt the bringing in of empty Caſk from any other Government, into any Parts of this Government, upon Pain of the Forfeiture of the ſaid Caſk ſo imported, one Moiety to the King, and the other Moiety to the Informer, being thereof convicted, before any two Juſtices of the Peace, in the County where the Seizure ſhall be made, which Juſtices are to be impowered to hear and finally to determine the ſame, and the Act to commence forty Days after Publication of the ſame, and from thence to continue in Force for two Years; and that every Cooper, ſhall put a burnt Mark upon all Caſk he ſhall make, and make the ſame according to the Gauge aſcertained, upon the Penalty of *Five Shillings*, for every Caſk, to be recovered as aforeſaid; and that the ſworn Packers, ſhall not put their Marks to any Caſks of Proviſions, but what Proviſions ſhall be Merchantable, and the Gauge of the Caſks aſcertained, upon the Penalty of *Twenty Five Shillings*, for each Offence, to be recovered and applied as aforeſaid.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman*.

Ordered, That Part of the above Report, which relates to Mr. *De Meyer*, be re-committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Committee, for inſpecting the publick Accounts of the Government, read their Report, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That having ſurveyed the ſaid Accounts, and after conſiderable Pains taken therein; cannot make that ſatisfactory Report to this Houſe, as could be wiſhed for, becauſe the Muſter Rolls for the Year 1697, and the Vouchers of the ſaid Accounts, are not to be had, nor can they obtain the Peruſal thereof.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman*.

The Bill for the eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, in each reſpective City and County, within this Province; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Martin Clock*, for the Pay due to him, for officiating the Office of Lieutenant at *Albany*, 14 Months; being read, was committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Bill for the Indemnifying all ſuch Perſons, as were excepted out of the General Pardon, made by Act of General Aſſembly in this Province, in the Year of our Lord 1691; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, be committed to

to the Committee of Grievances, and the Committee for inſpecting the Accounts of the Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Ten o'Clock To morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 6, 1699.

THIS Day the Houſe met, according to Adjournment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, brought to the Houſe, by Doctor *Samuel Staats* and Capt. *Walter*'s, was read; and the ſame taken into their Conſideration. Whereupon it is,

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York*, the Recorder of *Albany*, Alderman *Lewis*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Gouverneur* and Major *Howell*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to confer with a Committee of the Council, concerning the Meſſage brought from his Excellency and Council this Day, relating to the five Nations of *Indians*; and that the ſame be taken into Conſideration forthwith; and,

That Mr. *Gouverneur* and Mr. *Lewis*, do wait upon his Excellency and Council, and pray, that a Committee of the Council, be appointed accordingly.

Col. *Henry Pierſon*, Chairman of the Committee of Grievances, and inſpecting the publick Accounts of the Government, &c.

Reports, That the Bill for the Indemnifying of all ſuch Perſons, as were excepted out of the General Pardon, made by Act of General Aſſembly, in this Province, in the Year of our Lord 1691; be returned to, and read in the Houſe, without any Amendments.

Per Order of the Committee,
Henry Pierſon, *Chairman.*

The ſaid Bill was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*, Chairman of the Committee of Grievances, read their Report, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That they have gone through the Bill to them committed, and they are of Opinion, That the Clauſe, *viz.* So that the Action, or Cauſe of the Action, the Matter, Thing and Cauſe triable, and the Nature and Kind thereof, doth not relate or concern to Titles of Land.

And that a Clauſe be added, that the ſaid Act ſhall only be in force for two Years, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

The Houſe approved of the ſaid Report, and ordered that the Amendments in the ſaid Bill be made accordingly, and engroſſed.

The Committee of Grievances reported,

That they have examined the Minute of the Council to them re-committed, and they are humbly of Opinion, That *William De Meyer*, therein mentioned, be ſummoned at a certain Day, to appear before this Houſe, to anſwer for the Matter therein alledged.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Which was approved of.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue out his Warrant, to require Mr. *William De Meyer*, to appear at the Bar of this Houſe, to Anſwer the Matters alledged in the Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, on the 18th Day of this inſtant *April*.

The Report of the Committee of Grievances, on the Coopers Petition, being again taken into Conſideration.

It is, *Ordered*, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, on the ſame accordingly.

Upon reading a Meſſage brought from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Gouverneur* and Alderman *Lewis*, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, the 6th Day of April, 1699.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Richard *Earl of* Bellamont, *&c.*

Stephanus Van Cortlandt, *William Smith*, *Abraham De Peyſter*, Eſqrs, *R. Livingſton*, *Samuel Staats*, *Robert Walters*, Eſqrs.

"A MESSAGE from the Aſſembly to this Houſe, by *Abraham Gouverneur* and *Leonard Lewis*, Eſqrs; "deſiring a Committee of the Council, to confer with a Committee of the Aſſembly, about the Meſſage ſent Yeſterday, "concerning the *Indian* Affairs, to the Aſſembly from this "Houſe.

"*Ordered*, That Col. *Stephen Cortlandt*, Col. *William* "*Smith*, *Robert Livingſton*, *Samuel Staats* and *Robert Walters*, "Eſqrs, do meet the Committee of the Aſſembly, at the "Houſe of Col. *Stephen Cortlandt*, at Four of the Clock of "the Afternoon, and that the Gentlemen of the Aſſembly, "appointed to be of the ſaid Committee, are deſired to bring "with them, all the Papers, ſent by his Excellency to the "ſaid Houſe, together with all other Papers in their Cuſtody, "relating to the ſaid Matter."

Per Order of the Council,
B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

Ordered, That the Committee, appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council, do attend them at the Time and Place, ſpecified in the Meſſage accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow 8 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 7, 1699.

THE engroſſed Bill, for indemnifying of all ſuch Perſons, as were excepted by an Act, in the Year 1691, read the third Time, and paſſed; and,

Ordered, That Col. *Pierſon*, Doctor *Kerſbyl*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Col. *Rutſen*, do carry up to his Excellency and Council, the ſaid Bill of Indemnity, *&c.* for their Aſſent.

Major *Howell*, Chairman of the Committe, to conſer with the Committee of Council, concerning the five Nations of *Indians*, reports, That purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, have conferred with the Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed, and had come to this Concluſion, that the Inſtructions ſhould be given unto Capt. *John Schuyler* and Capt. *John Bleker*, or to ſuch other Perſons as his Excellency ſhall appoint, to go with all Speed to *Onondaga*, with the inſtructions hereafter following, which were read, and approved by the Houſe, and ordered that the ſame be entered accordingly, *viz.*

Inſtructions for Capt. *John Schuyler* and Capt. *John Bleker*, or ſuch other Gentlemen as his Excellency ſhall be pleaſed to appoint, to go to *Onondaga*, humbly offered to his Excellency the Earl of *Bellamont*'s Conſideration.

1. YOU *are to go to* Onondaga, *with all Expedition, and acquaint the Sachems of the five Nations in their General Meeting, that their ſending Meſſengers to treat with the* French *of* Canada, *is very ill taken by his Excellency, being of bad Conſequence, and uſe all the Arguments poſſible, to diſuade them from the like ill Practices for the future.*

2. *Your chief Buſineſs will be, to perſuade them to break off holding any Correſpondence with the* French; *for which Purpoſe, you muſt inſinuate to them the antient Covenat Chain, ſo often renewed at* Albany, *particularly this laſt Summer with his Excellency, when it was confirmed with greater Earneſtneſs than ever; and the five Nations then promiſed faithfully, that they would never fail of their Duty and Obedience to this Government, and never treat with the* French *any more, and it was concluded laſt Summer, if there was any ſolemn Negotiation with the* French *about the Priſoners, it was to be at* Albany, *when the Sachems of the five Nations ſhould have Advertiſement of it, in order that they might impower ſome of their Sachems to come to* Albany, *to be preſent at the Negotiation; and the five Nations cannot but remember, how that they have already delivered up five Priſoners, when the Lieut. Governor was there, in Order that there may be a general Exchange.*

That this Government hath always extended their Care and Protection over them; that on the contrary, the French *have always been perfidious to them, and when they ſpoke of Peace, they had War in their Hearts, inſtance* Cadaraqua.

You muſt tell them, they go to Canada *to aſk Peace and Forgiveneſs, whilſt in the mean Time, the* French *are afraid of them. Aſk the five Nations, if they can inſtance any one Thing, wherein they have found this Government unfaithful to them.*

That the French *have always done the firſt Miſchief, even in Time of Peace, and ought to beg their Pardon and Forgiveneſs in their own Country, if they deſire it.*

Tell them, that they are the Subjects of the great King of England, *who has made Peace with the* French *King in* Europe, *which includes*

includes all their Majesty's Subjects, and therefore they ought to depend upon that Peace so made, and that his Majesty of Great Britain *and this Government, will at all Times, justify their being such, and protect them as such.*

Tell that it is against the Honour of their Ancestors, to truckle to the French, *and their going to* Canada *for Peace, will be a Mark that they are in the Wrong, and bring them and Posterity into perpetual Infamy and Slavery to the* French, *for ever hereafter.*

That they must not suffer their private Indians, *to go and have any Communication with the* French *at* Canada, *for they desire no better Advantage than to infuse Lies and Stories into their Heads, on purpose to perplex them, and raise Jealousies to make them uneasy.*

As for the French *praying* Indians, *telling the five Nations not to hunt over the Lakes, for fear of the* Rondax Indians, *is a meer Scare Crow, to obstruct their Trade, and by such Means to keep them poor and despicable, which they are no Ways to regard, but if any disturb them in their Country or Hunting, let them resist Force with Force, and defend themselves.*

Tell them, they need not fear, but all effectual Means will be taken, to release the two Indians, *still detained by the* French *Governor, and it will be resented by the King of* England, *the keeping of his Subjects Prisoners, contrary to the Articles of Peace, and make strict Inquiry, how they have used and treated those Prisoners lately set free.*

You are to leave Jan Baptist *and* Amant *the Interpreter, at* Onondaga, *to watch the Motion of the said* Indians, *that they send no body to* Canada, *nor receive any Messengers from thence, to induce them to go thither.*

You are to use all your Endeavours to persuade the Sachems to Albany, *as formerly was proposed, and if they will bring the Prisoners with them, let them do it; and protest against their going with the Prisoners, directly from their Country to* Canada, *and tell them if they do, it shall be taken as a Violation of the Covenant Chain.*

You have herewith the printed Propositions, that passed between his Excellency and the five Nations at Albany *in* July *last, for to refresh your Memories, but in regard it is impossible to furnish you with such Arguments, as may be necessary to expostulate with the* Indians, *it is left to your Discretion, to use all your Art and Skill, by fair Means or otherwise, as you shall see Occasion, to hinder and prevent their keeping any Correspondence with the* French *of* Canada; *and if the* Indians *upbraid you, because Messengers have been sent twice from this Government, you may tell them, that when Col.* Schuyler *and Mr.* Dellius *went, it was to acquaint them of the Peace, and in pursuance to the Articles of Peace to exchange Prisoners; and when Capt.* John Schuyler *went to* Canada, *it was only to satisfy the five Nations, that there was no such Thing as an Army coming against you, as* Dekanissore *and the rest of the Sachems did apprehend; and if they alledge, that* Abraham Schuyler *and three more were at* Canada *this Winter, you may tell them, it was to see what their Messingers did there, who went contrary to their Engagement and Promise, made to his Excellency last Summer.*

As to what the French *observed to them, relating to the sending of Jesuits to them, in order to make them Christians, that if they be desirous to be instructed in the Christian Religion, this Government will take Care to provide them fit Persons for that End, therefore you must by all Means, persuade them not to suffer any Jesuits to live among them, for this Government cannot allow of any such Thing.*

The Memorial presented by the Mayor of the City of *New-York*, was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock *Tuesday* Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 11, 1699.

THE engrossed Bill, for erecting Courts of Judicature, in every City and County in this Province, read the third Time, and passed this House.

Ordered, That Col. *Pierson*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Haasbrook*, do carry up this Bill to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Doctor *Samuel Staats*, brought a Message from his Excellency and Council, to the House as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, the 8th Day of April, 1699.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Richard *Earl of* Bellamont, *&c.*

Capt. *John Nanfan*, Lieut. Governor.

Stephanus Van Cortlandt, *William Smith*, *Abraham De Peyster*, } Esqrs, *Samuel Staats*, *Robert Walters*. } Esqrs,

"HIS Excellency acquaints the Council, That having read over the Bill for indemnifying such Persons, "as are excepted out of the General Pardon, made by Act "of General Assembly in this Province, in the Year of our Lord "1691; which was sent up to himself and the Council Yesterday, "by Messengers from the House of Representatives, he is of "Opinion, The Bill is well enough drawn, to answer the "End and Design thereof, only there are some few literal "Mistakes, which he has marked in a Paper, which he now "delivers at the Board, and desires if the Gentlemen of the "Council have any Amendments to offer, they will do it, "otherwise, that they will peruse the Amendments, contain-"ed in the Paper aforesaid; and if they approved thereof, "that they will join with him in returning the Bill and A-"mendments to the House of Representatives, by Messengers "from this Board. This Board do agree to the said Amend-"ments, and order, that the Bill together with the Amendments, "be sent down to the Assembly, to desire their Concurrence "with the same, and this Board, do desire *Samuel Staats* and "*Robert Walters*, Esqrs, to carry the said Bill and Amend-"ments, to the House of Representatives."

Per Order of the Council,

B. Cosens, *Cl. Council.*

The Amendments to be made in the said Bill, are as followeth, *viz.*

In Folio 3, Line the 5th, leave out the Word *(never)* and put in *(ever)*

In Folio 4, Line the 8th, leave out the Word *(other)*

In Folio 4, Line the 9th, leave out the Word *(Persons)* and recite all the Names before recited, except *Jacob Liesler*, *Jacob Milbourn* and *Abraham Gouverneur*, whose Attainders are reversed, by the before mentioned Act of Parliament in *England*.

In Folio 4, Line the 10th, between the Words *(the)* and *(Revolution)* add the Words *(late happy.)*

The Amendments have been considered by this House, and are agreed to, and have ordered, that the said Amendments, shall be rectified in the said Bill accordingly; which is accordingly done, and ordered, that the said Bill be returned to his Excellency and Council for their Assent. And,

Ordered, That Col. *Pierson*, Doctor *Kerfbyl*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Col. *Rutsen*, carry up the Bill amended, to his Excellency and Council accordingly.

Which was done accordingly.

An Act, entitled, *An Act for the restraining and punishing Privateers and Pyrates*, sent down by his Excellency and Council, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

An Act, entitled, *An Act for erecting and establishing a Post Office*, sent down by his Excellency and Council, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 12, 1699.

A Bill for the regulating and returning of able and sufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, was read; and ordered a second Reading.

An Act, entitled, *An Act for the restraining and punishing Privateers and Pyratts*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill for the regulating and returning of able and sufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, was read a second Time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Robert Evernden* and *Anne* his Wife, was read; and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1699.

A Bill for the repealing an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for the regulating Damages done in the Time of the late Disorders, and for the uniting the Minds of their Majesty's Subjects within this Province, and for calling Home such of their Majesty's Subjects, that have lately absented themselves, from their Habitations and the usual Places of their Abode.*

Was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The said Bill was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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The Petition of *Jacob Leiſler*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Mary Milbourn*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Audry Wendell*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Accounts.

The Committee of Grievances made their Report, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That they have examined the Bill, for the regulating and returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, to them referred.

That they have agreed to ſaid Bill, with the following Regulations, *viz.*

That the ſame Qualifications required in a Jury, to try Iſſues, be alſo for the Grand Jury, and in all Caſes between the King and the Subject.

That a Perſon having a Houſe in the City of *New-York* and *Albany*, ſhall be ſufficient to qualify him, and that Perſons not having ſuch Freehold, *Thirty Pounds*, clear Eſtate, ſhall be ſufficient in City and County.

That the Clauſe laying a Penalty on the Sheriff be put out.

That the Penalty for Jurors not attending be *Thirteen Shillings* and *Four-pence*; none to be returned Jurors, who are under the Age of Twenty-one Years.

And the Act to be in Force for two Years.

The Houſe agree to all the Regulations in the ſaid Report, except thoſe Clauſes, relating to the Grand Jury, *&c.* and a Perſon to have *Thirty Pounds*, clear of perſonal Eſtates.

They alſo Report and are of Opinion, That the following Regulations be made in the Act, entitled, *An Act for the ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates.*

That in all and every County of this Province, a Delegate be appointed with Power to grant Adminiſtration, to the Value of *One Hundred Pounds.*

And that every Juſtice of the Peace, have Power to cauſe Inteſtates to be inventoriſed and appriſed, before they be returned to the Delagate.

That all ſuch Goods be ſold by publick Sale, in the County where ſuch Eſtate ſhall or may be.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

And the ſaid Committee, made another Report alſo, in theſe Words, *viz.*

That they alſo examined the Petition of the Civil and Military Officers of *Queen's* County.

And are humbly of Opinion,

That every Town or Pariſh within this Province, conſiſting of the Number of 40 Families, ſhall have full Power by the major Part of ſaid Inhabitants, in each Town or Pariſh, to call and ſettle a Proteſtant Miniſter among them; and all the Inhabitants within the ſaid Town or Pariſh, ſhall equally contribute to his Maintenance, according to Proportion, by Way of Rate. And therefore move that a Bill be brought in, accordingly.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Ordered, A Bill be brought in accordingly.

And the ſaid Committee made another Report, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That according to the Order of the Houſe, they have drawn the following Articles againſt *Godfrey Delius*, *Evert Banker* and *William Pinhorn*, which they humbly preſent to this Houſe.

That they the ſaid *Godfrey Delius*, *Evert Banker* and *William Pinhorn*, (the ſaid *Delius* and *Banker*, being at that Time, intruſted with the *Indian* Affairs) did fraudulently deceive and delude, ſeveral of the *Mohawk Indians*, to the Number of Eight, to ſign a certain Deed of Sale, of the greateſt Part of the *Mohawks* Land.

That they did wickedly betray the Truſt in them repoſed by the ſaid *Indians*, by cauſing them to ſign the ſaid Conveyance, whereas the *Indians*, only intended to ſign to a Deed of Truſt for their own Uſe.

That they did upon this fraud and illegal Conveyance, procure a Patent of the late Governor *Fletcher*, for the greateſt Part of the *Mohawk*'s Land; whereas they could at moſt challenge but eight Shares, of ſeveral Hundred, if their Conveyance had been legally obtained.

That therein alſo, they betrayed the Truſt in them repoſed by the ſaid *Indians*, in procuring the Patent to them, and their Heirs for ever; inſtead of having it made to them, in Truſt for ſaid People.

That they the ſaid *Delius* and *Banker*, did alſo betray their Truſt, by taking in *William Pinhorn* as a Partner, who was never intruſted by the ſaid *Indians*.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Which was approved of by the Houſe.

Col. *Smith* and Col. *De Peyſter*, brought a verbal Meſſage, from his Excellency and Council, and acquainted this Houſe, That his Excellency had thought fit, to put an additional Clauſe to the Inſtructions, agreed upon by this Houſe, to be ſent by thoſe Gentlemen, that carry the Meſſage to the five Nations of *Indians*, *That if the* French, *or* French Indians, *made any Inſult upon them, that they would do well to reſiſt, Force by Force, that his Excellency would aſſiſt them, as far as he was able*; which is approved of by the Houſe, and the Houſe thanks his Excellency, for his Care therein.

Capt. *Whitehead*, deſires Leave of this Houſe, ſome of his Family being Sick, to go Home, he returning to this Houſe *Monday* Morning; which was granted.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Nine of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1699.

A Bill for the reſtraining and puniſhing Privateers and Pyrates, was read a third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be carried up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

A Bill for repealing an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for the regulating Damages done in the Time of the late Diſorders, &c.* was read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be carried up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Alderman *Lewis*, Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Capt. *Drake*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent, which they did accordingly; Mr. Mayor returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſaid Bills to the Governor and Council accordingly.

The Petition of *Gerbrant Claeſe*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Accounts.

The Petition of *Thomas Turner* and *John Waldron*, for *New Harlem*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Accounts.

A Bill for the regulating and returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, was read a third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be carried up to the Governor and Council for the Aſſent; and that Major *Jackſon* and Mr. *Gouverneur*, do carry the ſaid Bill, which they accordingly did; and Mr. *Gouverneur* returned and reported, that they had delivered the ſaid Bill, to the Governor and Council accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Ten of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabbati, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1699.

A Bill for the Regulation of an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for the ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates and regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting of Letters of Adminiſtration*, was read the firſt Time, and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

includes all their Majesty's Subjects, and therefore they ought to depend upon that Peace so made, and that his Majesty of Great Britain *and this Government, will at all Times, justify their being such, and protect them as such.*

Tell that it is against the Honour of their Ancestors, to truckle to the French, *and their going to* Canada *for Peace, will be a Mark that they are in the Wrong, and bring them and Posterity into perpetual Infamy and Slavery to the* French, *for ever hereafter.*

That they must not suffer their private Indians, *to go and have any Communication with the* French *at* Canada, *for they desire no better Advantage than to infuse Lies and Stories into their Heads, on purpose to perplex them, and raise Jealousies to make them uneasy.*

As for the French *praying* Indians, *telling the five Nations not to hunt over the Lakes, for fear of the* Rondax Indians, *is a meer Scare Crow, to obstruct their Trade, and by such Means to keep them poor and despicable, which they are no Ways to regard, but if any disturb them in their Country or Hunting, let them resist Force with Force, and defend themselves.*

Tell them, they need not fear, but all effectual Means will be taken, to release the two Indians, *still detained by the* French *Governor, and it will be resented by the King of* England, *the keeping of his Subjects Prisoners, contrary to the Articles of Peace, and make strict Inquiry, how they have used and treated those Prisoners lately set free.*

You are to leave Jan Baptist *and* Amant *the Interpreter, at* Onondaga, *to watch the Motion of the said* Indians, *that they send no body to* Canada, *nor receive any Messengers from thence, to induce them to go thither.*

You are to use all your Endeavours to persuade the Sachems to Albany, *as formerly was proposed, and if they will bring the Prisoners with them, let them do it; and protest against their going with the Prisoners, directly from their Country to* Canada, *and tell them if they do, it shall be taken as a Violation of the Covenant Chain.*

You have herewith the printed Propositions, that passed between his Excellency and the five Nations at Albany *in* July *last, for to refresh your Memories, but in regard it is impossible to furnish you with such Arguments, as may be necessary to expostulate with the* Indians, *it is left to your Discretion, to use all your Art and Skill, by fair Means or otherwise, as you shall see Occasion, to hinder and prevent their keeping any Correspondence with the* French *of* Canada; *and if the* Indians *upbraid you, because Messengers have been sent twice from this Government, you may tell them, that when Col.* Schuyler *and Mr.* Dellius *went, it was to acquaint them of the Peace, and in pursuance to the Articles of Peace to exchange Prisoners; and when Capt.* John Schuyler *went to* Canada, *it was only to satisfy the five Nations, that there was no such Thing as an Army coming against you, as* Dekanissore *and the rest of the Sachems did apprehend; and if they alledge, that* Abraham Schuyler *and three more were at* Canada *this Winter, you may tell them, it was to see what their Messengers did there, who went contrary to their Engagement and Promise, made to his Excellency last Summer.*

As to what the French *observed to them, relating to the sending of Jesuits to them, in order to make them Christians, that if they be desirous to be instructed in the Christian Religion, this Government will take Care to provide them fit Persons for that End, therefore you must by all Means, persuade them not to suffer any Jesuits to live among them, for this Government cannot allow of any such Thing.*

The Memorial presented by the Mayor of the City of *New-York*, was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock *Tuesday* Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 11, 1699.

THE engrossed Bill, for erecting Courts of Judicature, in every City and County in this Province, read the third Time, and passed this House.

Ordered, That Col. *Pierson*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Hansbrook*, do carry up this Bill to the Governor and Council for their Assent.

Doctor *Samuel Staats*, brought a Message from his Excellency and Council, to the House as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, the 8th Day of April, 1699.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Richard *Earl of* Bellamont, *&c.*

Capt. *John Nanfan*, Lieut. Governor.

Stephanus Van Cortlandt, *William Smith*, *Abraham De Peyster*, } Esqrs, *Samuel Staats*, *Robert Walters*. } Esqrs,

"HIS Excellency acquaints the Council, That having read over the Bill for indemnifying such Persons, "as are excepted out of the General Pardon, made by Act "of General Assembly in this Province, in the Year of our Lord "1691; which was sent up to himself and the Council Yesterday, "by Messengers from the House of Representatives, he is of "Opinion, The Bill is well enough drawn, to answer the "End and Design thereof, only there are some few literal "Mistakes, which he has marked in a Paper, which he now "delivers at the Board, and desires if the Gentlemen of the "Council have any Amendments to offer, they will do it, "otherwise, that they will peruse the Amendments, contained in the Paper aforesaid; and if they approved thereof, "that they will join with him in returning the Bill and A-"mendments to the House of Representatives, by Messengers "from this Board. This Board do agree to the said Amend-"ments, and order, that the Bill together with the Amendments, "be sent down to the Assembly, to desire their Concurrence "with the same, and this Board, do desire *Samuel Staats* and "*Robert Walters*, Esqrs, to carry the said Bill and Amend-"ments, to the House of Representatives."

Per Order of the Council,
B. Cosens, *Cl. Council.*

The Amendments to be made in the said Bill, are as followeth, *viz.*

In Folio 3, Line the 5th, leave out the Word *(never)* and put in *(ever)*

In Folio 4, Line the 8th, leave out the Word *(other)*

In Folio 4, Line the 9th, leave out the Word *(Persons)* and recite all the Names before recited, except *Jacob Liesler*, *Jacob Milbourn* and *Abraham Gouverneur*, whose Attainders are reversed, by the before mentioned Act of Parliament in *England*.

In Folio 4, Line the 10th, between the Words *(the)* and *(Revolution)* add the Words *(late happy.)*

The Amendments have been considered by this House, and are agreed to, and have ordered, that the said Amendments, shall be rectified in the said Bill accordingly; which is accordingly done, and ordered, that the said Bill be returned to his Excellency and Council for their Assent. And,

Ordered, That Col. *Pierson*, Doctor *Kerfbyl*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Col. *Rutsen*, carry up the Bill amended, to his Excellency and Council accordingly.

Which was done accordingly.

An Act, entitled, *An Act for the restraining and punishing Privateers and Pyrates*, sent down by his Excellency and Council, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

An Act, entitled, *An Act for erecting and establishing a Post Office*, sent down by his Excellency and Council, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 12, 1699.

A Bill for the regulating and returning of able and sufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, was read; and ordered a second Reading.

An Act, entitled, *An Act for the restraining and punishing Privateers and Pyrates*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Bill for the regulating and returning of able and sufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, was read a second Time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Robert Evernden* and *Anne* his Wife, was read; and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1699.

A Bill for the repealing an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for the regulating Damages done in the Time of the late Disorders, and for the uniting the Minds of their Majesty's Subjects within this Province, and for calling Home such of their Majesty's Subjects, that have lately absented themselves, from their Habitations and the usual Places of their Abode.*

Was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The said Bill was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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The Petition of *Jacob Leiſler*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Mary Milbourn*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Audry Wendell*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Accounts.

The Committee of Grievances made their Report, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That they have examined the Bill, for the regulating and returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, to them referred.

That they have agreed to ſaid Bill, with the following Regulations, *viz.*

That the ſame Qualifications required in a Jury, to try Iſſues, be alſo for the Grand Jury, and in all Caſes between the King and the Subject.

That a Perſon having a Houſe in the City of *New-York* and *Albany*, ſhall be ſufficient to qualify him, and that Perſons not having ſuch Freehold, *Thirty Pounds*, clear Eſtate, ſhall be ſufficient in City and County.

That the Clauſe laying a Penalty on the Sheriff be put out.

That the Penalty for Jurors not attending be *Thirteen Shillings* and *Four-pence*; none to be returned Jurors, who are under the Age of Twenty-one Years.

And the Act to be in Force for two Years.

The Houſe agree to all the Regulations in the ſaid Report, except thoſe Clauſes, relating to the Grand Jury, *&c.* and a Perſon to have *Thirty Pounds*, clear of perſonal Eſtates.

They alſo Report and are of Opinion, That the following Regulations be made in the Act, entitled, *An Act for the ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates.*

That in all and every County of this Province, a Delegate be appointed with Power to grant Adminiſtration, to the Value of *One Hundred Pounds.*

And that every Juſtice of the Peace, have Power to cauſe Inteſtates to be inventoriſed and appriſed, before they be returned to the Delagate.

That all ſuch Goods be ſold by publick Sale, in the County where ſuch Eſtate ſhall or may be.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

And the ſaid Committee, made another Report alſo, in theſe Words, *viz.*

That they alſo examined the Petition of the Civil and Military Officers of *Queen's* County.

And are humbly of Opinion,

That every Town or Pariſh within this Province, conſiſting of the Number of 40 Families, ſhall have full Power by the major Part of ſaid Inhabitants, in each Town or Pariſh, to call and ſettle a Proteſtant Miniſter among them; and all the Inhabitants within the ſaid Town or Pariſh, ſhall equally contribute to his Maintenance, according to Proportion, by Way of Rate. And therefore move that a Bill be brought in, accordingly.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Ordered, A Bill be brought in accordingly.

And the ſaid Committee made another Report, in theſe Words following, *viz.*

That according to the Order of the Houſe, they have drawn the following Articles againſt *Godfrey Delius*, *Evert Banker* and *William Pinhorn*, which they humbly preſent to this Houſe.

That they the ſaid *Godfrey Delius*, *Evert Banker* and *William Pinhorn*, (the ſaid *Delius* and *Banker*, being at that Time, intruſted with the *Indian* Affairs) did fraudulently deceive and delude, ſeveral of the *Mohawk Indians*, to the Number of Eight, to ſign a certain Deed of Sale, of the greateſt Part of the *Mohawks* Land.

That they did wickedly betray the Truſt in them repoſed by the ſaid *Indians*, by cauſing them to ſign the ſaid Conveyance, where-as the *Indians*, only intended to ſign to a Deed of Truſt for their own Uſe.

That they did upon this fraud and illegal Conveyance, procure a Patent of the late Governor *Fletcher*, for the greateſt Part of the *Mohawk*'s Land; whereas they could at moſt challenge but eight Shares, of ſeveral Hundred, if their Conveyance had been legally obtained.

That therein alſo, they betrayed the Truſt in them repoſed by the ſaid *Indians*, in procuring the Patent to them, and their Heirs for ever; inſtead of having it made to them, in Truſt for ſaid People.

That they the ſaid *Delius* and *Banker*, did alſo betray their Truſt, by taking in *William Pinhorn* as a Partner, who was never intruſted by the ſaid *Indians*.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Which was approved of by the Houſe.

Col. *Smith* and Col. *De Peyſter*, brought a verbal Meſſage, from his Excellency and Council, and acquainted this Houſe, That his Excellency had thought fit, to put an additional Clauſe to the Inſtructions, agreed upon by this Houſe, to be ſent by thoſe Gentlemen, that carry the Meſſage to the five Nations of *Indians*, *That if the* French, *or* French Indians, *made any Inſult upon them, that they would do well to reſiſt, Force by Force, that his Excellency would aſſiſt them, as far as he was able*; which is approved of by the Houſe, and the Houſe thanks his Excellency, for his Care therein.

Capt. *Whitehead*, deſires Leave of this Houſe, ſome of his Family being Sick, to go Home, he returning to this Houſe *Monday* Morning; which was granted.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Nine of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1699.

A Bill for the reſtraining and puniſhing Privateers and Pyrates, was read a third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be carried up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

A Bill for repealing an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for the regulating Damages done in the Time of the late Diſorders, &c.* was read the third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be carried up to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Alderman *Lewis*, Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Capt. *Drake*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent, which they did accordingly; Mr. Mayor returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſaid Bills to the Governor and Council accordingly.

The Petition of *Gerbrant Claeſe*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Accounts.

The Petition of *Thomas Turner* and *John Waldron*, for *New Harlem*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Accounts.

A Bill for the regulating and returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, in Trials at Law, was read a third Time, and paſſed; and ordered to be carried up to the Governor and Council for the Aſſent; and that Major *Jackſon* and Mr. *Gouverneur*, do carry the ſaid Bill, which they accordingly did; and Mr. *Gouverneur* returned and reported, that they had delivered the ſaid Bill, to the Governor and Council accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Ten of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabbati, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1699.

A Bill for the Regulation of an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for the ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates and regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting of Letters of Adminiſtration*, was read the firſt Time, and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

A Bill for the eſtabliſhing a Miniſtry throughout this Province, was read; and rejected.

The Petition of *Mettie Beekman*, was read; and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Warrant that was iſſued by the Speaker, *per* Order of this Houſe, for the requiring Mr. *Godfrey Delius* and Mr. *Evert Banker*, *&c.* perſonally to appear at the Bar of this Houſe the 13th of *April*, being returned to this Houſe, and certified under the Hands of *Philip Schuyler* and *Johannis Beekman*, that they were ſerved with the ſame, and would come down with the firſt Opportunity; and the Houſe being informed, that the ſaid Mr. *Delius* and Mr. *Banker*, are now in Town,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouverneur* and Major *Howell*, be the Mannagers of the Accuſations, exhibited in this Houſe againſt them; and that they be required to make their Appearance at this Houſe *Monday* Morning, 10 of the Clock.

The Committee, for inſpecting the publick Accounts of the Government,

Reports, That they have ſpent a conſiderable Time in the inſpecting the publick Accounts of the Government, but find them ſo intricate and large, that it will require a long Time for the perfecting of them, are therefore humbly of Opinion, That it will be highly neceſſary, a ſtanding Committee be appointed by the Houſe, to inſpect the ſaid Accounts, and make Report thereof, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York*, Alderman *Lewis*, Doctor *Kerſbyl*, *Cornelius Sebring*, *Abraham Gouverneur*, or any three of them, to be a ſtanding Committee, to examine and ſtate the publick Accounts of the Government, and to make Report of their procedure the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, and that they be inveſted with full Power and Authority, to call before them, all Perſon or Perſons, who they Judge may give them any Knowledge in that Matter, and all thoſe who have been Receivers of any publick Money, ſhall give their Attendance at the ſaid Committee, when thereunto required; and all Books and Papers relating to the ſaid Accounts, ſhall be laid before the ſaid Committee, by the Receiver General, or any other Perſon or Perſons, who are any Ways intereſted in the ſaid Affairs.

The Committee of the publick Accounts of the Government,

Report, That Mr. *William Nicolls*, being called before them, to give an Account of the *One Thouſand Pounds*, raiſed for the Agent, *&c.* doth acknowledge he received the ſaid Sum, whereof he ſaith the *French* took about *Three Hundred* and *Twenty Pounds*; as for the Remainder, he cannot give any particular Account of the diſpoſing thereof.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

The Account that Mr. *Nicoll* gave to the Committee, concerning the Agency, not being ſatisfactory to this Houſe,

Ordered, That Mr. *William Nicoll*, do give a full and perfect Account in writing, under his Hand, of his Negociation, in his Agency to *England*, and how he employed the Money that was raiſed and paid to him for that Service, on *Thurſday* next, in the Afternoon; and that the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve him with a Copy of this Order, that he may have timely Notice thereof.

Ordered, That the Bill, intitled, *A Bill for the Indemnifying of all ſuch Perſons as were excepted out of the General Pardon, made by Act of General Aſſembly in this Province, in the Year of our Lord* 1691, brought from his Excellency and Council, with the Amendments, to which this Houſe did agree, may be fairly tranſcribed and engroſſed by the Clerk of this Houſe, and the Speaker to ſign the ſame, as if it were the original Bill, that went from this Houſe, *Provided*, the ſame ſhall not be a PRECEDENT to this Houſe, for the Time to come.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen which carried the ſaid Bill before, do carry up this Bill this Time, to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday*, 8 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 17, 1699.

ACCORDING to the Summons, Mr. *Delius* and Mr. *Evert Banker*, did appear at this Houſe, and the Charge exhibited againſt them, was read unto them; whereupon Mr. *Delius* and Mr. *Banker*, did deſire that they might have a Copy of the ſaid Charge, and Time to give their Anſwer in writing.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do forthwith give them a Copy of the ſaid Charge, that they file their Anſwer thereunto, on *Wedneſday* next.

The Petition of *Pareclus Parmiter*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances, and that at the ſame Time, they take into Conſideration, the Regulation of the Fees of the Officers of the Cuſtoms, and all other Officers in the Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 18, 1699.

MR. *Nicoll*, moved to ſpeak to this Houſe, to have longer Time given him, to bring in an Account of his Negotiation of the Agency in *England*; and the Houſe granted him until *Tueſday* next, the 25th Inſtant.

The Committee of Grievances,

Report, That they have examined the Bill, to them referred, entitled, *A Bill for the regulating an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the Superviſing inteſtate Eſtates, and the regulating the Probates of Wills and granting Letters of Adminiſtration.*

That the Power of the Probate of Wills, be alſo given to the Delegate.

That inteſtate Eſtates be ſecured or ſold by the Delegate, and that it be Sold by a publick Sale.

That the Juſtice by his Warrant, ſhall cauſe the Perſons choſen, by Virtue of the former Act, to enter into the inteſtate's Houſe, *&c.* within the Time of Forty-eight Hours.

That the Juſtice ſhall appoint and ſware three Men, to appraiſe the inteſtate Eſtates, and no more.

By Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Bill be amended accordingly.

They alſo Report, that they have conſidered the Abuſes, daily committed by Negro Slaves, and are of Opinion, That a Bill be brought in for preventing the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly for that Purpoſe.

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The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Eaſtcheſter*, *Lower Yonkers*, *Mile Square*, and the Manor of *Fordham*, being read; was committed to the Committee of Grievances.

A Bill for preventing the Abuſes daily committed by Negro Slaves and Indians, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The ſaid Bill being read a ſecond Time, was committed to the Committee of Accounts.

Doctor *Staats* and Capt. *Walters*, brought a Bill, entitled, *A Bill for indemifying of all ſuch Perſons*, &c. with an Indorſement, *viz.* April 15, 1699.

This Bill having been read three Times in the upper Houſe of Aſſembly, is paſſed.

By Order,
B. Coſens, *Cl.*

But without having the ſame certified on the Foot of the ſaid Bill, under the Hand of the Clerk of the Council, and the ſame enacted and ordered to be enrolled, and ſigned with the Hand of his Excellency the Governor, as was formerly uſual in all the Aſſemblies of this Province. It is therefore,

Ordered, That Major *Jackſon* and Mr. *Gouverneur*, do carry up this Bill, and pray the ſame may be paſſed; as hath been uſual.

The Petition of *Adrian Apple*, being read; was committed to the Committee of Grievances.

Mr. *Gouverneur* and Major *Jackſon*, returned, and acquainted the Houſe, That they had delivered their Meſſage. His Excellency told them, he thought it was according to the Cuſtom uſed in *England*, but if it was otherwiſe here, it ſhould be done as had been practiſed in this Province.

The Houſe is adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1699.

THE Petition of *John Evouts*, was read; and rejected.

Mr. *Delius* and Mr. *Banker*, appeared in this Houſe, and exhibited their Anſwer, according to the Order of this Houſe, which was read in their Preſence; then they were ordered to withdraw; whereupon the Houſe took the ſame into their Conſideration. And it was

Ordered, That the Gentlemen appointed to be Managers, do make their Replication on *Saturday* next, of which they ſhall have Notice.

Col. *Pierſon*, having deſired Liberty of this Houſe, to return Home upon his Majeſty's Service, was granted him accordingly.

The Committee of Accounts,

Reports, That the Bill for the preventing the Abuſes daily committed by Negro Slaves and *Indians*, ought to have theſe Words inſerted therein, *viz. And that all Negroes within the City and County of* New-York, *ſhall be tried by the Mayor or Recorder, and two of the Juſtices of the Peace*; and are humbly of Opinion, That the ſaid Act be in Force for two Years.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which was approved of.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed and amended accordingly.

Richard Alſop, moved the Houſe, that he might be heard by his Council, and deſired Time till *Monday*; which was granted accordingly.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to ſettle the Revenue, as it is, abating the *Groat* a Gallon, upon Rum, that is carried up *Hudſon*'s River.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1699.

THE Petition of *John Lawrence*, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Committee of Accounts,

Reports, That on peruſal of the Petition of *Gerbrant Claeſe*, we do find the Tract of Land, which he claims, is mentioned in the Deed and Patent of Col. *Cortlandt*, and therefore are of Opinion, The Matter being a Point of Law, is proper to be recommended by this Houſe, to the Governor and Council.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which was re-committed.

The Bill granting unto his Majeſty, ſeveral Duties for the defraying the publick Charge of the Government, after the Time limitted in an Act, entitled, *An Act confirming and continuing unto their Majeſties the Revenue eſtabliſhed*, &c. was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill for preventing vexatious Suits, and ſettling and quieting the Minds of his Majeſty's peaceable Subjects within this Province, was read; and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The ſaid Bill for granting unto his Majeſty, ſeveral Duties, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The ſaid Bill for preventing vexatious Suits, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1699.

THE Speaker received a Return from *John Ward*, Coroner of the County of *Ulſter*, that Mr. *Demier* was not in the County.

Ordered, That a new Warrant be iſſued, requiring his Appearance at this Houſe immediately.

Doctor *Samuel Staats* and *Robert Walters*, Eſq; brought a Meſſage from the Governor and Council, and a Bill for the committing of *Ebenezer Wilſon* and *Samuel Burt*, Farmers of the Exciſe of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, &c. being read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for preventing the Abuſes daily committed by Negro Slaves, &c. was engroſſed; read the third Time, and paſſed.

The Bill for preventing vexatious Suits, &c. was engroſſed; read a third Time, and paſſed.

The Bill for the Regulation of an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates*, &c. was read a third Time, and paſſed.

A Bill for preventing of Treſpaſſes, was read; and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for committing of *Ebenezer Wilſon* and *Samuel Burt*, &c. was read a ſecond Time.

The Bill for the committing of *Ebenezer Wilſon* and *Samuel Burt*, &c. was read a third Time, and paſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Gouverneur*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Lewis*, do carry up the four Bills, read, and paſſed this Day, unto the Governor and Council for their Aſſent; which was done accordingly.

The Bill for preventing Treſpaſſes, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The humble Addreſs of *John Marſh*, to the Aſſembly, was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Committee of Accounts,

Report, That on the peruſal of the Petition of *Gerbrant Claeſe*, we do find the Tract of Land which he claims, is mentioned in the Deed and Patent of Col. *Cortlandt*, of which ſaid Land, we are of Opinion, the ſaid *Gerbrant Claeſe* is wronged, by Col. *Dongan*, as it did appear to us, by ſeveral *Indians*, Mr. *John Kipp* and *William Teller*, and being a Grievance to ſaid *Gerbrant*, we think it is proper to be recommended by this Houſe, to the Governor and Council for Redreſs.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which Report was approved of, and recommended to the Governor and Council accordingly.

Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Gouverneur*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Lewis*, returned and reported, that the Council being riſen, they left the ſaid Bills with his Excellency.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock *Monday* next in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 24, 1699.

A Bill for the regulating the Elections of Repreſentatives in Aſſembly, in each reſpective City and County within this Province; was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

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Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. April 25, 1699.

A Bill for preventing of Frauds and Embezelments of drift Whales, and other royal Fiſhes, that of right do belong to his Majeſty, and for the Encouragement of Whale Fiſhing, within the Province of *New-York*, was read; and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for the regulating the Elections of Repreſentatives in Aſſembly, *&c.* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Replication (of the Managers for the *Indian* Affairs) to the Anſwer of *Godfrey Delius* and Mr. *Banker*, being read and approved; *Ordered*, That the ſaid *Delius* and *Banker*, do appear before this Houſe at 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning, for a hearing, and that the Clerk give the ſaid *Delius* and *Banker* Notice thereof.

The Petition of the Town of *Huntington*, in the County of *Suffolk*, was read; and committed to the Members of *Suffolk*.

The Committee of Grievances,

Reports, That they have examined the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for granting unto his Majeſty ſeveral Duties, for the defraying the publick Charges of the Government, after the Time limitted, in an Act*, entitled, *An Act confirming and continuing unto their Majeſties, the Revenue eſtabliſhed by Act of General Aſſembly, for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge of the Government is expired*, to them committed, and have agreed to the ſaid Bill with the following Amendments.

Page 4, Line the laſt, leave out the Word, *Hartfords*.

5, Line 13th, leave out the Word, *Hartfords*.

7, Line 3, leave out, *in* Hudſon's *River, under the Quantity of* 15 *Gallons only*.

10, Line 13, put in between thereof and forfeit, *by two ſufficient and lawful Witneſſes*.

11, Line 16, leave out, *Land or put on Shore or*

12, Line 3, leave out, *Land or put on Shore or*

Line 6, leave out the Words, *and the Goods ſo laden or landed, and put on Shore without Entry or Warrant*.

Line 15, leave out, *in their ſaid Boats, from any Ship or Veſſel, arrived in this Province, any of the aforeſaid Goods or Merchandize, or Land the ſame, or take on Board*.

13, Line 2, leave out, *or Land*

14, Line 3, leave out between the Words Conviction and before, *by Oath of any Perſon*, and put in, *by the Oath of one or more credible Witneſſes*.

Line 17, That a Proviſo be made for the Defendant to appeal to the next Seſſions of Peace, giving Security to anſwer the ſame.

15, Line 4, leave out, *except up* Hudſon's *River, where the Quantity retailed ſhall be under* 15 *Gallons only*.

Line 6, leave out between the Word Council and to, *by the Oath of any Perſon*, and put in, *by the Oath of one or more credible Witneſſes*.

Line 11, leave out, *up* Hudſon's *River, under the Quantity of* 15 *Gallons only*.

Laſt Page, Line 1, put out, *nor Stet*, and put in, *or Landed*.

That the Liſt of Fees hereunto annexed, be added to the Bill, and that no Entries be made of Goods not paying Duties, that are carried to and from any Parts of the Province, and that the Liſt of Fees be ſet up in every Office.

Per Order of the Committee,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of, and that the ſaid Amendments be made in the ſaid Bill.

Fees for the Cuſtom Houſe Officers.

Entry of every Veſſel burthen 60 Tons or upwards.

Every Entry in, or out, Licence to load, or unload, Bond and Jerkin, in all,	£. 0 6 0
Certificate to the Fort,	0 0 4 ½
Bill of Store,	0 1 6
Every Entry or Poſt Entry,	0 0 4 ½
Clearing.	0 6 0

Ships or other Veſſels burthen under 60 Ton, and more than 20, Trading into, or out of this Province.

Every Entry in, or out, Licenſe to load, or unload, Bond and Jerkin in all,	£. 0 3 0
Certificate to the Fort,	0 0 4 ½
Bill of Store,	0 1 6
Every poſt Entry,	0 0 4 ½
Clearing.	0 3 0

Sloop or Veſſels of 20 Ton or under, coming in or going out of this Province.

Every Entry in, or out, Licenſe to load, or unload, Bond and Jerkin, in all,	£. 0 1 6
Certificate to the Fort,	0 0 4 ½
Entry or Poſt Entry, each,	0 0 4 ½
Clearing,	0 1 6

Sloops and trading Veſſels within this Province, towards the Sound, *Connecticut*, up *Hudſon's* River and *Eaſt-Jerſey*.

Every Entry in, or out, Licenſe to load, or unload, Bond and Jerkin, in all,	£. 0 0 9
Every Entry or Poſt Entry, each,	0 0 4 ½
Paſs and Clearing,	0 0 9

For the Sight of every Certificate or Bond, given and entering the ſame in the King's Books, 0 0 4

For Cancelling a Bond, Filing a Certificate, and making Return in the King's Books, 0 0 4 ½

Naval Officers Fees.

Regiſtring of every Ship or Veſſel,	£. 0 6 0
Every Certificate of Goods landed, where Bond is given abroad,	0 2 3
For every Bond given for the enumerated Commodities,	0 1 6
For every Entry and Clearing, each,	0 0 9

Secretary's Fees.

For a Paſs of a Ship or Veſſel, 60 Tons or upwards,	£. 0 4 6
For a Veſſel from 20 Ton to 60 Tons,	0 3 0
For a Bond,	0 1 6
For the Gunner of the Fort, for each Veſſel that clears out of the Secretary's Office,	0 0 9

And that no other Fees been taken.

That all Veſſels employed in carrying and bringing Corn and Meal to and from the Mills, and Veſſels employed in bringing Firewood to this City, Stones and Lime, ſhall be free from entring and clearing in the Cuſtom Houſe.

Which Report was read, and approved of, and ordered that the ſaid Amendments be therefore rectified accordingly, and the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The ſaid Committee alſo reported,

Upon the Petition of *Jacob Leiſler*, Son and Heir of *Jacob Leiſler*, deceaſed, to them referred,

That they have examined ſeveral Perſons, relating to the ſaid Petition, and do find that there were of the Goods and Chattles, of the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler*, in the Fort, at the Time when he ſurrendered the Fort to Col. *Sloughter* and Col. *Philipſe*; and Col. *Monveil* acknowledged, that they had an Order from the Governor to deliver the ſame, but that they did not deliver any Merchandizes, but all other Things which is denied to be true by ſeveral Witneſſes. And they have alſo examined ſeveral other Perſons, relating to the Book of Accounts, of the Charges mentioned in the ſaid Petition, who all deny to know any Thing of it.

They are of Opinion, That according to the Act of Parliament mentioned in the ſaid Petition, the Petitioner is entitled, and that the detaining thereof is a general Damage to the Petitioner; for which he ought to have a Remedy.

And therefore humbly offer, That an Addreſs be made by this Houſe, to his Excellency and Council, to examine upon Oath, all ſuch Perſons as may be ſuſpected to have, or conceal any of the Premiſſes, in particular *Gabriel Monveil, Frederick Philipſe, Edward Antill, Jeremiah Tuthill*, Madam *Sloughter*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mrs. *Hartman, Maritie Harricks*, Capt. *Syms*, Lieut. *Buckley, Matthew*

Matthew Clarkſon, *William Nicoll* and *Peter White*, of *Newtown*; and that ſpeedy Juſtice may be done to the Petitioner, and be capacitated to make up his Accounts.

[There is a Chaſm, from the 25th of *April* to this Time. Diligent Search will be made for the Copy, and if found, before this Volume is finiſhed, it will be added by Way of Appendix.]

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 29, 1700.

SAMUEL *Staats* and Robert *Walters*, Eſqrs, brought a Meſſage from the Governor and Council, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act for declaring the Town of* Eaſtcheſter, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *a diſtinct Pariſh from the Town of* Weſtcheſter, *in the County aforeſaid*; with ſeveral Amendments, to which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were as followeth: Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for declaring the Town of* Eaſtcheſter, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter *aforeſaid.*

That in Page the 3d, Line the 1ſt, leave out *(and)* after the Word *(thereof)* and put in *(do)* and in the ſame Line, leave out the Words *(and ſettle)* in Line the 2d, before the Word *(Proteſtant)* put in the Word *(Orthodox)*

October 29, 1700.

THE ſaid Bill together with the Amendments, being read three Times, is paſſed; and ordered that the ſame be ſent down to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for their Aſſent to the ſaid Amendments.

B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

And the Act for encouraging the Brewing of Beer, and making of Malt in this Province, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, as follows;

Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Encouraging the Brewing of Beer and making of Malt, in this Province.*

That in Page the firſt, Line the 14th, the Word *(Proclamation)* be obliterated, and the Word *(Publication)* be inſerted.

October 29, 1700.

THE ſaid Bill, together with the Amendments, being read three Times, is paſſed; and ordered that the ſame be ſent down to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for their Aſſent to the ſaid Amendments.

Per Order of Council,
B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

And the Act for the better Payment of the Repreſentatives, with a Report thereon, as follows,

Report of the Committee of the Council, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Payment of the Repreſentatives* was referred.

That the ſaid Act appears to the Committee, to be of no more Force or Validity, than the Act formerly paſſed, and that the Repreſentatives would not, by the paſſing the ſaid Act, be ſecured of their Salary more than by the former; but they are of Opinion, That a Bill ought to be brought in for the effectual ſecuring a daily Salary of *Six Shillings*, to each Repreſentative.

Extracted out of a Minute made by the Council, the 24th of *October* 1700, this 29th ditto, by me,

Per Order of Council,
B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

Which Bill, entitled, *An Act for declaring the Town of* Eaſtcheſter, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *a diſtinct Pariſh from the Town of* Weſtcheſter, *in the County aforeſaid*; and an Act for the Encouraging the Brewing of Beer and making of Malt in this Province, were ſeverally read before the Houſe, and approved of, and ordered the Bills be amended, and paſſed accordingly; and,

Ordered, That *Thomas Morgan* and *John Bleker*, Eſqrs, do carry up the ſaid two Bills to his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, that the Houſe hath agreed to the Amendments, and paſſed the ſaid two Bills accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Act, for the better Payment of the Repreſentatives, lie under Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1700.

THE Houſe being met.

An Act for quieting, ſettling and confirming the legal Rights and Poſſeſſions of *Thomas Lawrence*, *William Lawrence*, *Robert Burges*, *Bragoon Brakar*, *Hendrick Martinſon*, *George Van Alts*, *John Lawrence*, *Andrew Van Alts*, *Johannis Van Alts*, *John Parſall*, and other antient Freeholders, Poſſeſſors of Land and Inhabitants of HELLGATE NECK, within the Bounds of *Newtown*, on *Long-Iſland*, now called the Iſland of *Naſſau*; and vacating all under Patents, privately obtained of any the ſaid Lands, againſt the juſt Rights of the ſaid Freeholders, and other the Inhabitants of *Newtown*, having Rights, was read; and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City of *New-York*, convened in Common Council, was read; and committed to Col. *Pierſon*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *John De Peyſter*, Capt. *Iſaac De Riemer*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Capt. *Hunt*, Major *Van Brunt*, Col. *Rutſen* and Mr. *Morgan*.

Col. *Rutſen*, reports from the Committee to conſider of the Highways and By-Ways, in the County of *Ulſter*, that they are of Opinion, That the Surveyors ſhould be once a Year choſen, by the People on the Election Day, when Conſtables and other Overſeers are choſen; but for the preſent, ſhould be choſen forthwith, and ſhall ſtand till the Election, and that they ſhall be ſworn to ſurvey, without Malice, Favour or Affection; and that the Gate of the By-Ways, ſhall be kept by thoſe that Uſe the ſaid By-Ways.

By Order of the Committee,
Jacob Rutſen, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Act for ſettling and mending the Highways and By-Ways in the County of *Ulſter* be engroſſed;

The Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to the Governor and Council, to pay the Commiſſioners for Stating the publick Accounts, was read; and approved of, as follows,

To his Excellency *Richard* Earl of *Bellamont*, Capt. General and Governor in Chief of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, *Maſſachuſett's-Bay* and *New Hampſhire*, and Vice Admiral of the ſame; and the Honourable Council of this Province of *New-York*, convened in General Aſſembly.

The Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe your Excellency and your Honours,

THAT *the Houſe of Repreſentatives, have conſidered the Account of the Charges the late Commiſſioners of Accounts, expended in the Execution of that Office, and have allowed the ſame,* viz. *The Sum of* Eight Pounds, Two Shillings *and* Ten Pence, Half-penny; *expended for Pen, Ink and Paper,* Three Shillings; *for their Trouble divided in five Parts,* Twenty Four Pounds; *for their Door Keeper,* Two Pounds, Two Shillings; *in all,* Thirty Four Pounds, Seven Shillings *and* Ten Pence, Half-penny; *and,*

Reſolved, *The ſame be forthwith paid out of the Surpluſage of the Act, entitled,* An Act for the better Securing the five Nations of *Indians*, in their Fidelity to his Majeſty. *To which they deſire the Concurrence of your Excellency and Council, and beg a Warrant may iſſue out accordingly.*

Per Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Speaker.*

And *Ordered*, That Capt. *De Riemer* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do carry up the ſaid Addreſs to his Excellency and Council.

And the Houſe adjourned till 2 oClock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 30, 1700.

COL. *Pierſon*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City of *New-York* was committed, they are of Opinion, That the Ferry Houſe and ſuch Perſons as ſhall from Time to Time live therein, ſhall be free from paying any Exciſe, for ſelling any Sort of Liquor; that the Ferry ſhall have all the Rights and Privileges it formerly did enjoy. That every half Barrel of Flour, tranſported from any neighbouring Colonies, ſhall

pay 12*d.* each 100℔. Weight of Bread, imported as aforesaid, *Six-pence*; every Barrel of Cyder, *Nine-pence*, imported as aforesaid; every empty Barrel imported as aforesaid, *Three-pence*; to be paid to the Use of the said City; *Provided always*, That the said City keep a Ferry House, and Boats and sufficient Attendance, to transport People and Goods for their best Conveniency, over the River, as well on the Side of the City of *New-York*, as on the Island of *Nassau*, to be for the Term of five Years.

By Order of the Committee,
Henry Pierson, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved of, and ordered that a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 31, 1700.

THE House being met.

An Act for encouraging the City of *New-York*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *John De Peyster*, reports from the Committee, on the Act, for confirming a certain Agreement, made between *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, and *Garrat Aertsen* and Company, That the Committee are of Opinion, that the Remainder of the Bill, ought to be left out in the Bill, from the Words *(hereof notwithstanding)* in Line the 13th. And that it ought to be inserted in the Bill, *That* Thomas Swartwout *and Company, ought to have the Prerogative of* 77 *Morgan of Land, out of the Land of* Hanjoor *the* Indian, *according to Agreement, and not* 77 *Morgan of Land, out of* Bessy *the* Indian *Squaw's Land.*

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyster, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved of.

And *Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed.

The Act for encouraging the City of *New-York*, was read the second Time, and rejected.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 31, 1700.

THE House being met.

Samuel Staats, Esq; brought down to this House, An Act, for appointing and enabling Commissioners to examine, take and state the publick Accounts of this Province, with Amendments, *viz.*

Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for appointing and enabling Commissioners to examine, take and state, the publick Accounts of this Province.*

That in Page the 2d, Line the 8th, after the Word *(Account)* insert the following Words, *(of all Imbezelments and Concealments of Goods and Monies, seized and forfeited to the King's Majesty, by any penal Law or Statute.)*

That in Page the 2d, Line the 11th, after the Word *(his)* insert the Word *(present.)*

That in Page the 3d, the last Line, after the Word *(Money)* insert the following Words, *(and also all Persons suspected to have been any Ways concerned in the embezelling or concealing any Goods or Money, seized or forfeited to the King's Majesty, by any penal Law or Statute as aforesaid.*

That in Page the 2d, Line the Last, after the Word *(being)* leave out the Words *(ordering them.)*

That in Page the 6th, Line the First, between the Word *(Twelfth)* and the Word *(of)* insert the Word *(Year.)*

October 30, 1700.

This Bill having been read three Times, together with the Amendments, is passed; and ordered that the same be carried down to the House of Representatives, for their Assent.

By Order of the Council,
B. Cosens, *Cl. Council.*

These Amendments were severally read, and agreed to by the House, only that the first Amendment, made by his Excellency and Council, be inserted in the said Bill, Page 2d, Line 15th, between the Words *(Hundred)* and the Word, *(and)* and that the Word *(and)* be the first Word to the said Amendment, and that the Bill be amended and pass accordingly.

And the said *Samuel Staats*, Esq; brought down a Bill with Amendments, *viz.* Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for repealing an Act of Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better Securing the five Nations of* Indians, *in their Fidelity to his Majesty, and for* One Thousand Pounds, *to be raised, for building a Fort, for the Security of the five Nations of* Nations.

That in the Title of the Act, Line the 3d, these Words, *(One Thousand Pounds to be raised)* be obliterated, and the Words *(granting unto his Majesty, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds)* be inserted; and that in Line the 4th, between the Word *(the* and *(Nations)*, insert the Word *(five.)*

That in Page the first, Line the 4th, these Words *(of the same)* be obliterated, and the Word *(thereof)* be inserted.

That in Page the first, Line the 5th, between the Word *(Act)* and the Word *(entitled)* insert these Words *(made in the present Year of his Majesty's Reign)* that in the End of the 7th Line, these Words *(for the same)* be obliterated.

That in Page the 6th, Line the 4th, these Words be obliterated, *(who are hereby impowered and authorized.)*

That in Page the 8th, Line the 4th, these Words be obliterated, *(who are hereby required and impowered to do the same.)*

That in Page the 8th, Line the 16th and 17th, these Words be obliterated, *(shall be neglected or refused to be paid.)*

That in Page the 8th, Line the 20th, between the Word *(required)* and the Word *(for)* insert these Words *(and impowered)*

That in Page the 9th, Line 1st, between the Word *(pay)* and the Word *(his)* insert the Word *(an)*

That in Page the 9th, Line the 14th, between the Word *(Constable)* and the Word *(any)* take away the Word *(or)* and insert the Word *(and)*

That in Page the 10th, Line the 9th, make the Word *(and) (or)*

That these Words be inserted in the End of the Bill, *(and that in Case of the Death, or other Disability of the Managers, for building the said Fort, that the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, do nominate and appoint another, or other fit Person or Persons in the Room, or Stead of him or them so dying, or being otherwise disabled, as aforesaid.*

October 30th, 1700.

This Bill having been read three Times, together with the Amendments, is passed; and ordered that the same be carried down to the House of Representatives, for their Assent to the said Amendments.

Per Order of Council,
House of Representatives, B. Cosens, *Cl. Council.*

These Amendments made by his Excellency and Council, were severally read and agreed to, except (in Page the 6th, Line the 4th, and in Page the 8th, Line the 4th.)

Ordered, That the Bill be amended, and passed accordingly.

An Act for the settling and amending the Highways and By-Ways, in the County of *Ulster*, was read the third Time, and passed.

Ordered, That Major *Howell* and Capt. *Lewis*, do carry up the said two Bills, with the Amendments, and the Act for the Settling and Amending the Highways and By-ways, in the County of *Ulster*, to his Excellency and Council for their Assent.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. Nov. 1, 1700.

THE House being met.

The Act for confirming a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, of the one Part, and *Garrat Aertsen* and Company, on the other Part, was read the third Time, and passed.

The Act for quieting, settling and confirming, the legal Rights and Possessions of *Thomas Lawrence*, &c. and other antient Freeholders, Possessors of Land, and Inhabitants of *Hellgate Neck*, within the Bounds of *Newtown*, &c. was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Address of this House being read, as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency *Richard* Earl of *Bellamont*, Capt. General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of *New-York*, *Massachusets-Bay* and *New Hampshire*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.

The humbly Address of the House of Representatives in General Assembly convened.

THAT whereas some Differences do arise, between the County of *Orange*, within

within this Province, and the Province of *East-New-Jersey*,

They therefore humbly pray, your Excellency to take into your Consideration, the settling of the Bounds between this Province and the said Province of *East-New-Jersey*.

By Order of the House of Representatives,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Speaker*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morgan* and Capt. *Hunt*, do carry up to his Excellency and Council, the Act for confirming a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, of the one Part, and *Garrat Aerisen* and Company, of the other Part, for their Assent, and the Address of this House, to settle the Bounds, between this Province, and the Province of *East-New-Jersey*.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov* 1, 1700.

THE House being met.

The Act for quieting, settling and confirming, the legal Rights and Possessions of *Thomas Lawrence*, *William Lawrence*, *&c.* was read the third Time, and rejected.

Then the House adjourned till 7 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1700.

THE House being met.

Adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1700.

THE House being met.

Ordered, Their Clerk to attend his Excellency, and meeting the Clerk of the Council coming to this House, informed him, his Excellency and Council were met to receive them, which the Clerk of this House. acquainted the Speaker thereof, who left the Chair, and with the House, waited on his Excellency and Council at the Fort, and his Excellency prorogued this House, till the first *Wednesday* in *April* next.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Province of *NEW-YORK.*

Colonel *SMITH*, Preſident.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 2, 1701.

THIS Day met according to a Proclamation from the Council, Mr. Speaker, *Iſaac De Riemer*, *David Provoſt*, *Leonard Lewis*, *John De Peyſter*, *Hendrick Hanſon*, *John Bleker*, *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, Major *Van Brundt*, *Cornelius Sebring*, *Garrat Veghte* and *Thomas Morgan*, Eſqrs, the other Members not being come,

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 3, 1701.

THE afore-mentioned Repreſentatives being met, Col. *Pierſon*, Major *Howell* and Capt. *Whitehead* appeared.

Then they adjourned THEMSELVES till To-morrow Morning 11 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 11 *ho. A. M. April* 4, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Ordered, The Clerk of the Houſe, to wait on the Council, to know their Pleaſure; who ordered the Clerk to acquaint them, they adviſed the Houſe to adjourn themſelves, until *Monday* Morning 10 of the Clock; and the Clerk acquainted the Houſe therewith.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, whether by Reaſon of the Death of the Earl of *Bellamont*, and the Abſence of the Lieut. Governor, the Members met by Proclamation from the Council, were of right to ſit as Repreſentatives for the Province of *New-York*, according to the Tenor of the Writ, by which they were choſe; and it was carried in the Affirmative, that they were.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday*, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 7, 1701.

THE Houſe being met, Major *Jackſon* appeared at the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk write a Letter to the Members of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* and *Weſtcheſter* Counties, and to *Ryer Schermerhorn*, one of the Members for *Albany*, to require their Attendance at the Houſe, and that the Speaker ſign the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1701.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk do attend the Council, to know if they have any Service for them; the Council ordered the Clerk to acquaint the Houſe, they deſired them to adjourn until To-morrow, and that the Council would prepare ſomething to lay before the Houſe, which the Clerk did accordingly.

The Clerk produced the Letters, writ to the Members of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* and *Weſtcheſter* Counties, and to *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Eſq; one of the Members for *Albany*, for the Speaker to ſign, according to the Order of the Houſe, and the Speaker ſigned the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 9, 1701.

Ordered,

THE Clerk to attend the Council, which he did; and the Council deſired the Houſe to adjourn, till To-morrow Morning 10 of the Clock.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1701.

THEN appeared Captain *John Hunt* and Captain *John Drake*.

The Houſe ordered the Clerk to attend the Council, who ordered the Clerk to acquaint the Houſe, they deſired the Houſe to adjourn, till *Monday Morning* next, being the King's Coronation Day.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1701.

THE Houſe ſent their Clerk to wait on the Council, who being told that the Council was adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, which the Clerk returned and acquainted the Houſe therewith.

And the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. April 14, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Ordered, The Clerk to attend the Council, to know if they had any Service for the Houſe of Repreſentatives; and after ſome Time the Clerk returned, and brought with him from thence, two Sheets of Paper, which he delivered to Mr. Speaker, who on the Receipt thereof, aſſumed the Chair, and they were read as follows, *viz.*

WHEREAS the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province, have been a full Houſe, met in General Aſſembly, now for the Space of twelve Days laſt paſt; and whereas his Majeſty's Council (in whom the Government of this Province is inveſted, by his Majeſty's Letters Patents) hath not been able to communicate, join and act with the ſaid Aſſembly, for his Majeſty's Service and the great Affairs of the Province, by Reaſon that Col. *William Smith*, eldeſt Counſellor preſiding in the ſaid Council, from the Day of the Meeting of the ſaid Aſſembly to this Day, hath not allowed and admitted, that the Senſe, Opinion and Judgment of his Majeſty's Council, or the major Part of them, ſhould be tranſmitted to the ſaid Aſſembly, as the Senſe, Opinion and Judgment, of his Majeſty's Government of this Province; but hath claimed and demanded to himſelf, the ſole Power of calling his Majeſty's Council only when he thinks fit, declaring that they cannot ſit and act without him, although his Majeſty's Affairs, ſhould neceſſarily require it in his Abſence; and that the Major Vote of his Majeſty Council, even of the Whole, cannot be an Act of Government, if he diſſents therefrom; the ſole Power of proroguing and diſſolving Aſſemblies, and the Prerogative of having in his ſingle Perſon a negative Voice, to whatſoever Laws may paſs a General Aſſembly, which are the higheſt Powers of a Capt. General, and this contrary to his Majeſty's Letters Patents, and expreſsly contrary to the ſaid Col. *Smith*'s Conceſſion, recorded in the Councils Book; that upon the Councils Admittance of this Proteſtation, deſiring a *Salvo*, to what Rights and Powers belong to him as Preſident, he was contented, for his Majeſty's Service and the Peace of the Province, to preſide in the ſaid Council, and be directed and concluded by the major Vote of them, and purſuant to the ſaid Conceſſion, the ſaid Col. *Smith*, even againſt his own Vote, by order of the ſaid Council, did actually put his Name to the ſeveral Proclamations, publiſhed by the Council, requiring this preſent General Aſſembly to meet at the Day they were prorogued to by his late Excellency, the Earl of *Bellamont*. That by the ſaid Prevarication of the ſaid Col. *Smith*, his Majeſty's Affairs may be no longer delayed and neglected, to the great Hazard of the Safety and Peace of the Province, and in diſcharge of our Oaths and Duty to his Majeſty, We the major Part of his Majeſty's Council, met in Council at this preſent Exigency, and that no further Delay may be given, to the preſſing Neceſſity of the Affairs of this Province; do offer to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province, the extraordinary Reaſons and Neceſſity of their preſent Meeting; and we do not Queſtion, but they will heartily join and aſſiſt us in ſo great Concerns, relating to his Majeſty's Service and the Peace of the Province.

1*ſt*, The Earl of *Bellamont*, the late Governor, did with the Knowledge of the Aſſembly, at their laſt Setting, and by the Advice and Conſent of his Majeſty's Council, prorogue them to this Time, believing it for his Majeſty's Service they ſhould now ſit.

2*d*. The Fort of *Onondaga*, amongſt the *Indians*, is to be built, and Money already raiſed by Act of Aſſemby, and now is the Time of the Year proper to begin it in; but the Earl of *Bellamont*, being appointed the chief Manager, it lay in his Breaſt where it ſhould be built, and his Death preventing the Determination of that Point, it is abſolutely neceſſary if that Work goes forward (which his Majeſty has ſo earneſtly recommended to the Aſſembly, and given Money out of the Treaſury of *England*, towards it's Charge) that the preſent Aſſembly, do determine the Place and Method of proceeding in it.

3*d*, The Sachems of the five Nations of *Indians*, have appointed to be at *Albany* the latter End of this inſtant *April*, and we believe it is abſolutely neceſſary, to contrive to continue them in Amity with the Crown of *England*; ſo that we offer to the Aſſembly, to conſult of fit Perſons to be appointed to do it, and to give proper Inſtructions for proceeding therein; which is of the greateſt Conſequence to the Province, either if Peace ſhould continue, or if War ſhould break out, and which is earneſtly recommended to us at this Juncture, whereby the laſt Letters from the Government of *New-England*, who are in fear of the *Indians* falling of.

4*th*, An Account being given us by the Agent in *England*, that he conſtantly receives the Subſiſtence of the Forces, in pay here; but hath not been able to procure Bills in *London*, to return it conſtantly, by which Means, there are no Monies here at preſent to pay the Forces, who are weekly ſubſiſted, nor can the Council at preſent, procure any Money on Bills given by the Government on the ſaid Agent; and although ſome of the Council have procured Money on Bills for *Three Hundred Pounds*, ſigned by the Gentlemen of the Council, in their private Capacities; for which their private Eſtates are liable, yet they find it very difficult to procure more; ſo that they had been left unpaid for this three Weeks paſt, if Col. *De Peyſter* and Mr. *Weaver*, had not ſubſiſted them out of their private Eſtates, who are not able to continue to ſubſiſt them, unleſs Money can again be procured on Bills; but it is very improbable ſo much can be, this Way found, as to ſupport the Forces till Money can be ſent from *England*; it is therefore abſolutely neceſſary, that the Aſſembly ſhould conſider of a Way to ſupport the ſaid Forces, that they may not diſperſe and leave the Garriſons unguarded, after his Majeſty hath been graciouſly pleaſed to be at ſo great a Charge, to ſend them hither, and ſubſiſt them here; beſides the great Danger and Hazard to the Province, by diſcouraging our *Indians* to make them fall of, and other diſmal Conſequences, unleſs Care be taken by the Aſſembly to prevent them, may attend the Province if a War with *France* ſhould break out.

5*th*, The Soldiers in pay of the Garriſon of *New-York*, although they have received their conſtant Subſiſtence, and have had greater Encouragement from the Council than formerly, yet ſince the Earl of *Bellamont*'s Death, near Forty have deſerted out of the two Companies; but for what Cauſe, and how to be prevented for the Future, requires the immediate Conſideration of this preſent Aſſembly.

6*th*, That the Forts of *Schenectady* and *Albany*, the Frontier Garriſons, are ſo decayed and out of Repair; That they are not tenable, Baſtions being fallen down, and the Guns diſmounted by the Defect of their Carriages, as likewiſe the Barracks ſo intirely ruined, that the Soldiers cannot lodge in them, but liable to the Hardſhips of all Weathers, as appears by Capt. *Weems* Memorial, ready to be laid before the Aſſembly; this will abſolutely require the Conſideration of this Aſſembly, and the Charge of making them capable of Defence, will be ſo great, and require that Diſpatch, that nothing but an immediate Seſſions of the Repreſentatives of the whole Province can procure.

7*th*, The Earl of *Bellamont*, hath made a moſt advantageous Bargain for Maſts and other Timber, for his Majeſty's Navy, which are now preparing ready to be ſent for *England*; but altho' the Earl made the Agreement with the Undertakers ſolely for his Majeſty's Uſe, and for no Benefit to himſelf, yet he engaged his own private Eſtate for the Payment of the Money, and gave his Bond amounting to *Eleven Hundred Pounds*, to be paid at ſeveral Payments, and at this Time about *Seven Hundred Pounds*, is become due; but the ſaid Earl not having left Eſtate here ſufficient to anſwer the ſame, and without the ſaid Payments, the Undertakers not being able to perform their Bargain, which is ſo beneficial to his Majeſty; and whereas we are informed, that a Maſt Ship may ſpeedily be expected from *England* hither, according to the Deſire of the Earl of *Bellamont*, to the Lords of the Admiralty, which Charge will be likewiſe loſt to his Majeſty, if the Maſts be not provided; we therefore think it abſolutely neceſſary, for his Majeſty's Service, that the Aſſembly ſhould find out ſome Way, that ſo noble a Deſign may not fall, which will be ſo great a Loſs to his Majeſty and the Crown of *England*, as well as to the Earl of *Bellamont*'s private Eſtate, engaged for this his Majeſty's Service.

Laſtly, That ſince the Adminiſtration of the Government of the Province by his Majeſty's Letters Patents, is in the preſent Council, yet the ſame is ſo much diſputed and debated, that we believe it moſt abſolutely neceſſary, for the Peace of the Province, that the Repreſentatives of the People now met in General Aſſembly, ſhould together with his Majeſty's Council, make a publick Declaration, whereby his Majeſty's Subjects of this Province, may be rightly informed and commanded to Obedience, to thoſe to whom his Majeſty hath intruſted the Adminiſtration of the Government of this Province.

And this we order to be entered in the Council Book, and to be forthwith tranſmitted to the General Aſſembly of this Province.

Abraham De Peyſter,
Samuel Staats,
Robert Walters,
Thomas Weaver.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1701.

THE Roll of the Houſe was read over, and there appeared wanting, *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Eſq; the Members for *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, and Capt. *Whitehead*; then was read the afore-mentioned Paper, brought from the Council Yeſterday.

Ordered, This Houſe do forthwith proceed to inquire, in whom the Adminiſtration of the Government, of this his Majeſty's Province (the Earl of *Bellamont* being dead, and the Lieut. Governor being abſent) by Virtue of his Majeſty's Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, is now veſted or belongs to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do by Order of this Houſe, immediately wait on *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; one of the Members of his Majeſty's Council for this Province, in whoſe Cuſtody, they are informed his Majeſty's Royal Letters Patents, for the Government of this Province, to the late Earl of *Bellamont* now are, and deſire of him, that he would be pleaſed to ſend the ſame to this Houſe, together with all other Papers and Minutes, made by his Majeſty's Council of this Province, ſince the Death of the ſaid Earl of *Bellamont*, ſignifying your Senſe in whom the Adminiſtration, of the Government of this his Majeſty's Province (the Earl of *Bellamont* being dead, and the Lieut. Governor abſent) is now inveſted and belongs to, for the Information and Examination of this Houſe.

In Obedience to the ſaid Order, the Clerk of this Houſe, attended on Mr. *Weaver*, of whom he received the Earl of *Bellamont*'s Commiſſion, under the Great Seal of *England*, and two Minutes of Council, dated one of the 5th and the other of the 13th of *March* laſt, which he delivered Mr. Speaker.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 15, 1701.

THE Earl of *Bellamont*'s Commiſſion was read, and after ſeveral Debates,

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Ten of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 16, 1701.

THE Houſe being met,

Reſolved, That the Adminiſtration of the Government of this Province, and the Execution of his Majeſty's Commiſſion, granted to the late Earl of *Bellamont*, for the Government of this Province, is by the Death of the ſaid Earl, and the Abſence of the Lieut. Governor, inveſted in his Majeſty's Council of this Province, in which the eldeſt Counſellor reſiding in the ſaid Province, is to preſide with the Power and Pre-eminencies thereto belonging; but that the Adminiſtration of ſaid Government, and the Execution of ſaid Commiſſion, is not veſted in the eldeſt Counſellor, nor any other ſingle Member of the Council.

I have examined this, with the Paper that was ordered by the Houſe, to be entered as their Reſolve.

Abraham Gouverneur.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 16, 1701.

MAJOR *Matthew Howell*, Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*, Mr. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, Col. *Henry Pierſon* and Major *John Jackſon*, having this Day delivered in a Paper to the Houſe, which was read; and ordered that the ſame lie under Conſideration.

Reſolved, That the Paper tranſmitted to this Houſe the 14th inſtant *April*, by the Council, and ſigned by the major Part of them, is, and ought to be received by this Houſe, as the Senſe of his Majeſty's Council, in which the Government of this Province is now veſted, and ought to be conſidered of accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Debates made in Council by Col. *Smith*, according to what his Majeſty's Council have repreſented to this Houſe, have been the Occaſion that the Proceedings of the General Aſſembly, for his Majeſty's Service have been ſo long delayed, to the great Hazard of the Safety and Peace of this Province.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the Accounts, make their Report to this Houſe, on *Friday* next in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Ten of the Clock in the Morning next Day.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 17, 1701.

Ordered

THAT Capt. *David Provooſt*, Capt. *John De Peyſter*, the Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *Lewis* and *Cornelius Sebring*, Eſqrs, be a Committee of this Houſe, to examine and conſider of the Paper, delivered into this Houſe Yeſterday, by five Members of this Houſe, *viz. Matthew Howell, Daniel Whitehead, Killian Van Renſſenlaer, Henry Pierſon* and *John Jackſon*, which was under Conſideration of this Houſe, and that they report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

The Clerk acquainted the Houſe, he had Yeſterday, delivered to *Peter Begardus*, bound with his Sloop to *Eſopus* and *Albany*, a Letter ſigned *per* Mr. Speaker, directed for the High Sheriff of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, to be delivered to the Members for that County, and a Letter to ſaid *Begardus*, directed to the High Sheriff of *Albany*, to be delivered to *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Eſq; ſigned alſo by Mr. Speaker, to require the Appearance of ſaid Members at this Houſe,

Capt. *David Provooſt.*

Reports from the Committee to this Houſe, That their Opinion is, of a Paper being delivered to this Houſe, by Major *Howell*, and Four other Members of this Houſe, and being read; was ordered to be conſidered by a Committee, to make Report thereof to the Houſe.

The Committee are of Opinion, That the Authors, Contrivers and Subſcribers, of the ſaid Paper, are highly diſloyal to his Majeſty and diſaffected to his Government; that the ſaid Paper tends very much to the Subverſion of his Majeſty's Government of this Province, inveſted by his Majeſty's Letters Patents, in the preſent Council, by whoſe Proclamation,

clamation, this Aſſembly was appointed to ſit, according to the Prorogation of the late Earl of *Bellamont*; that the ſaid Subſcribers, have by the ſaid Paper, offered the greateſt Scandal and Reproach to the whole Houſe of Repreſentatives; who have on Debate, *Reſolved*, That they are a Houſe legally aſſembled, and have proceeded to act as ſuch; the ſaid *Howell*, and the Four other Members, ſubſcribing, ſitting, voting and acting with them as ſuch, until the Time, and even after the delivering in of the ſaid Paper. The Committee are therefore humbly of Opinion, That the Subſcribers are all of them, liable to the ſevereſt Rebukes of this Houſe, for their Diſloyalty and Inſolence; and that Major *Matthew Howell*, being the Writer and Deliverer in of the ſaid Paper, be forthwith expelled this Houſe.

Per Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved of,

Ordered, That Major *Matthew Howell*, be expelled the Houſe accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue out his Warrant, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for electing another Member for the County of *Suffolk*, for ſerving in this General Aſſembly, now ſitting, in the Room of Major *Matthew Howell*, expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, This Houſe, do this Afternoon, at Three of the Clock, reſolve it ſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Propoſals made by the Council to this Houſe, and that the ſaid Committee make Report thereof, to this Houſe with all convenient Speed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 17, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Reſolved themſelves into a Committee of the whole Houſe, and the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair; and,

The Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Conſideration of the Propoſals of the Council was referred,

That upon the Articles relating to the Fort of *Onondaga*, they are humbly of Opinion, That the building thereof, be ſuſpended until the Arrival of the Honourable *John Nanfan*, Eſq; Lieut. Governor, (who by the laſt Advice from *Barbados*, is daily expected) who is a martial Man, and experienced in warlike Affairs and Fortifications, but that an Addreſs be preſented by the Houſe to the Council, to deſire them to take effectual Care, that ſuch Part of the Monies, raiſed by Act of General Aſſembly, for the building that Fort, and are now in the Hands of the Executrix of Col. *Cortlandt*, that ſhe pay the ſame into his Majeſty's Receiver General of this Province, and that the Speaker draw up the ſaid Addreſs accordingly.

As to the Article relating to ſending Perſons to the five Nations of *Indians*, he reports, that they are of Opinion, That a Nomination of ſuch Perſons be put off for a Month, by Reaſon they hope the Honourable the Lieut. Governor will be here in that Time, whom they are aſſured of, will then take ſuch Care for that Affair, as may moſt conduce to the Honour of his Majeſty, the Intereſt, Peace and Welfare of this Province.

As to the Article relating to the Soldiers in his Majeſty's Pay, that they are of Opinion, That it is abſolutely neceſſary, that the Forces in pay, be conſtantly ſubſiſted and paid, and whereas the Gentlemen of the Council have intimated to the Houſe, the difficulty of procuring Money, for that no Bills will be taken from them, in their publick Capacity as a Government, and not ſufficient can be found on the private Bills, for the Payment of which their private Eſtates are liable, and that Col. *De Peyſter* and Mr. *Weaver*, had for theſe three Weeks paſt, ſubſiſted them on their own Charge without any Bills. It is the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, That the Thanks of the Houſe, be returned to thoſe Gentlemen of the Council, as have taken Care for the Subſiſtence of the ſaid Forces, and particularly to the ſaid Col. *De Peyſter* and Mr. *Weaver*, and that it may be reſolved by the Houſe, that for the future, what Money ſhall be wanting to ſubſiſt the ſaid Forces, for the advance of which Bills cannot be procured, that an Addreſs be made to the Council, that Money be borrowed by the major Part of ſaid Council, out of his Majeſty's publick Revenue of this Province, to ſupply what Money ſhall be neceſſary for the Subſiſtence of the Soldiers (which cannot be procured to be advanced on Bills) to be again repaid, when the Pay of the Soldiers is remitted from *England*, and this to continue, until the Arrival of the Lieut. Governor, and no longer; and that the Speaker draw up the ſaid Addreſs accordingly.

As to what relates to prevent Deſertion of Soldiers, they are of Opinion, That this Houſe ought to be very tender, relating to the Government of the Soldiers, and the Lieut. Governor being ſhortly expected, who they are aſſured will take all poſſible Care to prevent Deſertion and Diſorder, but in the mean Time, the Council be deſired to take all poſſible Care to prevent the ſame, until his Arrival.

As to what relates to the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, that this Committee are of Opinion with the Council, That the Condition of the ſaid Forts are very miſerable, and therefore deſire, that the Council do take all poſſible Care for their Defence, until the Arrival of the Lieut. Governor, when, they are of Opinion, the Houſe will not be wanting further

further to consider that Matter, which they conceive, will then be more proper, to remedy the Defects of the same.

As to the Article relating to the Masts, that they are of Opinion, That his late Excellency the Earl of *Bellamont*, made a most advantageous Bargain, for the same for his Majesty, and that they do not doubt, but that the House will now, and at all Times, honour the Memory of the said noble Earl, for the Benefits they doubt not, will ensue to this Province, by furnishing his Majesty's Royal Navy with Masts and Timber, which the said Earl, was the first Contriver and Proposer of, and that they doubt not, but that the Lieut. Governor at his Arrival, with the Assistance of the Council, will take effectual Care that the Matter be accommodated, as of Right and Justice it ought to be.

The said Committee do also move the House, that the Thanks of the House may be returned to the Council, for that they have been pleased at this Emergency (the Earl of *Bellamont* being dead, and the Lieut. Governor absent) to consult with the Representatives of the People, now met in General Assembly, about the great Affairs of this Province.

By Order of the Committee,
J. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was severally read, and approved of by the House.

And, *Ordered*, That the Speaker draw up the Address therein mentioned accordingly.

Then the Speaker signed a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to issue his Majesty's Writ, to elect a Member for the County of *Suffolk*, in Lieu of Major *Howell*, Esq; expelled the House.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 18, 1701.

THE House being met.

The Speaker assumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, that according to the Report of the Committee of the whole House, he had drawn up the Address; and accordingly the Speaker produced the said Address, which was read; and approved of, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address of this House to his Majesty's Council, was read, *viz.*

To the Honourable his Majesty's Council for the Province of *New-York*.

The humble Address of the House of Representatives of the said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Honours,

THIS House having taken into Consideration, the Proposals made by your Honours to this House, have among other Things, remarked an Article relating to a Fort, directed by the General Assembly, to be built in the *Onondaga*'s Country, whereby the House have declared their Opinion, that the same be suspended, until the Arrival of the Hon. *John Nanfan*, Esq; Lieut. Governor (who by the last Advices from *Barbados*, is daily expected) who is a martial Man, and experienced in warlike Affairs and Fortifications; yet they humbly address your Honours, that you take effectual Care, that such Part of the Monies raised by Act of General Assembly, for the building that Fort, and are now in the Hands of the Executrix of Col. *Cortlandt*, that she pay the same into the Hands of his Majesty's Receiver General of this Province, that the said Money may always be in a Readiness for the Use it was raised for.

The House having also among other Things, considered how absolutely necessary it is, that the Forces in Pay, be constantly subsisted and paid, and do take Notice how difficult it is, for the Council to subsist them for some Time, out of their own private Estates. And have therefore, *Resolved*, That the Thanks of this House, be returned to those Gentlemen of the Council, as have taken Care for the Subsistence of the said Forces, and particularly to Col. *De Peyster* and *Thomas Weaver*, Esq; and to the End, that the said Forces may be constantly subsisted, that his Majesty's Forts may not be deserted, The House therefore, humbly address your Honours, that what Money for the future, shall be wanting to subsist the said Forces, for the Advance of which Bills cannot be procured, that Money be borrowed by the major Part of the said Council, out of his Majesty's publick Revenue of this Province, to supply what Money shall be necessary for the Subsistence of the Soldiers (which cannot be procured to be advanced on Bills) to be again repaid, when the Pay of the Soldiers is remitted from *England*, and this to continue till the Arrival of the Lieut. Governor, and no longer.

By Order of the House of Representatives,
Abraham Gouverneur, *Speaker.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same, and that the Mayors of the Cities of *New-York* and *Albany*, do carry up the said Address to the Honourable Council, To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 18, 1701.

THE Commissioners of Accounts, produced their Report according to the Order of the House, and several Papers relating thereunto, which was read as followeth, *viz.*

To the Honourable House of Representatives of the Province of *New-York*, in General Assembly convened.

THE Report of the Commissioners for taking, stating and examining, the publick Accounts of this Province.

That according to the Act of General Assembly, they sent Notice to such Counties, as they thought, were most immediately concerned in the Accounts, thereby the sooner to discharge the Trust in them reposed.

That the said Commissioners, were a long while kept out of some of the Books and Accounts, by Means whereof, they have been long delayed in the Execution of their Trust, as appears by their Memorial, to his late Excellency and Council, herewith produced.

That they can have no Books in the Government of Col. *Dongan*, nor Sir *Edmund Andros*, only some particular Accounts unpaid.

That they cannot have the Books, kept in the Time of Capt. *Leisler*, but particular Accounts only; they are informed Mr. *Livingston* has some.

That they cannot have any Books, to give them any particular Accounts of the Excise, since Col. *Slaughter*'s Time, whereby great Frauds may be committed, as they are ready to aver.

That they cannot have any Books, to give them any particular Account of the Quit Rents, since Col. *Slaughter*'s Time, whereby great Frauds may be committed, as they are ready to aver.

That they cannot have any particular Accounts of the Fines and Forfeitures, since Col. *Slaughter*'s Time, whereby great Frauds may be committed.

That they cannot have any particular Book of the Receipt and Distribution of the Taxes, since Col. *Slaughter*'s Time, that therefore all the Books of Accounts of this Government, since the Time aforesaid, have been mixt and confused, to the manifest Damage of the Province.

That they have gone through all the Receipts of the Revenue and Taxes of this Province, since Col. *Slaughter*'s Time, till the first of *October* last, wherein we find some Mistakes or Frauds upon the Discovery, whereof they now are.

That Col. *Petr. Schuyler*, has not according to their Warrant nor his own Promises, given them any Account for what he had received, the several Sums of Money charged to him received.

That Mr. *Robert Livingston* the like, who has received the largest Sums, and they have Occasion to believe that by his Accounts, the greatest Frauds are committed, of which they have some Information of.

The said Commissioners desire to be heard upon these and other Matters, before a Committee of the whole House.

We

We are with all Duty and Reſpect, your moſt Obedient Servants, the Commiſſioners of the publick Accounts.

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur,
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
D. Provooſt.

To the Honourable his Majeſty's Council of the Province of *New-York.*

The humble Memorial of the Commiſſioners of Accounts.

WHEREAS by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *&c.* We are appointed to take, ſtate and examine, the publick Accounts of this Province, with Power at certain Days and Times, as unto us ſhould ſeem moſt meet, to cauſe to come before us, all ſuch Perſon or Perſons concerned, or ſuch as have had any Part of the publick Money, to give an Account for what they had the ſaid Sums of Money.

And whereas it appears that Col. *Peter Schuyler* and *Robert Livingſton*, Eſqrs, have received great Sums of Money, out of the publick Revenue and Taxes of this Province, and have not according to our Warrant, nor their Promiſe, given us any Account thereof, whereby the Authority of the ſaid Law is highly contemned, and the Intent thereof as much as in them lies is evaded, and we incapacitated to diſcharge the Truſt in us repoſed.

And we being alſo aſſured, that *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; hath in his Hand ſeveral Books of Accounts, relating to the Diſpoſition of publick Money in the City of *Albany* in the Year 1691, which he hath not delivered to us.

We therefore, humbly remonſtrate theſe Matters to your Honours, to do therein, as for the Peace of this Government in your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur,
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
David Provooſt.

New-York, March 29, 1701.

To his Excellency Richard *Earl of* Bellamont, *Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *and the Honourable Council of the ſame.*

The Humble Memorial of the Commiſſioners, appointed by an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to examine, take and ſtate, the publick Accounts of the Province.*

THAT the ſaid Commiſſioners have in Purſuance of the ſaid Act, and in Obedience thereunto, from the Time of the Publication thereof, with all Diligence, Care and Circumſpection, proceeded in the examining, taking and ſtating the publick Accounts of this Province, and to the End the ſame might be the better effected, they did by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, dated the 25th of *January* laſt paſt, require *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General of this Province, to lay before them all the Books, Accounts and Papers, relating to the Receipts and Payments of his Majeſty's Revenue, Taxes and Cuſtoms, until the firſt Day of *October* laſt paſt.

That the ſaid *Thomas Weaver*, accordingly appeared before the ſaid Commiſſioners, and informed them, that he had never received into his Cuſtody, any of the Books, Accounts and Papers, relating to his Majeſty's ſaid Revenue, *&c.* ſince his Entrance on the Execution of his ſaid Office, nor are there any ſuch Books, Papers or Accounts to be found in his Majeſty's Cuſtom Houſe.

That the ſaid *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; had applied to your Excellency and Council therein, and that an Order of Council was made, that the Executrix of Col. *Stephen Van Cortlandt*, deceaſed, late one of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, *&c.* ſhould with all Expedition deliver into his Excellency and Council, the ſaid Accounts, Books and Papers, which were in the Poſſeſſion of her ſaid Huſband, at the Time of his deceaſe, and that when the ſaid Collector ſhould receive the ſame, he would lay them before us, which as yet, he hath not done.

But may it pleaſe your Excellency and your Honours, the ſaid Commiſſioners conſidering the great Truſt repoſed in them by their Country, and likewiſe the Obligation they lie under by their Oaths, to make all Diſcoveries they are able, relating to the ſaid publick Accounts of this Province; and finding, that the ſaid Act gives them Power to enquire after Embezelments and Concealments of the publick Money, the ſaid Commiſſioners do therefore, in all humble Manner, take Leave to repreſent to your Excellency and Honours, that they are not able to make any further Procedure, in the Execution of their ſaid Truſt, in Purſuance of the ſaid Act, but have rather great Reaſon to believe, that it is the Deſign of ſome ill affected Perſons to conceal, if not, wholly to embezle the ſaid Books, Accounts and Papers, for the Reaſons following.

1. For that the ſaid Accounts, Books and Papers, relating to his Majeſty's Revenue, *&c.* are removed from his Majeſty's Cuſtom Houſe, the moſt proper Place, where they ought to be lodged, ſo that they are not in the Cuſtody of any ſworn Officer of his Majeſty's Revenue, nor any Inventory of them, that we can find,

2. For that it is now near three Months, ſince the Death of Col. *Cortlandt*, late Commiſſioner of the Cuſtoms (in whoſe Cuſtody they were ſuppoſed to be) and yet neither the Executrix, nor any Perſon concerned for her, hath produced the ſaid Accounts, Books and Papers, or any Inventory thereof.

3. For that the ſaid *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; Collector, informs the ſaid Commiſſioners, that he did demand the ſaid Books, Accounts and Papers, from the Executrix of the ſaid Col. *Cortlandt*, who peremptorily replied to the ſaid *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; that her Huſband had none of the King's Books, and that what Books ſhe had, were her Huſband's Books, and that ſhe would not part with them.

4. For that the ſaid Col. *Cortlandt*, deceaſed, having taken Recognizances, for the Payments of the ſeveral Sums, agreed to by the Farmers of his Majeſty's Exciſe, and dying (as was ſuppoſed) poſſeſſed of them, we are well informed that his Executrix, ſince his deceaſe, hath by Virtue of ſaid Recognizances, received ſeveral Sums of his Majeſty's Exciſe, and may continue ſo wholly, to receive that conſiderable Branch of his Majeſty's Revenue, the Subjects believing, that the delivery up of their Recognizances, is to them a ſufficient diſcharge for their Debt to his Majeſty.

5. For that it having been frequent with the Collector and Receiver of this Province, to give ſome Time and Credit, to the reſponſable Merchants of this City, for the Payments of his Majeſty's Duties and Cuſtoms, and the ſaid Col. *Cortlandt* having ſo done, we find that his Executrix, ſince his deceaſe, hath preſumed to draw up Accounts, and to make Demands of the Sums, ſo given Credit for.

6. For that Mr. *Bayard*, the Son-in-Law, and who manages the Books of Accounts of the ſaid Executrix, informed one of the Commiſſioners, that they muſt not expect the Accounts of his Father, the ſaid *Cortlandt*, deceaſed, to be given in unto the ſaid Commiſſioners theſe twelve Months.

7. For that the ſaid Commiſſioners are certain, that the ſaid Col. *Cortlandt*, deceaſed, hath received great Sums out of his Majeſty's Revenue, of the diſpoſal of which, the ſaid Commiſſioners have no Account, nor can have, if the ſaid Books, Accounts and Papers, be ſo concealed or embezelled.

That the ſaid Commiſſioners, by Reaſon of the ſaid Concealments of the Books, Accounts and Papers, are wholly diſenabled to diſcharge the great Truſt in them repoſed, and unleſs relieved herein, muſt wholly ceaſe from executing the Deſign, Intent, Meaning and Purport, of the ſaid Act of General Aſſembly, that conſtitutes and impowers them, which is thereby entirely eluded, to the great defrauding of his Majeſty of his juſt Revenue, and the higheſt Contempt and Affront, that can be offered to the Laws of this Province.

Which they in all humble Duty, lay before your Excellency and your Honours, to give ſuch ſpeedy Relief, as to your great Wiſdoms ſhall ſeem meet.

We are your Excellency's and your Honours moſt humble and obedient Servants,

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur,
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
David Provooſt.

Ordered, That the Houſe reſolve it ſelf immediately, into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to hear the Commiſſioners of Accounts upon their Report; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reaſſumed the Chair.

And the Mayor of the City of *New-York* reports, from the ſaid Committee as follows, *viz.*

That they have peruſed the Report of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, and ſeveral Papers relating thereunto, and alſo heard the Allegations and Reaſons, of the ſaid Commiſſioners, of what Progreſs they have made therein; and are humbly of Opinion, that the ſaid Commiſſioners, ought to proceed in their own Method, according as the Law in that Caſe provided directs.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners proceed accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabbati, 9 ho. A. M. April 19, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

The Mayors of the City of *New-York* and *Albany*, carried up to the Honourable Council, the Addreſs of the Houſe, according to the Order of the Houſe, and to acquaint the Honourable Council, if they have not any further Buſineſs for them, the Repreſentatives thought fit to adjourn themſelves to the firſt *Tueſday* in *June* next.

Barne Coſens, Clerk of the Council, produced to this Houſe a Minute of Council, dated the 12th of *Novem.* 1700, *viz.*

PRESENT,

His Excellency Richard *Earl of* Bellamont, *&c.*

Stephen Cortlandt, *Abraham De Peyſter*, *Samuel Staats*. } Eſqrs, *R. Livingſton*, *Robert Walters*. } Eſqrs,

"THE Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province, read, praying that an Allowance "of *Thirty Four Pounds*, *Seven Shillings* and *Ten-pence Half-*"*penny*, (Part of the Sum of *Thirty Eight Pounds*, *Five Shil-*"*lings* and *Six-pence*; appropriated by Act of General Aſſem-"bly of this Province, to ſuch Uſes, as the ſaid Repreſenta-"tives ſhould think fit) to the Commiſſioners appointed "to examine, take and ſtate, the publick Accounts of this "Government, by Act of General Aſſemby, expired the "firſt Day of this laſt Seſſions, as a Reward for their Service, "and allowed and ordered a Warrant be prepared for the ſame, "and the Clerk of the Council, informing this Board, that "in Obedience to a written Order from his Excellency, he "had waited upon the ſaid Commiſſioners, with the Council "Books, and had been at a great deal of Trouble and Pains "in Writing, *&c.* and deſiring that he might be allowed the "Surpluſage, of the *Thirty Eight Pounds*, *Five Shillings* and "*Six-pence*; being, *Three Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings* and *Se-*"*ven-pence Halfpenny*; as a Recompence, his Excellency and "the Board, are of Opinion, That the ſaid Clerk of the "Council doth deſerve the ſame; but in Conſideration, that "the Houſe of Repreſentatives have reſerved the ſaid Sum to "ſuch Uſes, as they ſhall think fit, they are likewiſe of Opi-"nion, That the ſaid Clerk, do apply himſelf unto the "Houſe of Repreſentatives, in their next Seſſion of General "Aſſembly for their Conſent thereunto, and that until that "Time, no Warrant ſhall iſſue for the ſame."

Per Order of Council,
B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

Which was read;

To which Minute the Houſe conſented and approved, That the Clerk of the Council ought to have the ſaid Sum of *Three Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings* and *Seven-pence Halfpenny*, as a Recompence mentioned in the aforeſaid Minute of Council.

Mr. *Coſens*, Clerk of the Council, brought a Minute of Council, as followeth, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort William Henry, *this* 19*th Day of* April, 1701.

PRESENT,

The Honourable Abraham De Peyſter, *Eſq*; *Preſiding.*

Samuel Staats, *Robert Livingſton*, *Robert Walters.* } Eſqrs,

THE Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province, being read, and the Council entring upon the Anſwer to be made thereto, *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; riſe up and ſaid, that he would not join nor act with the Council, in any Matter relating to the Aſſembly, until the Arrival of Col. *Smith*, the Preſident, and thereupon left the Council.

The Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council, conſidering that Col. *Smith*, hath this Morning left this City, and is gone to his Houſe, being ſeventy Miles off, the General Aſſembly being ſitting, contrary to the repeated Advice of his Majeſty's Council; and the ſaid Col. *Smith*, having made Declaration, that without him, his Majeſty's Council cannot ſit and act as a Government to prevent any ill Conſequences, that may otherwiſe attend this Government, the Council do return Anſwer to the Aſſembly, that they will take all neceſſary Care of what is offered by the ſaid Aſſembly in their Addreſs, and are ſatisfied that they adjourn themſelves to the firſt *Tueſday* in *June* next, before which Time, it may be expected, that the Lieut. Governor will be arrived in this Province. *Per Order of Council*,
B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

Reſolved, That no Member of this Houſe, ſhall have any Allowance, for the Adjourment to be made this Day, until they meet again; but this Minute ſhall not be conſtrued, to the Prejudice or Hindrance of any Members Salary, due before this Day.

Then the Houſe adjourned themſelves until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, the firſt *Tueſday* in *June* next.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Province of *NEW-YORK.*

Die Martis, A. M. Auguſt 19, 1701.

THIS Day in Purſuance to his Majeſty's Writs, for chuſing Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly for the Province of *New-York*, all the Members elected and choſe, to ſerve in General Aſſembly for his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, appearing at the Houſe, to attend the Service of their Country, took the Oaths directed according to Law, and ſigned the Teſt and Aſſociation, before *William Atwood*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of the Province, Col. *Abraham De Peyſter* and *Robert Livingſton*, Eſqrs, Members of his Majeſty's Honourable Council, being commiſſionated thereto, by a *Dedimus Poteſtatem*, from the Honourable *John Nanfan*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieut. Governor; which was done accordingly.

The Clerk of the Houſe, attended his Honour the Governor, who ordered the Clerk to acquaint the Repreſentatives, that he deſired their Company; who being informed thereof, they immediately waited on the Governor, who deſired them forthwith to proceed to the Choice of their Speaker. And thereupon the Houſe returned, and choſe *Abraham Gouverneur*, Eſq; for their Speaker, and conducted him to, and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, in Behalf of the Houſe, demand their former Rights and Privileges.

That they may have freedom of Acceſs to your Honour's Perſon, when Occaſion requires.

That they may have Liberty of Speech, and a favourable Conſtruction upon the Debates, that may ariſe amongſt them.

That in all Miſunderſtands which may happen, between the Council and this Houſe, upon any ſubject Matter, which ſhall be concluded by them, that in ſuch a Caſe Committee of the Council, may be appointed to confer with the Committee of this Houſe, for the adjuſting and reconciling all ſuch Difference, and that theſe their Requeſts, may be approved by his Honour and Council, and entered in the Council Books accordingly.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the whole Houſe, to wait on his Honour and Council, who preſented their ſaid Speaker to his Honour, for his Approbation.

The Choice of the Speaker being approved by his Honour, the Speaker demanded the above Privileges, which were granted. Afterwards they returned to the Houſe, and the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that according to their Order, they had attended his Honour in Council, who approved of their Speaker, and granted their Privileges as deſired, and at the ſame Time, his Honour made his Speech to the General Aſſembly there convened; which his Honour was pleaſed to give unto him, which he ordered to be read in the Houſe.

His Honour's Speech to the General Aſſembly.

Gentlemen,

AS *I am impowered by his Majeſty, by the Conſent of the Council, and you the Repreſentatives, to provide for the publick Peace, Welfare and good Government, and for the Benefit of his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors; for theſe Ends I have now called you together, to which I am, and ſhall be ready to contribute, all that lies in my Power, and hope I ſhall met with the like Diſpoſition in you.*

I cannot but take it as a Preſage of the future Succeſs of my Endeavours for the Good of this Province, that at this Time, when the Danger of War, makes it requiſite to be well aſſured of the Fidelity of our five Nations of Indians, *they have not only repeated their Aſſurances in ſuch a Manner, as has been held ſacred among 'em, but conveyed to the Crown of* England, *a vaſt Tract of Land of great Conſequence, for preventing their Neceſſity of ſubmitting to the Neighbouring Power.*

His Majeſty who is a moſt indulgent Father to his People, has manifeſted a particular Care over you, beſides the conſtant Charge of the additional Forces, he has out of his own Exchequer, ſupplied Two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, *Sterling, for Forts, and* Eight Hundred Pounds, *in ſeaſonable Gifts to the* Indians; *and for the better Adminiſtration of Juſtice among you, has ſettled* Three Hundred Pounds *a Year, upon a Chief Juſtice, and* One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *upon an Attorney General, all which, are of that Importance to you, that ſo much Money may well be thought ſpared out of your Purſes.*

I perſuade myſelf, I need not preſs this as a Motive, for your continuing the Act, entitled, An Act for raiſing an Additional Duty, for the defraying the Debts of the Government, which expired in *May* laſt; *and it may deſerve your Conſideration, whether the laſt Act for granting his Majeſty ſeveral Duties, for the defraying the publick Charge of the Government, want not ſome Amendments, to make it the more effectual, you cannot but know, that your own Intereſt and Preſervation, are nearly concerned in the Support of the Government.*

This I hope may prevail with you, to lay aſide all Heats and Animoſities, and to proceed unanimouſly to thoſe Things, that may tend to the Security and Happineſs of this Province.

I ſhould think that every Man ſhould be ſenſible, that Unity and Unanimity, at this Time more neceſſary, than it has ever been ſince your being under the Protection of the Crown of England.

As I can anſwer for the Sincerity of my own Intentions, I doubt not but you will find a Concurrence in the Council, and I hope, we ſhall every one ſtrive, who ſhall excel in Zeal, for the Good of this Province, and the Service of his Majeſty King William, *whom God long preſerve to reign over us.*

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be returned to his Honour the Governor, for his kind and affectionate Speech.

A Motion being made, That *William Nicoll*, one of the Repreſentatives of the County of *Suffolk*, and Major *Weſſels*, one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *Albany*, Eſq; were not qualified to ſit as Members of this Houſe, according to the late Act of Aſſembly, they not being Re-inhabitants and Reſidents in the Counties, for which they were choſe; whereupon they were ordered to withdraw; and,

Ordered, That this Houſe, will not proceed

ceed on any other Thing, until that Matter be decided.

Then the Houſe adjourned until 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 20, 1701.

THE Houſe being met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and ordered the Minute to be read, that was made Yeſterday, whereby Mr. *Nicoll* and Major *Weſſells*, were ordered to withdraw; and the Houſe ordered, that this Houſe, would not proceed on any other Thing, until that Matter were decided; whereunto Mr. *Nicoll* replied, that he was not choſe by his own ſeeking, but ſince he was, he would defend his Right as long as he could, and that he was ſorry to ſay, what he was ſince informed, that you Mr. Speaker, are not born the King's natural Subject, and ſo not qualified to be in the Chair, and until you give us further Satisfaction of that Matter, we cannot ſit and act with you; to which the Speaker replied, that the Vote of Yeſterday, was, that this Houſe would not proceed on any Thing, until the Matter, relating to Mr. *Nicoll* and Major *Weſſels* was decided, and then would give them all reaſonable Satisfaction; whereupon Mr. *Nicoll*, Major *Dirck Weſſells*, *Meyndert Schuyler*, *John Abeel*, *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, *Matthew Howell*, *John Jackſon*, *Daniel Whitehead*, *John Drake* and *Joſeph Purdy*, Eſqrs, immediately withdrew out of the Houſe, notwithſtanding, the Speaker, often commanded them in the Name of the Houſe, to ſtay and attend the Service of this Houſe.

Ordered, That this Matter be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 5 of the Clock this Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 5 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 20, 1701.

THE Houſe being met. *Ordered*, The Roll of the Houſe be read over, and thoſe ten Gentlemen that withdrew in the Morning, were found abſent, and the reſt preſent.

Ordered, That this Houſe do forthwith take into Conſideration, whether Major *Weſſels*, returned one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *Albany*, be qualified, according to an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for regulating Elections, for Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly, &c.* and that the ſame be done in the Houſe.

Then the Houſe proceeded to enquire, whether the ſaid Major *Weſſells*, was qualified to ſit as a Member of this Houſe; whereupon ſome Perſons were called up, who informed the Houſe, that Major *Weſſells*, was an Inhabitant in *Dutcheſs* County, and this they were ready to depoſe when called thereto; and then a Bond was produced to this Houſe, under the Hand and Seal of the ſaid Major *Weſſells*, given by the ſaid Major *Weſſells*, to the High Sheriff of the City and County of *Albany*, which follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

KNOW *all Men by theſe Preſents, That I* Dirck Weſſels, *of the City of* Albany, *of the Province of* New-York, *am holden and firmly bound, unto* Jonathan Broadhurſt, *Eſq; High Sheriff of the City and County of* Albany *aforeſaid; in the penal Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *Lawful Money of this Provice, to be paid to the ſaid* Jonathan Broadhurſt, *his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns; for the which Payment, well and truly to be made, I do bind myſelf, my Heirs Executors, and Adminiſtrators, and every of them, firmly by theſe Preſents, ſealed with my Seal, dated this* 14*th Day of* July, *in the* 13*th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, Anno Domini, 1701.

THE *Condition of this Obligation is ſuch, That whereas, 'tis required by a late Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entitled*, An Act for the regulating Elections, &c. *That all Perſons choſen to ſerve as Repreſentatives, in the Aſſembly of this Province, ſhall be dwelling and reſident within the ſame Cities, Counties and Manors, for which they are choſen; and whereas, Major* Dirck Weſſels *above named, expects to be put up for a Candidate, in the Election of Repreſentatives for the City and County of* Albany; *now if the ſaid* Dirck Weſſels, *his Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, do indemnify the ſaid* Jonathan Broadhurſt, *his Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, from all Pain and Forfeiture, which he may any Ways incur by returning the ſaid* Dirck Weſſels, *(if he be choſen) a Repreſentative as aforeſaid, in Reſpect of his the ſaid* Dirck Weſſels, *being a* Non *Reſident as aforeſaid; then this preſent Obligation to be void and of none Effect, otherwiſe to remain in full Force and Virtue.*

Sealed and Delivered in the Preſence of — Dirck Weſſels, *Seal.*

Jacob Turck,
S. Clowes.

Upon the Conſideration whereof, the Houſe was of Opinion, That Major *Weſſels*, was not qualified to be a Member of this Houſe, according to the afore-mentioned Act.

Thereupon, *Ordered*, That the ſaid Major *Dirck Weſſels*, be no longer deemed or eſteemed a Member of this Houſe, but that he be, and is diſmiſſed, from any further Attendance as a Member of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the High Sheriff of the City and County of *Albany*, be called before this Houſe, he being in Town, to produce the Poll of his Election, that the Houſe may ſee, which of the Candidates is the next Perſon, that has the Majority of Voices, for that City and County, for a Member of this Houſe, in the Room of Major *Weſſels*, who is diſmiſſed this Houſe.

The High Sheriff of the City and County of *Albany*, appeared according to Order, and delivered to this Houſe 14 Papers, containing the Poll of his Election, and the Houſe proceeded immediately to inſpect the ſame accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morgan*, *Cornelius Sebring* and Mr. *Hering*, be a Committee, to examine the ſaid Poll, and make their Report thereof to this Houſe.

The ſaid Committee, brought in their Report as follows;

The Committee appointed to examine the High Sheriff, for the City and County of *Albany*, his Poll for electing Repreſentatives, to

to serve in General Assembly of the Province of *New-York*,

Report, That they have examined the same, and do find, That Mr. *Ryer Schermerhorn*, is the Candidate that has the next Majority of Voices in the said Poll, and therefore are humbly of Opinion, That *Ryer Schermerhorn*, ought according to the Usage and Custom of this House, to sit in this General Assembly, in the Room of Major *Dirck Wessels* dismissed this House, and that he take his Place accordingly.

By Order of the Committee,
Cornelius Sebring, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ryer Schermerhorn*, do forthwith attend this House, and be received as a Member of this House, for the City and County of *Albany*, in the Room of Major *Dirck Wessels* dismissed this House.

Mr. *Schermerhorn* appearing, the Speaker, in the Name of the House, acquainted him with the Votes of the House.

Ordered, That *Cornelius Sebring* and *Thomas Morgan*, Esqrs, do To-morrow attend the Governor and Council with the said *Ryer Schermerhorn*, and desire he may have the Oaths administred to him, according to Law, and sign the Test and Association, to qualify him to be a Member of this House.

Resolved, That all other Matters be referred till To-morrow, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock, To-morrow in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. August 21, 1701.

THE House being met, adjourned till 5 of the Clock this Afternoon; and they were adjourned accordingly.

THE House being met according to adjournment, the Roll of the House was called over; none of these Members that left the House Yesterday being present,

Mr. *Seabring* and Mr. *Morgan*, who waited on his Honour and Council according to the Order of the House, acquainted the House, That they had been at the Fort, to attend on his Honour and Council, to have Mr. *Schermerhorn* sworn, &c. but that their Honours were not met.

Ordered, That they attend again on his Honour and Council, at their next meeting, to the End aforesaid.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. August 22, 1701.

THE Roll of the House was called over, and the Persons that left the House still absent,

Mr. *Seabring* and Mr. *Morgan* acquainted the House, They had attended the Governor and Council with *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Esq; where they saw the said *Ryer Schermerhorn* take the Oaths appointed by Law, and sign the Test and Association, to qualify him to sit as a Member in this House.

Ordered, That the said *Ryer Schermerhorn* take his Place in the House accordingly; which he did.

The House proceeded, according to Order, to enquire whether Mr. *William Nicoll*, returned a Representative for the County of *Suffolk*, be qualified to sit a Member of this House, as the late Act of Assembly requires; and appointed Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Sebring*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Haring*, and Mr. *Morgan*, to be a Committee to inspect that Matter; and report the same to this House.

Then the House adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. August 22, 1701.

MR. *Isaac De Riemer* reports from the Committee to inspect whether Mr. *William Nicoll*, returned a Representative for the County of *Suffolk*, be qualified to sit as a Member of this House, as the late Act of Assembly requires, That we are well informed, that Mr. *Nicoll* is not a Resident in the County of *Suffolk*; therefore are humbly of Opinion, That he is not qualified as the late Act of Assembly directs.

By Order of the Committee.
J. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Resolved, That Mr. *Nicoll* be no longer a Member of this House; but be, and is dismissed from any further Attendance on the Service of this House.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this House for the County of *Suffolk*, in the Room of the said *William Nicoll*, Esq; dismissed from the Service of this House.

Ordered, His Honour's Speech, and the Votes of this House, be forthwith printed.

The House ordered the Governor's Speech to be read; which was done accordingly.

Thereupon the House resolved to take the same into their immediate Consideration, particularly that Part which relates to the additional Duty, which expired in *May* last.

Ordered, That this House do immediately Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of that Part of his Honour's Speech relating to the additional Duty, expired in *May* last.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair,

And after some Time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reports, That they have made some Progress in that Matter, but came to no Conclusion; therefore desire Leave to sit again.

By Order of the Committee,
J. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read; and the House thereupon, *Ordered*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, To-morrow Morning, further to consider of that Matter.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 10 ho. A. M. August 23, 1701.

THE House being met, the Roll of the House was called over, and the Members that left the House were still wanting.

Ordered, That the Matter be taken into the Consideration of this House *Monday* next.

Mr. Speaker signed a Warrant for the Clerk of the Crown to issue out his Majesty's Writ to elect a Person in Lieu of Mr. *William Nicoll*, dismissed this House.

The House, according to the Order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider the granting an additional Duty to his Majesty; and it was also ordered by the House, That the said Committee have Power to send for Records, Persons, and Papers; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. *De Riemer*, reports from the Committee of the whole House to consider the granting an additional Duty to his Majesty, That they have desired Mr. *David Provoost* and Mr. *Ryer Schermerhorn*, to attend his Majesty's Collector and Receiver General of this Province, to lay before the Committee, the whole Amount of the Additional Duty, expired in *May* last, for a Year; whose Answer they stay for, and therefore desire they may sit again.

By Order of the Committee,
J. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read.

Ordered, That this House will on *Monday* next, at 2 of the

Clock in the Afternoon, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of that Affair.

The Petition of *Henry Fowler*, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Westchester*, being read, was committed to be examined by Capt. *David Provoost*, Mr. *Thomas Morgan*, Mr. *Cornelius Sebring*, Mr. *Adrian Garretson*, and Mr. *Peter Hering*, the House giving them Power to send for the Persons and Papers.

Then the House adjourned till 8 of the Clock *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. August* 25, 1701.

THE House met, and adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. August* 25, 1701.

THE House met, and according to the Order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of the additional Duty to be granted to his Majesty. Then the Speaker left the Chair; and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair, and Mr. *Isaac De Riemer* reports from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the granting an additional Duty to his Majesty, &c. That according to their Order, Mr. *Provoost* and Mr. *Schermerhorn* had attended his Majesty's Collector, &c. for an Account of the whole Amount of the Additional Duty for one whole Year; and that they had brought with them and produced, three Books, in which said Account was stated; and therefore desire the House to appoint a Committee to examine and state that Account.

Per Order of the Committee,
Isaac De Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved of.

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Johannis De Peyster*, and Mr. *David Provoost*, be a Committee accordingly.

Mr. *Johannis De Peyster* reports from the Committee to inspect the Accounts of the additional Duty granted to his Majesty, which expired in *May* last, That they do find, that the additional Duty for one whole Year, doth amount to the Sum of *Seven Hundred Seventy Six Pounds*, and *Five Pence Half-penny*.

Per Order of the Committee,
John De Peyster, *Chairman.*

Which was read.

Ordered, That the House resolve into a Committee of the whole House, To-morrow, at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, further to consider of granting an additional Duty to his Majesty.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. August* 26, 1701.

MR. *David Provoost* reports from the Committee appointed to examine the Petition of *Henry Fowler*, about his Complaining of an undue Election in the County of *Westchester*, That they have sent for several Persons and Papers, and do find, that *Joseph Purdy* is not duly elected a Member of this House, for the County of *Westchester*; but that *Henry Fowler* is duly elected a Member of this House, for the County of *Westchester*.

Per Order of the Committee,
D. Provoost, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown be sent for before the House, and bring with him the Indenture for the County of *Westchester*, and here in the House amend the Return, by putting out the Name of *Joseph Purdy*, and putting in that of *Henry Fowler*.

The Roll of the House being called over, none of the Members that absented themselves appearing, the which the House taking into Consideration, that whereas the said Members having wilfully and obstinately refused to serve the several Counties for which they were chosen, in the Assembly of our Lord the King, now convened, without so much as assigning any plausible Reason for the same: It is therefore, *Ordered*, That Major *Matthew Howell*, Major *John Jackson*, Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*, *Killian Van Rensselaer*, *John Abeel*, *Myndert Schuyler*, and *John Drake*, and every of them, be, and are hereby expelled this House.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue forth his Warrant, to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing of a Member for the County of *Suffolk*, to serve in this General Assembly, in the Room of Major *Matthew Howell*, expelled this House; and a new Writ, for electing two Members for *Queen's* County, to serve in General Assembly, in the Room of Major *John Jackson* and Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*, expelled this House; a new Writ for electing of a Member for the Bailywick of *Rensselaer-Wyck*, to serve in General Assembly, in the Room of *Killian Van Rensselaer*, expelled this House; a new Writ for the electing two Members, for the City and County of *Albany*, to serve in this General Assembly, in the Room of *John Abeel* and *Myndert Schuyler*, expelled this House; a new Writ for electing a Member, for the County of *Westchester*, to serve in this General Assembly, in the Room of *John Drake*, expelled this House.

Mr. *Sharp*, as appeared before the House, in the Behalf of the Clerk of the Crown, and brought before the House, the Indenture returned for the Election of *Joseph Purdy*, for the County of *Westchester*, and by Reason the Clerk of the Crown is not in Town,

It is therefore, *Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House shall obliterate and erase out of the said Indenture, the Name of *Joseph Purdy*, and in the Room thereof, insert, *Henry Fowler*, which was done accordingly in the House.

Ordered, That *Henry Fowler*, do immediately attend this House, in order to attend the Governor and Council, to take the Oaths and sign the Test and Association according to Law, to qualify himself to be a Member of this House.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of Accounts, lay before this House, an Account of their Proceedings, on *Thursday* next.

Ordered, That Mr. *David Provoost* and Mr. *Adrian Gerritsen*, do with Mr. *Henry Fowler*, wait on the Governor and Council, and desire he may have the Oath administered to him according to Law, and sign the Test and Association, to qualify him for a Member of this House.

According to the Order of this House, Mr. *David Provoost* and Mr. *Adrian Gerritsen*, attended the Governor and Council, with Mr. *Henry Fowler*, and returned, and acquainted the House, that they saw Mr. *Henry Fowler* take the Oaths, and sign the Test and Association according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fowler*, take his Place as a Member of this House, which he did accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till Two of the Clock this Afternoon.

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Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Aug. 26, 1701.

THE House according to the Order of the Day, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of an Additional Duty, to be granted to his Majesty.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair; and,

The Mayor of *New York*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the granting an Additional Duty to his Majesty, that it is their Opinion, That such an Additional Duty be granted to his Majesty, as this House shall think fit, and for such Time and such Uses, as the House shall direct.

Per Order of the Committee,
I. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved of.

Then the Speaker signed five Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, to issue Writs for electing a Member for the County of *Suffolk*; Two for *Queen's* County; One for the County of *Westchester*; Two for the City and County of *Albany*; and One for the Bailywick of *Rensselaer Wyck*.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. August 27, 1701.

THE House being met.

A Message from the Council, brought to this House by the Clerk of the Council.

At a Council held at *Fort William Henry*, this Twenty-sixth Day of *August*, 1701.

PRESENT,

The Hon. JOHN NANFAN, *Esq;*

Abraham De Peyster, *Samuel Staats,* *Robert Livingston,* } Esqrs,
Robert Walters, *Thomas Weaver,* *William Atwood,* } Esqrs,

Ordered,

THAT *the Clerk of the Council do acquaint the House of Representatives, That this Board do believe it necessary for his Majesty's Service, that the publick Accounts of the Customs and Revenues of this Province, kept by Col.* Stephen Cortlandt, *late one of the Commissioners for managing the Office of Collector and Receiver General, should be immediately stated and adjusted; and do desire, that in Case the Commissioners appointed by Act of General Assembly to examine, take and state the publick Accounts of this Province, have not made their Report to the House of Representatives, pursuant to the said Act; that the House would order them to do the same forthwith; and this Board do also desire that the said House would apply themselves to the Consideration of the immediate Defence of the Frontiers of this Province.*

Per Order of Council,
B. Cosens, Cl. Council.

Which was read.

Ordered, The same be referred to the Consideration of this House on *Friday* next.

Ordered, That the Representatives of the County of *Ulster*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for destroying of Wolves in that County; and that they prepare a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Capt. *John De Peyster*, Mr. *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Haring*, and Col. *Rutsen*, be a Committee of this House, to examine a certain Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for defraying of the publick and necessary Charge throughout this Province, and maintaining the Poor, and preventing Vagabonds*; and report to this House the Amendments they think ought to be made and added thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. August 27, 1701.

THE House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. August 28, 1701.

THE House being met, the Commissioners of Accounts, according to the Order of this House, delivered in their Report, viz.

To the Honourable the House of Representatives of the Province of *New-York*, in General Assembly convened.

The Report of the Commissioners of Accounts.

THAT *since our Report to the last House of Representatives, we have proceeded in the Matters committed to our Charge; and immediately fell upon that Person who had received the greatest Sums of the Country's Money, which was Mr.* Livingston; *and as we had formerly desired the Council, so at his Honour's Arrival we desired him under our Hands to commit the said Mr. Livingston to Goal; and afterwards on the 17th of* June *last past, we again under our Hands desired the same in Council; all which appears by the Copy herewith delivered, whereby your Honours will understand that Affair.*

Since which Time we have not proceeded further, because we conceived it to be against our Oaths to proceed rigorously against other Persons, when we could not force Mr. Livingston, *who had received the greatest Sum, as aforesaid; all which is humbly submitted, by your Honour's humble Servants,*

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur.
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
David Provoost, jun.

To the Honourable *John Nanfan*, Esq; Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Province of *New-York* in Council.

The humble Memorial of the Commissioners, for taking, stating and examining, the publick Accounts of this Government.

May it please your Honours,

WHEREAS *by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, entitled,* An Act for appointing and enabling Commissioners to examine, take and state, the publick Accounts of this Government: *We whose Names are underwritten, are appointed Commissioners, to take and state the publick Accounts of this Province, under such Limitations and Directions as in that said Act are expressed, and accordingly we issued out Warrants to several Persons within this Government, to lay before us an Account, for what they had received the Sums of Money, charged to be paid to them in the Collector's Books, on or before the 25th Day of* March *last past, amongst which was* Robert Livingston, *Esq; who on the said 25th Day of* March, *gave us to understand, that he would attend us the next Day, but the same was neglected by the said* Robert Livingston, *Esq; and altho' he well knew the Days of our Meeting, never attended; so that we petitioned his Majesty's Council concerning the same, yet the said* Robert Livingston, *Esq; hath not any Ways regarded the same, but continued in his neglect, so that at the Arrival of your Honour, we did, by writing under our Hands, desire your Honour to commit the said* Robert Livingston, *Esq; to Goal, without Bail or Mainprize, until he should give such an Account as the above recited Law directs.*

Some Days after this, Mr. Livingston *came to wait on the Commissioners, but by an Accident, they not being compleat, he discoursed two of them, before whom he produced an Account of the Produce of the Excise, in the City and County of* Albany, *according to the Time mentioned in the Act; but the same being only Ballances, could not tell the Commissioners, in what Way and Manner, and to whom the said Excise hath been farmed to, and thereby incapacitated to compare these Accounts with the Collector's Books, all which was then told Mr.* Livingston, *but he made Answer, that he would give no other Accounts, and that he kept no Books of the Dealings he had with the Government, and that he looked upon that Law, to be very unreasonable. But if we would be reasonable Men, he would again wait on us, which accordingly he did on the first Day of this instant Month of* June, *when and where, he gave us for Answer, that he did not think himself obliged to give any other Accounts, than that of the Excise; and these are all the Times, that ever Mr.* Livingston *came to us, altho' we are informed, that he has been pleased often to say, he could not find us, nor have any discourse with us.*

And whereas the said Robert Livingston, *hath received more Money out of the publick Revenue, than any one Person in the Government, and that his Accounts are so necessary to be had, that without them, 'tis impossible for us to settle the Accounts of this Province in any Method, because many other Accounts depend thereon; and if Mr.* Livingston, *doth not give an Account for above* Twenty Thousand Pounds *received, it will look very hard for us, to cause those that have received but* One Hundred Pounds, *to give the same, on all which, and other Matters hereunto relating, we desire to be heard before your Honour in Council, to the End the Government might know, that we have done our Duty in that Affair, and that Mr.* Livingston, *may be dealt with as the Law directs. Dated the 17th of* June, 1701.

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur,
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
David Provoost.

Which

Which was read.

Ordered, That the Houſe immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Matter, and have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair.

The Mayor of *New-York*, reports from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That upon their Order, the Commiſſioners of Accounts appeared, and gave a full Account relating to their Report to the Houſe, and that it is the Opinion of the Committee, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, have honeſtly and faithfully behaved themſelves in that Matter committed to their Charge, but that it is abſolutely neceſſary for the Peace and Welfare of this Province, That that Matter ſhould be accompliſhed; and therefore are humbly of Opinion, That a Committee of this Houſe be appointed, and that the Commiſſioners of Accounts, be directed to join with them, to conſider what is proper to be done in that Matter, and report it to the Houſe.

By Order of the Committee,
I. D. Riemer, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Peyſter*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Col. *Rutſen* and Mr. *Morgan*, or any Three of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to conſider of the Matter aboveſaid forthwith, and that the Commiſſioners of Accounts be, and are hereby directed, to join with them accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M Aug.* 28, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and Mr. *Johannis De Peyſter*, reports from a Committee, to conſider the Report of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, That they are of Opinion, that a Conference be deſired by this Houſe, from his Honour, between a Committee of the Council and of this Houſe, and that the Commiſſioners of Accounts, be ordered to attend ſaid Conference, and that his Honour be deſired to appoint Time and Place, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of this Houſe, that the Matter of the Accounts, relating to Mr. *Livingſton*, according to the Commiſſioners Report, be forthwith ſettled.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis De Peyſter, *Chairman*.

We the Commiſſioners of Accounts joining with them.
Abraham Gouverneur,
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
David Provooſt, Jun.

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That a Conference be forthwith deſired, between a Committee of the Council, and a Committe of this Houſe accordingly, and that the Commiſſioners of Accounts attend the Conference, according to the ſaid Report.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Peyſter*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and Mr. *Fowler*, be a Committee, to manage the Conference, between a Committee of the Council and this Houſe, when the Governor ſhall appoint the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and Mr. *Morgan*, do attend the Governor to deſire his Honour, to appoint a Committee of the Council, to manage a Conference with this Houſe, and to know when and where the ſame ſhall be held, upon the ſubject Matter of publick Accounts, and particularly, to what relates to Mr. *Livingſton*, and that the Commiſſioners have Orders to attend the ſaid Conference, and that this Houſe has already appointed Managers.

That the Mayor of *New-York*, and Mr. *Morgan* returned, and acquainted this Houſe, that they had attended on the Governor, and were informed, he was not in Town.

Ordered, They attend his Honour To-morrow Morning, on the ſame Meſſage.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 29, 1701.

THE Houſe being met, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and Mr. *Morgan*, acquainted this Houſe, that they had attended the Governor, who told them, he would order a Committee of the Council, to meet with a Committee of this Houſe, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, at *Roger Baker's*, at the Sign of the *King's Head*, to hold a Conference, relating to the publick Accounts of this Province.

Ordered, The Conſideration of the ſaid Meſſage, bro't from his Honour and Council, by the Clerk of the Council, the 27th Inſtant, be referred until ſome other Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 29, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

The Committee was ordered to go upon the Conference.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 30, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Auguſt 29, 1701.

At a Conference of the Committee of the Council, and a Committee of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, appointed to meet at *Roger Baker's*, at the Sign of the *King's Head*, adjourned from thence to *Gabriel Thompſon's*, at the *White Lion*.

For the Council.
Abraham De Peyſter,
Samuel Staats,
Robert Walters,
} Eſqrs,
William Atwood, Chairman of the Committee of Council.

For the Repreſentatives.
Capt. *De Peyſter*,
Mr. *Schermerhorn*,
Col. *Rutſen*,
Mr. Mayor of *New-York*,
Mr. *Fowler*.

Capt. *De Peyſter* reports, That the Commiſſioners for taking, ſtating and examining, the publick Accounts of this Province, having made their Report, before the Committees at a Conference, That Mr. *Livingſton*, who appears to have received great Sums of the publick Money, hath abſolutely refuſed to Account before them for the ſame, though duly required thereunto; 'tis the Opinion of theſe Committees; That it is of great Conſequence, that an Act ſhould paſs, to confiſcate his real and perſonal Eſtate, for ſo much Debt to the Crown, as he can be charged with by the ſaid Commiſſioners, unleſs he forthwith account before them, by ſuch a Day, as the Houſe of Repreſentatives ſhall think fit; and that if ſuch a Bill, be ordered to be brought in, Notice ſhall be immediately given to the ſaid Mr. *Livingſton*, that he may offer ſuch Reaſons, as he can againſt the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. D. Peyſter, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robert Livingſton* do account with the Commiſſioners as the Law directs, before *Wedneſday* next; which if he doth not perform, it is further, *Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in to this Houſe, for confiſcating

fiscating the real and personal Estate of the said *Robert Livingston*, for so much Debt to the Crown as he can be charged with by the Commissioners of Accounts; and that he have immediate Notice of this Vote.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 1, 1701.

THE House being met.

The Speaker acquainted the House, That this Day Mr. *Livingston* appeared before the Commissioners, and the Commissioners were ready to bring in their Report of their Proceedings with him; which was ordered to be done immediately.

The Commissioners brought in the said Report, according to Order.

Ordered, The same be read.

To the Honourable the House of Representatives of the Province of New-York, *convened in General Assembly.*

THE Commissioners for taking, examining, and stating the publick Accounts, &c. report,

At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the first of *September*, 1701.

PRESENT,

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur,
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
David Provoost,
} Esqrs,

Mr. *Livingston* appeared before the Commissioners, and they acquainted him, That according to the Vote of the House of Representatives of *Saturday* last, they were ready to receive his Accounts. To which he replied, That for what Money he received for the King, he had given an Account already; and as for what he had received from the King, he desired to know his Charge, and in a reasonable Time he would discharge the same. The Commissioners answered, That if he would bring his Books, or Accounts of what he had received from the King, and for what he had received for the same, they were ready to lay the King's Books open with the same, and then compare them together. The said *Livingston* replied, That he thinks it a great Hardship to be compelled to give his particular Accounts of his Discharge, without having his Charge first given him for what he is to account, being for Money received from the King, and not for the King; but nevertheless is willing to give all the Satisfaction imaginable, and has begun to transcribe all the particular Accounts for 17 Years last past, and has gone a pretty Ways in it; but having been taken up by the Publick since my Lord's Death, and having given his Attendance here at *New-York*, and likewise at *Albany*, relating to the Affairs of the *Indians*, and therefore has not been able to accomplish the same; and desires that the Commissioners may be pleased to send one or two of their Number to his Chamber, where he will shew how far he has advanced in the same; and that they may report what reasonable Time will be required to transcribe the Remainder, and deliver them accordingly.

The which being considered by the Commissioners, they were of Opinion, That this Matter ought to be immediately reported to the House of Representatives to desire their Opinion and Advice therein.

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur,
Rip Van Dam,
Cornelius Sebring,
D. Provoost, jun.

And the House proceeded immediately on Consideration thereof; and after several Arguments made upon that Matter, it was the unanimous Opinion of this House, That the Pretences made this Day by *Robert Livingston*, to the Commissioners of Accounts, are frivolous; and that the said *Robert Livingston*, hath wholly disobeyed the Act of Assembly, impowering the said Commissioners; and that therefore this House cannot agree to give any further Time to the said *Robert Livingston*, it plainly appearing to them, that he has had nigh 8 Months Time to state the said Accounts; and it is therefore,

Ordered, That according to the Order of *Saturday* last, a Bill be brought in to this House for the confiscating the real and personal Estate of the said *Robert Livingston*, for so much Debt to the Crown, as he can be charged with to have received, by the said Commissioners, if his Accounts be not delivered to the said Commissioners before *Wednesday* next; and that the said *Robert Livingston*, have Notice of this immediately. And that the Commissioners of Accounts do, with all Expedition, examine the Books of what he has received, and what other Matters relate thereunto; and that they report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *De Peyster*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Hearing*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. *Garretsen*, and Major *Van Brunt*, or any Five of them, be a Committee of this House, to consider in what Manner an additional Duty shall be granted to his Majesty, for such Time, and such Uses as they shall think fit; and report the same to this House.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of Accounts do attend the Matter of Accounts To-morrow Morning, from 7 to 10 of the Clock; and that Mr. *Livingston* have Notice thereof.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Ten of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1701.

THE Commissioners of Accounts, reported to the House, That according to the Order of the House, they met this Morning; and that Mr. *Livingston* had not attended them.

Mr. *John De Peyster*, reports from the Committee to examine a certain Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for defraying a publick and necessary Charge throughout this Province, &c.* That they

are humbly of Opinion, that the ſaid Act be repealed; and another Act, that may declare the Matter more fully, be brought in the Room of it.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee draw up Heads for the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reports from the Committee to conſider in what Manner an additional Duty ſhall be granted to his Majeſty, *&c.* That an additional Duty be laid over and above all the Duties laid before, by any other Act now in Force, *viz.* Upon all *European* Goods imported into this Province from any of his Majeſty's Colonies, 6 *per Cent.* Upon every Pipe of Wine imported, *Ten Shillings.* Upon Woolen Manufactures, made in our neighbouring Colonies, 10 *per Cent.* Upon every Pipe of Wine, not directly imported, and ſo proportionably for a greater or leſſer Quantity, *Two Pounds.* Upon Rum, directly imported, *per* Gallon, *One Half-penny.* Upon Rum not directly imported, *per* Gallon, *Four Pence Half-penny.* For other ſtrong Waters, *per* Gallon, diſtilled by our neighbours, *Four Pence Half-penny.* For Beer, imported by our Neighbours, *per* Barrel, *Four Shillings.* On *Negroes*, not directly imported, *per* Head, *Twenty Shillings.* And that they deſire further Time to conſider of the other Matter relating thereunto.

Per Order of the Committee,
I. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and re-committed to the ſame Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee, do make a final Concluſion of all Matters, relating to that Affair, and bring the ſame in the next Report.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to enable the City and County of *Albany*, to defray their neceſſary Charge, and that the Repreſentatives of that City and County, do prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, Capt. *Provooſt*, Mr. *Selring*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Veghten*, or any three of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to prepare Heads for a Bill, for the further Regulating the Elections of Repreſentatives, to ſerve in General Aſſembly in this Province.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the Allowance of *Six Shillings*, *per* Day, to the Repreſentatives of the General Aſſembly, from the Beginning of this Seſſions, and that the other Bill be repealed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock this Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 2, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1701.

THE Houſe being met, adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 3, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

An Act for regulating the Fences in the County of *Ulſter*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of Accounts, do on *Friday* Morning next, at Eight of the Clock, lay before this Houſe, the Account of what Money, they can charge Mr. *Livingſton* with.

An Act for Confirmation of a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, of the one Part, and *Garrat Aertſen* and Company, on the other Part; was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill for regulating the Fences in *Ulſter* County, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Fowler*.

Ordered, That the Speaker bring into this Houſe, a Bill for paying to each Repreſentative *Six Shillings*, *per* Day.

Ordered, That the Houſe do immediately take into their Conſideration, the Meſſage ſent by the Clerk of the Council, the 26th of *Auguſt* laſt, from the Governor and Council, about ſtating the Accounts of Col. *Cortlandt*, deceaſed, and particularly that Part of the Meſſage, that relates to the immediate Defence of the Frontiers of this Province; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, it was *Reſolved*, by this Houſe, that his Honour be deſired to appoint a Committe of the Council, to confer with a Committee of this Houſe about that Affair, and his Honour appoint the Time and Place, and that Mr. *Iſaac De Riemer*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Morgan* and Mr. *Fowler*, are appointed a Committee of this Houſe, to manage the ſaid Conference; with a Committee of Council.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen* and Major *Van Brunt*, wait on his Honour, to acquaint him therewith; and deſire to know the Time and Place, for the ſaid Conference.

Then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 4, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

An Act for Allowances to the repreſentatives, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *De Peyſter*, reports from the Committee, to examine a certain Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for defraying a publick and neceſſary Charge, throughout this Province, &c.* That they are humbly of Opinion, the Supervifors mentioned in ſaid Act, be wholly left out, and the reſt of the Act to be drawn in the ſame Form, only, That the Juſtices, Aſſeſſors and Collectors, ſhall be under ſuch Penalties, as is expreſſed in the Act for granting *Two Thouſand Pounds*, in the eleventh Year of the King, if they do not their Duty, and that the Payment of the Repreſentatives, be accounted amongſt the neceſſary Charge of the Counties, and ſuch Counties as have not paid their Repreſentatives, before the firſt Day of this Seſſions, do take immediate Care to pay them, according to the Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for the Allowance of Repreſentatives*, in force before the firſt Day of this Seſſion.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. D. Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That the Speaker prepare a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Rutſen* and Major *Van Brunt*, having attended the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, he told them, he would order a Committee of the Council, to meet with a Committee of this Houſe, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, at *Gabriel Thompſon*'s, at the *White Lion*; to hold a Conference, relating to the immediate Defence of the Frontiers of this Province.

Ordered, That the Speaker bring in a Bill, to confiſcate the Eſtate of Mr. *Robert Livingſton*, according to the Order of this Houſe, and that the Commiſſioners of Accounts be, and are hereby directed, to produce that Report, they were ordered to bring to this Houſe, to the Speaker, to be inſerted in the Bill.

A Motion being made, by Capt. *De Peyſter*, for the City of *New-York*, that an Act may paſs this Houſe, for ſome Privileges for the ſaid City, and deſires a Committee of this Houſe, may be appointed to conſider the ſame, with the Members of the City of *New-York*, which was granted; and,

Ordered, That Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Haring*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Morgan* and Mr. *Fowler*, be a Committee accordingly.

Ordered, A Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the Superviſing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probates of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration; That the Speaker bring in the ſame accordingly.

The Act for Allowance to the Repreſentatives, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Mr. *Morgan*, reports from the Committee, to conſider of Privileges to be granted the City of *New-York*, that they are humbly of Opinion, That the Ferry Houſe, on *Long-Iſland*, may be free from Exciſe, that the Ferry between *New-York*, and the Iſland of *Naſſau*, belonging to the City of *New-York*, have all the Rights and Privileges, it formerly did enjoy.

And if any Perſon ſhall bring over from the

the ſaid Ferry, or to the ſaid Ferry, any Thing but their own Produce, without paying the Ferry Man, ſhall forfeit his Boat or Canoe.

For every Half Barrel of Flour, imported from any Neighbouring Colony, *One Shilling*.

For each Hundred Weight of Bread, imported as aforeſaid, *Six-pence*; for every Barrel of Cyder, imported as aforeſaid, *Nine-pence*; for every empty Caſk, imported as aforeſaid, *Three-pence*; to be paid for the Term of three Years.

And that the great Bridge may be maintained at the Charge of the Government, out of the Revenue.

Per Order of the Committee,
Thomas Morgan, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That the Speaker prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Schermerhorn*, according to the Order of this Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the City and County of* Albany, *to defray their neceſſary Charge*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Ordered, The Speaker bring in a Bill for the eſſaying of Gold and Silver, wrought up in this Province.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, The Governor had delivered to him the Conference his Honour had with the *Indians*.

Ordered, The ſame be read in the Afternoon.

Mr. *Sebring*, reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for regulating the Fences in *Ulſter* County, was committed, That between the Word *(Fence)* and the Word *(any)* in the ſaid Bill, be inſerted theſe Words *(returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owners, the Sum aſſeſſed, and Charges of Diſtreſs and Sale being firſt deducted.*

Per Order of the Committee,
Cornelius Sebring, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 5, 1701.

AN Act for encouraging of the City of *New-York*, was read the firſt Time; and ordered a ſecond reading.

An Act for Confirmation of a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout*, and Company, of the one Part, and *Garret Aertſen*, and Company, of the other Part, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to *Adrian Garetſen*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, and Mr. *De Peyſter*; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

At a Committee to conſider of an additional Duty to be granted to his Majeſty; they are of Opinion, That the following additional Duty be granted to his Majeſty for the Support of the Government for two Years, viz. Six *per Cent.* on all *European* Goods imported into this Province, not directly from *England*. Ten *per Cent.* on all the Woolen Manufactures made by our neighbouring Colonies, and imported into this Province. *Ten Shillings*, *per* Pipe of Wine, directly imported from the Places where it was made. *Thirty Shillings*, *per* Pipe of Wine, not directly imported from the Place where it was made. *Half-penny*, *per* Gallon, on all Rum directly imported from the Place where it was made. And *Two Pence*, *per* Gallon on Rum not directly imported from the Place where it was made. *Three Shillings*, *per* Barrel, on all Beer imported from our neighbouring Colonies. *Provided always*, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Forty Pounds* a Year, be added to his Honour's Sallary, by Reaſon of his Trouble in the Government; and that the Sum of *Seventy Pounds* a Year, be reſerved, to pay to *William Atwood*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, as an additional Sallary, in Conſideration of his Expence and Charge in coming over here; but that this be not drawn into Conſequence or Example by the ſaid Mr. *Atwood*, or any other Chief Juſtice of this Province for the future. The Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, to *Benardus Freeman*, *per* Year, for his Encouragement, to propagate the Goſpel amongſt the Five Nations of *Indians*; and *Fifteen Pounds*, *per* Year, for his Charge to the *Indians*. And the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds*, Current Money, to *Lawrence Claeſſen*, ſworn Interpreter to the ſaid Five Nations of *Indians*; to be paid to them, and every of them, quarterly.

Per Order of the Committee,
I. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That the Speaker do prepare and bring in a Bill to this Houſe accordingly.

Mr. *De Riemer*, reports from the Committee, to conſer with a Committee of the Council, held the 4th of *September* 1701, at *Gabriel Thompſon's*, at the *White Lion*, in the City of *New-York*.

P R E S E N T,

For the Council.

William Atwood, *Chairman for the Council.*
Abraham De Peyſter, Samuel Staats, Robert Walters, Thomas Weaver. } Eſqrs,

For the Repreſentatives.

Mr. Iſaac De Riemer, *Chairman,*
Col. Rutſen, *Mr.* Schermerhorn, *Mr.* Morgan, *Mr.* Fowler. }

IT *is the Opinion of theſe Committees, That a Bill be prepared and laid before the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the applying a Sum, not exceeding* out of the One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, *raiſed by the two ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly of this Province, for the building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the putting ſuch Part of the Frontiers of this Province, into an immediate Poſture of Defence, as the ſaid Houſe ſhall think fit; the ſaid Sum to be put into the Hands of ſuch Commiſſioners, as the Houſe of Repreſentatives ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, who ſhall account for the ſame to the ſaid Houſe, the ſaid Money to be repaid, when it ſhall be thought fit to proceed to the Building the ſaid Fort, for which Sum, the Credit of the Aſſembly ſhall be engaged.*

It is the Opinion of theſe Committees, That Gertrude *the Relict and Executrix of Col.* Stephen Cortlandt, &c. *be ſummoned before the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and ordered by them, to pay unto the Collector and Receiver General of this Province, the Sum of* Five Hundred *and* Thirty-eight Pounds, *raiſed by Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, and appropriated for the Building the Fort at* Onondaga, *within ſuch Time, as the ſaid Houſe ſhall think fit, or otherwiſe, that the Houſe do order a Bill, to be prepared and laid before them, for the effectual inforcing the ſpeedy Payment thereof, as aforeſaid.*

Per Order of the Committee,
I. D. Riemer; Chairman.

Which was read; and ordered, that the ſame lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of this Houſe.

The Act for encouraging of the City of *New-York*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Governor's Conference with the *Indians* be read, *Monday* next, at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabbatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Mr. *De Peyſter*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Confirmation of a certain Agreement, made by* Thomas Swartwout *and Company, of the one Part, and* Garrat Aertſen *and Company, on the other Part*; was committed, That they have gone through the ſame, and report the ſame with the following Amendments.

Line 5, put out the Words *(and might hereafter be prejudicial to either of the Parties)* and put in the Words *(and were likely to Occaſion endleſs Differences and Suits in Law and Equity, between the Parties aforeſaid.)*

Line 6, between the Words *(both and ſaid)* put in the Word *(the)*

Line 6, between the Words did and by *(add)* or attempted to do by a certain Agreement.

Line 8, after the Agreement is inſerted *(ſay)* in Purſuance of which Agreement, the ſaid ſeveral Companies, purchaſed of the ſaid *Indians*, and have been in poſſeſſion, according thereunto, which notwithſtanding, the ſaid *Thomas Swartwout* and Company having obtained, and put out, till you come to the Words *(a Surreptitious)*

Line the 10th, put out the Word *(of)* and inſert, contrary to their ſaid Agreement, ſeek to diſturb the ſaid *Garrat Aertſen* and Company, in the Poſſeſſion of their Share and Allotment, of and in the Premiſſes *(and add to the Bill)* and that as to ſo much of the Lands contained in the ſaid Surreptitious Patent, as ought to be enjoyed by the ſaid *Garrat Aertſen* and Company, by Virtue of which ſaid Agreement, the ſaid *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, their Heirs and Aſſigns, ſhall ſtand, and are hereby declared to ſtand and be intruſted for

for the ſaid *Garrat Aertſen* and Compauy, their Heirs and Aſſigns, ſaving to all, and all Manner of Perſons, (excepting the Parties to the ſaid Agreement, and their Heirs and Aſſigns all the Right, Title, Intereſt, Claim and Demand, which they have, or may have to the Premiſſes, or any Part thereof) any Thing in this Act contained to the Contrary hereof, in anywiſe notwithſtanding; *Provided nevertheleſs*, That this Act ſhall not be conſtrued to debar *William Tichoort*, or his Heirs, of any Part of the Land, within the ſaid Patent or Agreement, as the Native *Indians* have given and conveyed to him.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. D. Peyſter, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That the Bill be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

A Bill for regulating the Fences in the County of *Ulſter*, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

An Act for encouraging the City of *New-York*, was read three Times, and agreed to.

An Act for Confirmation of a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, of the one Part, and *Garrat Aertſen* and Company, of the one Part; was read three Times, and agreed to

Ordered, That Capt. *De Peyſter* and Col. *Rutſen*, do carry up to the Honourable Lieut. Governor and Council, the Act for encouraging the City of *New-York*. The Bill for regulating the Fences in the County of *Ulſter*; and an Act for Confirmation of a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, of the one Part, and *Garrat Aertſen* and Company, on the other Part; for their Aſſent, and acquaint them, that they have paſſed this Houſe.

A Bill to enable the City of *Albany*, to defray their Charge, being read the ſecond Time, was committed to Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Haring*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 8, 1701.

AN Act, for repealing an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, for maintaining the Poor and preventing Vagabonds, and for the appointing a more effectual Means, for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge in each City and County, and for maintaining the Poor and preventing Vagabonds*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Jacob Rutſen*, reports from the Committee, appointed to draw Heads of a Bill, for the further regulating of Elections of Repreſentatives, *&c. viz.*

That no *Papiſt* or *Popiſh* Recluſants, or any other refuſing to take the Oaths, and ſign the Teſt and Aſſociation, ſhall have the Benefit of his Vote, to chuſe or elect a Perſon or Perſons for Repreſentatives, to ſit in General Aſſembly, nor have his Vote for Magiſtrates, or any other Officers within this Province. That any Perſon who has an Eſtate in Freehold, either for his Life, or the Life of his Wife, ſhall be entitled to his Vote; that *Dutcheſs* County be annexed to the County of *Ulſter*, for ſeven Years, to commence from the Date hereof; and alſo *Meniſſink* and *Megerhemeck*, until the Line ſhall be run between the County of *Orange* and *Ulſter*, and that the eldeſt Son of a Widow, poſſeſſed of a Freehold Eſtate, and be Twenty one Years of Age, and living in the County where the Freehold is, ſhall have his Vote in Election in ſaid County; and any Perſon or Perſons, who has an Eſtate which is mortgaged, it ſhall not debar him of his Vote, nor ſhall be eſteemed an Incumbrance within the Meaning of this Act; and that the Mayor, or Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *New-York* and *Albany*, for the Time being, and the Juſtices of the Peace, of the reſpective Counties, for the Time being; do, on the Penalty of *One Hundred Pounds*, within two Months after the Publication of this Act, cauſe a diſtinct alphabetical Liſt, to be made of the ſeveral Freeholders and Freemen in their reſpective Cities and Counties, who have right to elect Repreſentatives; which ſaid Liſt is to remain with the Clerk of the reſpective Cities and Counties, which by the Clerk is to be produced on every Election, under the Penalty of *Fifty Pounds*; which ſaid Liſt is to be amended every three Months, by putting out the Perſons dead, and the Perſons removed out of the Cities and Counties, and adding ſuch as have a Right to Vote; and if any Sheriff, ſhall refuſe the Vote of any Perſon ſo liſted, ſhall forfeit *Fifty Pounds*, to the Party grieved, and be for ever uncapable of holding any Office under the King in this Province.

Jacob Rutſen, Chairman.

Which was read; and approved of.

Ordered, That the Speaker prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe according to the Order of the Day, proceeded to the Reading of the Governor's Negociation with the five Nations of *Indians*, and after reading ſome Part thereof, they ordered the reſt to be read, To-morrow Morning at 11 of the Clock.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1701.

THE Speaker, according to the Order of the Day, finiſhed the reading of his Honour's Negotiation with the *Indians*.

Ordered, The Thanks of this Houſe be returned his Honour, for his Trouble and Care therein.

Ordered, That Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Col. *Rutſen* and Capt. *Provooſt*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to conſider of the *Indians* Demands concerning Mr. *Livingſton*, in the ſaid Negotiation, and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Mr. *Morgan*, delivered to this Houſe, a Paper, which he informed the Houſe, was delivered by *Johannis Cuyler* of *Albany*, to Capt. *Provooſt*, to be communicated to the Members of this Houſe: Capt. *Provooſt* owned in the Houſe, that he had received the ſaid Paper, from the ſaid *Johannis Cuyler* and Mr. *Morgan*, deſired the ſame might be read, which was done accordingly.

Ordered, Mr. *Haring*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Veghte*, Mr. *Garretſen* and Mr. *Sebring*, be a Committee, to examine the ſaid Paper, and report the ſame to the Houſe,

Ordered, That Mrs. *Gertrude Van Cortlandt*, the Widow and Executrix of *Stephen Van Cortlandt*, Eſq; late one of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, do, To-morrow Morning at Eleven of the Clock, lay before this Houſe, a particular Account of the *Five Hundred* and *Thirty-eight Pounds*, received by her ſaid Huſband, out of a certain Additional Duty, appropriated for Building a Fort, and to no other Uſe or Uſes whatſoever, but as this Houſe ſhould direct, and that ſhe have immediate Notice thereof.

Cornelius Sebring, reports from the Committee, appointed to examine the Bill for the defraying the neceſſary Charges in the City and County of *Albany*, That the Collector and Treaſurer be appointed or choſen by the Mayor, Aldermen and Juſtices of the City and County aforeſaid.

By Order of the Committee,
Cornelius Sebring, *Chairman*.

Ordered, That the Bill be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 9, 1701.

THE Act, for repealing an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, for maintaining the Poor, and preventing Vagabonds, and for the appointing a more effectual Means, for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge*, &c.

Was read a ſecond Time; and,

Ordered, To be committed to Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *De Peyſter* and Major *Van Brunt*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1701.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more regular Proceedings in the Election of Repreſentatives, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*, was read; and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Act, for repealing of an Act of the General Aſſembly, of this Province, entitled, *An Act for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout the Province*, &c. That in Line 26, Page 1, inſert, *if any Juſtices of the Peace, ſhall refuſe or neglect to put this Act in Execution, he ſhall forfeit*, Fifty Pounds, *to be recovered in the Supreme Court of this Province; and that every Collector ought to have* 21 *Days after Aſſeſſment to collect the Money*; Page 3, Line 4, add, Provided; *That no Money be demanded for Service in General Aſſembly, by any Perſon before the Year* 1698.

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Page 3, Line the laſt, add, *that no City or County ſhall raiſe above* Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum, *for their publick Charge.*

Which was read; and agreed to, and ordered that the Bill be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more regular Proceedings in the Election of Repreſentatives, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 10, 1701.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the City and County of* Albany, *to defray their neceſſary Charge*, was read the third Time.

Ryer Schermerhorn, reports from the Committee, appointed to examine the Matter, relating to the *Indians* deſiring Mr. *Livingſton*'s going to *England*, That they are humbly of Opinion, a Conference may be had with a Committee of the Council, and a Committe of this Houſe, relating to the Matter aboveſaid, and by what Means the *Indians* were induced to do the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
Ryer Schermerhorn, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, The Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *De Peyſter*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Col. *Rutſen* and Mr. *Sebring*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to conſer with a Committee of the Council, according to the above written Report, at ſuch Time and Place as his Honour ſhall appoint.

Ordered, That Capt *Provooſt* and Mr. *Veghte*, do wait on his Honour to acquaint him, the Houſe deſire a Conference with the Committee of the Council, on a Report made to this Houſe, upon the *Indians* deſiring Mr. *Livingſton*'s, going for *England*, and that they have appointed Managers, and deſire his Honour to nominate a Committee of Council, and appoint Time and Place, and that Capt. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Veghte*, do alſo carry up to his Honour and Council, the Act to enable the City and County of *Albany*, to defray their neceſſary Charge for their Conſent.

The following Paper delivered to this Houſe, by Mrs. *Gertrude Cortlandt*, was read, *viz.*

To the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

IT is impoſſible for me to give any particular Account of the *Five Hundred* and *Thirty-eight Pounds*, mentioned in the Order made Yeſterday, ſaid to be received by my Huſband, my Books and Papers having been ſeized and taken from me; nor did my Huſband ever receive *Five Hundred* and *Thirty-eight Pounds*, divers Sum being in Arrear from ſeveral Perſons, on that Additional Duty being refuſed to be paid me, occaſioned by a Proclamation from the Government, forbidding the ſame.

New-York, Sept. 10, 1701. *Gertrude Van Cortlandt.*

Which was read; and committed to Capt. *Provooſt*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Morgan* and Mr. *Garretſon*, and that they be a Committee of this Houſe, and they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Mr. *Sebring*, reports from the Committee, to examine a Paper delivered to this Houſe, by Mr. *Morgan*, that they are humbly of Opinion, That it is a ſeditious Paper, and that *Johannis Cuyler*, is the Publiſher of the ſame, and that he the ſaid *Johannis Cuyler*, be forthwith ſent for, to anſwer before the Bar of this Houſe, what ſhall be alledged againſt him relating to the ſame.

By Order of the Committee,
Cornelius Sebring, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue forth his Summons, for the Appearance of *Johannis Cuyler*, before the Bar of this Houſe, on the 20th Day of this Inſtant, to anſwer what ſhall be alledged againſt him on the ſaid Paper.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 11, 1701.

AN Act for the Settling and Amending the Highways and Roads in the County of *Ulſter*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act to enforce the Owners and Poſſeſſors of improved Lands, in the County of *Albany*, *Weſtcheſter*, *Richmond* and *Orange*, to pay the Proportion of their Quit Rents and Taxes, raiſed for the Support of the Government, and other County Charges, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act for the deſtroying of Wolves in the County of *Ulſter* and *Weſtcheſter*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act for granting unto the City and County of *New-York*, *King*'s County, *Richmond* County, and the County of *Orange*, and the County of *Weſtcheſter*, equal Privilege with the other Cities and Counties of this Province, for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act for the more regular Proceedings in the Elections of Repreſentatives, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fowler* and Mr. *Schermerhorn*, do carry up to his Honour the Lieut. Governor and Council, the ſaid Act for their Aſſent.

Capt. *Provooſt* acquainted the Houſe, That he and Mr. *Veghte*, waited on his Honour, and informed him the Houſe deſired a Conference with a Committee of the Council, who acquainted them, he would appoint a Committee of Council, to meet the Managers of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, at 3 of the Clock this Afternoon, at *Gabriel Thompſon*'s, at the *White Lion*, and that they had delivered the Bill, to enable the City and County of *Albany*, to defray their neceſſary Charge.

An Act for granting unto the City and County of *New-York*, *King*'s County, *Richmond* County, and the County of *Orange*, equal Privilege with the other Cities and Counties in this Province, for the Probate of Wills, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 11, 1701.

MR. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Fowler*, acquainted the Houſe, they had carried up to his Honour the Lieut. Governor and Council, the Act for the more regular Proceedings, in the Elections of Repreſentatives, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province, for their Aſſent.

An Act, for the ſettling and amending the Highways and Roads in the County of *Ulſter*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

An Act to enforce the Owners and Poſſeſſors, of unimproved Lands in the County of *Albany*, *Weſtcheſter*, *Richmond* and *Orange*, to pay the Proportion of their Quit Rents and Taxes, raiſed for the Support of the Goverment, and other County Charge, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *De Peyſter*, Mr. *Fowler* and Mr. *Haring*.

An Act, for the deſtroying of Wolves, in the County of *Ulſter* and *Weſtcheſter*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 12, 1701.

AN Act to oblige *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; to account, according to the Purport of an Act, entitled, *An Act, for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to take and ſtate the publick Accounts of this Province*, was read the firſt Time, and, *Ordered*, That the Commiſſioners of Accounts do fill up the Blanks in the ſaid Bill, of the Sums of Money as they can charge the ſaid Mr. *Livingſton* with, and that he have Notice of the ſaid Bill, with all convenient Speed.

An Act, for repealing an Act of General Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for defraying the publick and necessary Charge throughout this Province, for maintaining the Poor and preventing Vagabonds, and for the appointing a more effectual Means, for defraying the publick and necessary Charge in each City and County, and for maintaining the Poor and preventing Vagabonds.*

An Act for destroying of Wolves, in the County of *Westchester* and *Ulster*.

And an Act of Allowance to the Representatives, which three Acts before-mentioned, were read three Times, and all agreed to.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry them up, to the Lieut. Governor and Council for their Assent.

Mr. *De Riemer*, reports from the Managers appointed by this House, to confer with a Committee of the Council, *viz.*

Die Jovis, 11th of Sept. 1701.

At a Conference of the Committee of Council, and a Committee of the House of Representatives, held at *Gabriel Thompson*'s at the *White Lion*, in the City of *New-York*.

William Atwood, Chairman of the Committee of Council.

Abraham De Peyster,
Robert Walters,
Thomas Weaver. } For the Council.

Mr. *De Riemer*, Chairman for the Representatives.

Mr. *De Peyster*,
Col. *Rutsen*,
Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Schermerhorn*. } For the Assembly.

THE Committees being met, *Ordered*, The Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, do go unto Mr. *Robert Livingston*, and acquaint him, that the said Committees, are now proceeding on Matters, relating to his Management of the Treaties with the five Nations of *Indians*, and that the said Mr. *Livingston*, may be present if he think fit; whereupon the said Mr. *Livingston*, coming before these Committees was made acquainted with, that on perusal of those Parts of the Propositions, made to the Governor by the five Nations of *Indians* at *Albany*, the House of Representatives had been inclined to believe, that the said *Indians*, either by the said Mr. *Livingston*, or by some other employed by him, or with his Privity, were prevailed and influenced, to express or desire, that he should be sent, to solicit their Affairs in *England*; and was asked, if he thought it not proper for him to take a voluntary Oath, before some Person authorized to administer the same, in Order to clear himself from the Censure therein; but the said Mr. *Livingston* answered, that he thought it not worth his while to do the same.

Upon which the Committees have unanimously agreed, That the said Matter ought to be specially reported, to the House of Representatives, by such Persons as are Members thereof. *Per Order of the Committee*,

I. D. Riemer, *Chairman*.

Which was read.

Ordered, That this House, do, at Two of the Clock this Afternoon, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of that Affair.

The Memorial of *Thomas Weaver*, Collector and Receiver General, of his Majesty's Revenue of *New-York*, being read, *viz.*

To the Honourable the House of Representatives of this Province.

The humble Memorial of *Thomas Weaver*, Collector and Receiver of his Majesty's Revenue of *New-York*.

Sheweth,

THAT *whereas by an Act of General Assembly of this Province, imposing an Excise on Liquors imported and retailed in this Province*, It is Enacted, *That whoever shall presume, to retail Wine or Rum, under the Quantity of five Gallons at one Time, without having before agreed for and paid the Excise for the same as the said Act directs, shall suffer the several Penalties, expressed in the said Act*; Nevertheless, *several ill disposed Persons, in order to evade and escape the Penalties of the said Act, and to make the said Law of no Effect, have combined together, and do daily deliver smaller Quantities, than five Gallons of Wine and Rum at one Time, without paying any Excise for the same, on Pretence, that altho' the said Wine and Rum, are delivered in lesser Quantities, yet they had agreed before for five Gallons or upwards, by which Fraud the Revenue of Excise, is in Danger of being wholly lost to his Majesty, contrary to the Intent of the said Law, unless timely prevented by your great Wisdoms. It is therefore humbly offered, That to the Bill now before you, reviving an Additional Duty of Customs, a Clause may be added, explanatory of the Intent and Meaning of the aforesaid Law, enacting that whosoever shall sell, deliver or suffer to be taken away at one Time, a lesser Quantity than five Gallons of Wine or Rum, without having before paid the Excise directed by the said Act for the same, shall be declared a Retailer, liable to the Penalties of the said Act, which is nevertheless submitted, by your most humble Servant,*

Thomas Weaver.

Which was read; and committed to Capt. *De Peyster*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Morgan*.

Capt. *De Peyster*, reports from the Committee, to examine an Act, to enforce the Owners and Possessors of unimproved Lands, in the County of *Albany*, *Westchester*, *Richmond* and *Orange*, the Amendments to the said Bill, *viz.*

Line 2, put out *(Orange)* and add to the Bill, That if any Persons having Lands as aforesaid, in the County of *Orange*, and refuse to pay their Proportions as aforesaid, to the Justices of the Peace of said County, or any of them, or such Person or Persons employed by them, is hereby impowered, to sue the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, in the Counties where they do live, as in an Action of Debt, and the several Judges, Justices and Courts, are hereby authorized and commanded to hear and determine such Suits; any Law, Usage or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. De Peyster, Chairman.

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, The said Bill be amended accordingly.

Col. *Rutsen* and Mr. *Sebring*, returned and acquainted the House, they had delivered the Bills they were sent with.

Then the House adjourned till 1 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 1 ho. P. M. Sept. 12, 1701.

THE House according to the Order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Mr. *De Riemer*'s Report from the Conference with the Council Yesterday; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and Mr. *Provoost*, reports from the Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Report of the Conference, That they have made some Progress in that Matter, and desire leave to sit again.

By Order of the Committee,
David Provoost.

Which was read.

Ordered, This House resolve itself it again into a Committee of the whole House this Afternoon, further to consider of that Matter.

Col. *Thomas Willet* and Mr. *John Talman*, produced their Indentures, that they were chose Representatives for *Queen*'s County.

Mr. *William Willet* also produced an Indenture, that he was chose Representative for the County of *Westchester*.

Ordered, Mr. *Morgan* and Mr. *Schermerhorn*, do attend on the Governor and Council, with the said Col. *Willet*, Mr. *John Talman* and Mr. *William Willet*, and desire the Oaths be administred to them, according to Law, and sign the Test and Association, to qualify them to sit as Members of this House.

Then the House adjourned for an Hour.

THE House being met.

An Act for granting unto the City and County of *New-York*, *King*'s County, *Richmond* County, the County of *Orange*, and the County of *Westchester*, equal Privileges with the other Cities and Counties of this Province, for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Morgan*, do carry up the said Bill, to the Lieut. Governor and Council for their Assent.

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The Houſe according to the Order of the Day, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of the Report of Yeſterday's Conference with the Council; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Mr. *David Provooſt*, reports from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to enquire in the Matter, relating to the Conference which was had with a Committee of the Council and this Houſe, about *Livingſton*, his going for *England*.

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Paſſages contained in his Honour's Conference with the five Nations of *Indians* at *Albany*, relating to the ſending Mr. *Livingſton* for *England*, has been procured by Perſons diſaffected to the Peace of this Government.

That Mr. *Livingſton*, refuſing at a Conference between a Committee of Council and of this Houſe, to give ſuch reaſonable Satisfaction of that Matter, as was by them deſired, it is therefore, the Opinion of the Committee, that the *Indians*, have been impoſed upon by Mr. *Livingſton*, or by his Agents, with his Privity and Conſent.

And therefore, are of Opinion, That an Addreſs be preſented by this Houſe, to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, deſiring him to lay before his Majeſty, the humble Requeſt of this Houſe, to have the ſaid *Livingſton* removed from the Office of Secretary of the *Indian* Affairs, and that in the mean while he may be ſuſpended from the ſame.

And it is alſo their Opinion, That an Addreſs be preſented by this Houſe, to return Thanks to his Honour, for the great Service he has done to the Country, in his laſt Negotiations with the *Indians* at *Albany*. And that his Honour be deſired, that *Lawrence Claeſen*, who is the ſworn Interpreter, may be the only Perſon, to interpret the Negotiation, with the five Nations of *Indians*, when he is to be had.

David Provooſt, Chairman.

Which was read and approved of.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker draw up the ſaid Addreſſes accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 13, 1701.

THE Speaker according to the Order of the Houſe, acquainted the Houſe, he had drawn up the Addreſſes to the Lieut. Governor, which were read; and ordered to be engroſſed.

To the Honourable *John Nanfan*, Eſq; Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Province of *New-York*, &c.
The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the ſaid Province, in General Aſſembly convened.

WE the Repreſentatives of this his Majeſty's Province, being highly ſenſible of your Honour's prudent Conduct, in your late Management with the five Nations at *Albany*, yet humbly beg Leave to remonſtrate to your Honour, that ſome Perſons diſaffected to the Peace of the Government, have inſtigated and deluded the ſaid Nations, to deſire the going over of Mr. *Robert Livingſton*, for *England*, as their Agent, the which being maturely conſidered by this Houſe, and they finding that Mr. *Livingſton*, at the laſt Conference with the Council, did refuſe to give the reaſonable Satisfaction in that Matter, then of him deſired by the ſaid Houſe, is therefore of Opinion, That the ſaid Paſſages, relating to the *Indians* deſire of ſending Mr. *Livingſton* for *England*, have been procured by the ſaid *Livingſton*, or his Agents, with his Privity and Conſent, contrary to the Duty and Allegiance he owes to his Majeſty, and the Peace of the Government.

We therefore humbly move your Honour, to lay theſe our Requeſts before his Majeſty, that his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed, to remove the ſaid *Livingſton*, from the Office of Secretary of the *Indian* Affairs, and that in the mean while, he might be by your Honour ſuſpended from the ſame, until his Majeſty's Pleaſure ſhall be known.

We are your Friends, the Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly convened.

To the Honourable *John Nanfan*, Eſq; Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Province of *New-York*, &c.
The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province, in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe your Honour,

WE *the Repreſentatives of this his Majeſty's Province, out of the deep Senſe we have of the great Services, your Honour did to this Province, in your laſt Negotiations with the five Nations of* Indians *at* Albany, *in your laſt Conference with them.*

Do in the Behalf of ourſelves, and all the Inhabitants of this Province, congratulate your happy Succeſs of the ſame, and do render you our moſt hearty and unfeigned Thanks, for your Care, Prudence and wiſe Management therein, and humbly pray, that for the future, no Perſons may be employed to interpret the Conferences of the ſaid five Nations, but the ſworn Interpreter Lawrence Claeſen, *when he is to be had; ſo wiſhing your Honour all imaginable Proſperity, in this his Majeſty's Government,*

We are your Friends, the Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly convened.

An Act to enforce the Owners and Poſſeſſors of unimproved Lands in the Counties of *Albany*, *Weſtcheſter*, *Richmond* and *Orange*, to pay their Proportion of their Quit-Rents, &c. was read a third Time, and agreed to.

An Act for ſettling and amending the Highways and Roads in the County of *Ulſter*, was read a third Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morgan* and Mr. *Schermerhorn*, do carry up the ſaid two Bills to his Honour and Council, for their Aſſent.

The Speaker ſigned the engroſſed Addreſſes to the Governor.

Ordered, The whole Houſe wait on the Governor with the ſame, at ſuch Time as his Honour ſhall appoint; and that Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Morgan*, do wait on his Honour, and acquaint him thereof.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Vexations and Oppreſſions that are or may be occaſioned by Arreſt of Judgment, ſuperceeding Executions, Writs of Errors, and other chargeable and oppreſſive Proceedings of Law, in the Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province*; was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Morgan* and Mr. *Schermerhorn* returned, and acquainted the Houſe, That they had attended his Honour, and ſaw Col. *Willet*, Mr. *Talman*, and Mr. *Willet*, take the Oaths, and Sign the

the Teſt and Aſſociation; and delivered the Bills ſent by them; and that the Governor would be ready to receive the Houſe with the Addreſſes Tueſday Morning next, at Eleven of the Clock.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, *John Talman*, and Mr. *Willet*, take their Places in the Houſe accordingly.

Ordered, The Houſe do attend his Honour with the Addreſſes accordingly.

The Speaker, according to the Order of the Houſe, deſired them to take their Places; but the ſaid Gentlemen replied, That before they could ſit and act with the Houſe, they had ſome Matters to propoſe, which they had committed to writing, which they deſired the Houſe to read, and give them reaſonable Satisfaction thereon; and in the mean Time would withdraw; which they did, after the Delivery of ſaid Paper, which was ordered to be read in the Houſe; and being read, the Houſe, *Ordered*, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration Tueſday next by this Houſe.

THEN the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, on *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Adjourned till To-morrow, 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1701.

THE Houſe being met, according to the Order of the Day, the whole Houſe, with the Speaker, waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with the Addreſſes of the Houſe.

And being returned, the Speaker reported to the Houſe, That their Addreſſes had been preſented to his Honour; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, That he thanked the Houſe for the good Opinion they had of him; and while he was in the Government, he would always make it his Study and Care to do ſuch Things as would tend to the Peace and Welfare of this Province.

Capt. *John De Peyſter*, reports from the Committee to conſider of the Memorial of *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; Collector and Receiver of his Majeſty's Revenue of this Province, That they are of Opinion, that a Clauſe ought to be added to the Bill now before the Houſe, of reviving an additional Duty of Cuſtoms, mentioned in the ſaid Memorial.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. De Peyſter, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved of.

Ordered, That ſuch a Clauſe be added to the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 16, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt*, *Cornelius Sebring*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Haring*, Capt. *De Peyſter*, Mr. *Morgan*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Veghte*, Major *Van Brunt*, and Mr. *Garretſen*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to examine a certain Paper, delivered to this Houſe by Col. *Willet*, *John Talman*, and Mr. *William Willet*, the 13th of *September* paſt, and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe, what is fit to be done therein.

The Petition of ſeveral Freeholders in the City and Province of *New-York*, to bring in a Bill to prevent letigious and vexatious Suits on all Titles of Lands and Houſes, to the Perſon in Poſſeſſion, or thoſe they Claim under, *&c.* was read.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Rutſen*, reports from the Committee appointed to examine the Paper delivered to the Houſe by Mr. *Thomas Willet*, Mr. *John Talman* and Mr. *William Willet*, That they do take Notice, that the ſaid Paper is writ in barbarous *Engliſh*; and was dictated by ſome Enemy of the Peace of this Government, who took Advantage of their Simplicity, to raiſe Diſturbances; and move, that the Houſe will ſend their Summons, commanding ſaid Perſons, at a certain Day, to appear before this Houſe, to diſcover the Adviſer and Contriver of the ſaid Paper; and that the Houſe would make a particular Reſolve about this Matter.

By Order of the Committee,
Jacob Rutſen, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved of.

And the Houſe taking into Conſideration (according to the ſaid Report) the Paper brought in and ſubſcribed by Mr. *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman*, and *William Willet*, and obſerving the groſs Ignorance and unacquaintedneſs which they diſcovered of the *Engliſh* Language, by ſo rude and barbarous a Claim of the Privileges of his Majeſty's free-born *Engliſh* Subjects, is of Opinion, That the ſaid Paper was dictated by ſome Enemy to the Peace of this Province, who took Advantage of their Simplicity, to raiſe Diſturbances. Whereupon, it is unanimouſly *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Mr. *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman*, and *William Willet*, be ſummoned to attend the Houſe on *Friday* Morning next, at 8 of the Clock; and have Notice, That if they, or either of them, will diſcover who adviſed the ſaid Paper, and will aſk Pardon of this Houſe for the manifeſt Breach of it's Privileges; he or they ſo diſcovering and aſking Pardon, ſhall be forgiven by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Summons accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 17, 1701.

THE Commiſſioners of Accounts brought in this following Paper:

To the Honourable the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

According to your Command, we here preſent you with what we can Charge Mr. *Livingſton*, which he hath received in Exciſe at *Albany*.

	£.	s.	d.	q.
From the Year 1683, till the 1ſt of October, 1700,	3413	11	9	1/4
Theſe Sums he had Warrants for:				
From the 6th May, 90, till the 7th May, 91,	1870	18	6	1/2
From the 7th May, 91, till the 27th May, 92,	2424	2	11	1/2
From the 27th May, 92, till the 14th May, 93,	2065	2	3	
From the 14th May, 93, till the 5th Sept. 95,	4255	9	8	
From the 5th Sept. 95, till the 1ſt July, 97,	130	17	10	1/2
From the 1ſt July, 97, till the 9th June, 98,	258	0	0	
From the 9th June, 98, till the 15th May, 99,	1195	4	5	1/2
From the 15th May, 99, till the 30th May, 1700	926	11	8	
From the 30th May, 1701, till this Time,	530	0	0	
	17069	19	2	1/4

Beſides the Money he received of the Expedition in Col. *Dongan's* Time.

Beſides ſeveral Sums, for which he pretends to have his Majeſty's Order.

Beſides

Beſides ſeveral Sums for his Salaries, as Secretary of the *Indian* Affairs.

Beſides what he had of Mr. *Peter Bogardus*, in the Year 1690.

Leonard Lewis,
Abraham Gouverneur,
D. Provooſt, jun. *Rip Van Dam*,
Cornelius Sebring.

Which was read to the Houſe, and ordered to be inſerted in the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 17, 1701.

AN Act, to oblige *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; to account, according to the Purport of an Act, entitled, *An Act for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take and ſtate the publick Accounts of this Province.*

Was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *Provooſt*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Veghte*, Mr. *Garretſen* and Mr. *Haring*, they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 18, 1701.

MR. *Bleker*, appeared at the Houſe, and produced an Indenture, that he and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, were choſe Repreſentatives of the City and County of *Albany*, in the Room of Mr. *John Abeel* and Mr. *Myndert Schuyler*, to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly now convened.

Mr. *Andries Coejemans* produced an Indenture, that he was choſe Repreſentative for the Colony of *Renſſelaer Wyck*, in the Stead of Mr. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, expelled this Houſe, to ſerve in this Aſſembly now convened.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Peyſter* and Capt. *Provooſt*, do attend on the Governor and Council, with the ſaid Mr. *Bleker*, Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Coejemans*, and deſire the Oaths be adminiſtered to them according to Law, and ſign the Teſt and Aſſociation, to qualify them to ſit as Members of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 18, 1701.

CAPT. *De Peyſter* and Capt. *Provooſt*, returned and acquainted the Houſe, they ſaw Mr. *Bleker*, Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Coejemans*, take the Oaths, and ſign the Teſt and Aſſociation according to Law.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Bleker*, Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Coejemans*, take their Places as Members of this Houſe, which they did accordingly.

An Act for preventing the Vexations and Oppreſſions, that are, or may be, occaſioned by Arreſts of Judgments, ſuperceeding Executions, Writs of Error, and other chargeable and oppreſſive Procedings of Law, in the Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Ruttſen*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *Bleker*, Capt. *De Peyſter*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Fowler*, or any Four of them.

Ordered, Mr. *Morgan*, have Leave to go into the Country for ſome Days, for the Recovery of his Health.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 19, 1701.

MR. *Ryer Schermerhorn*, reports from the Committee, appointed to examine the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to oblige* Robert Livingſton, &c. They have gone through the ſame, with this Amendment, Page the 4th, Line 28, between the Words *(them and any)* inſert the Words *(before the Governor and Council, and Examination in the Supreme Court of this Province.)*

Per Order of the Committee,
Ryer Schermerhorn, *Chairman*.

Which was read.

Ordered, The Bill be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made by this Houſe to his Majeſty, expreſſing the Loyalty of this Houſe, and Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, and to lay before his Majeſty, the Deſigns of thoſe who miſrepreſent this Houſe, and the Proceedings thereof, and to thank his Majeſty for his fatherly Care of this Province, and particularly for his ſending over *William Atwood*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, and *Sampſon Broughton*, Eſq; Attorney General; and that the Speaker, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 19, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

An Act, to oblige *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; to account, according to the Purport of an Act, entitled, *An Act for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take and ſtate the publick Accounts of this Province*, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York*, and Mayor of *Albany*, do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Ordered, That the Houſe, do immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Paper delivered to this Houſe, by *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, on the 13th of this Inſtant, and other Matters thereunto relating; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair.

David Provooſt, reports from the Committee, appointed to examine a Paper delivered to this Houſe, by Mr. *Thomas Willet*, Mr. *John Talman* and Mr. *William Willet*, and other Matters relating thereto;

That they are humbly of Opinion, that immediately be ſent for, the Sheriff of *Queen's* County, and to give his Reaſons, why he has not made his Return to this Houſe, about the Summons ſent to him, to ſummon the ſaid *Thomas Willet* and *John Talman*, to appear before this Houſe, according to Order, and deſire Leave to ſit again.

Per Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman*.

Which was read; and approved of.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant, for the High Sheriff of *Queen's* County, to appear before this Houſe To-morrow at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give an Account, whether he has received a Summons, to be ſerved by him, on Mr. *Thomas Willet* and *John Talman*, and what he did with the ſame, and that the Door-keeper of this Houſe, do hire a Perſon to carry the ſaid Warrant accordingly.

Ordered, That this Houſe will on *Monday* next, at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, reſolve itſelf, into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Paper delivered to this Houſe, by Mr. *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Sabbati, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1701.

AN Act for granting an Additional Duty to his Majeſty, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Mayor of *New-York*, and the Mayor of *Albany*, acquainted the Houſe they had attended the Governor, and delivered

livered to his Honour, the Act to oblige *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; to account, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabbatii, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 20, 1701.

THE Sheriff of *Queen*'s County, appeared before the Houſe according to Order, and acquainted the Houſe, he had ſerved the Summons, upon Mr. *Thomas Willet* and *John Talman*, and that the ſaid Summons came to him the ſaid Sheriff, on the 17th Inſtant in the Evening; the next Morning early, he repaired to their Houſes, and then went in Order to go to their Houſes, and by the Way, met with Mr. *John Talman*, and read the Vote and Summons of the Houſe, to ſaid *John Talman*, who made anſwer, That he did not ſuppoſe that it was his Duty, to go down to this Houſe, thinking them not to be a Houſe, or Words to that Effect, but would go with the Sheriff to Mr. *Thomas Willet*, before he would give a poſitive Anſwer, and went with the Sheriff, to Mr. *Thomas Willet's*, where they found Mr. *William Willet* with Mr. *Thomas Willet*, and after ſome Diſcourſe, they deſired Time till the Afternoon, and would give Anſwer at *Jamaica*; but they came not before next Morning: Being come there, deſired an Hour or two, and would give their Anſwer in writing: About the Middle of the Day, they gave him a Letter for anſwer didirected. This for *Meeſt Gabrel Ludlowe*, living in *New-York*, which he delivered according to its Directions.

Reſolved, The Sheriff of *Queen*'s County, has faithfully and duly diſcharged the Order of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Septem. 22, 1701.

THE Houſe according to the Order of the Day, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of the Paper delivered into this Houſe, by Mr. *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and Mr. *William Willet*, the 13th Inſtant, and other Matters relating thereunto; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair.

And after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair.

Capt. *Provooſt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, as follows,

That they have taken into Conſideration the Contempt ſhewn this Houſe, by *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, in diſregarding the Summons of this Houſe, and refuſing to attend the ſame, as well as by the Paper brought in and ſubſcribed by them, and therefore are humbly of Opinion, That it may be unanimouſly reſolved by this Houſe,

That the ſaid *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, are guilty of a notorious Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

That their ſaid Paper and Proceedings thereupon, are ſeditious, and greatly tending to the Diſturbance of his Majeſty's Government, and ſeem in favour of a foreign Power.

That they be expelled this Houſe, and that Writs be iſſued out, for the Electing others in their Places.

That the Lieut. Governor and Council, be deſired to direct the Attorney General to proſecute them, and that it be referred to a Committee, to draw up Reaſons for the ſame.

By Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved of.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the ſaid *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, are guilty of a notorious Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the ſaid Paper and Proceedings thereupon, are ſeditious, and greatly tending to the Diſturbance of his Majeſty's Government, and ſeem in Favour of a foreign Power.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the ſaid *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, are hereby expelled this Houſe.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Lieut. Governor and Council, be deſired to direct the Attorney General, to proſecute them, and every of them, and that it be referred to a Committee of this Houſe, to draw up Reaſons for the ſame.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs, for electing two Repreſentatives for *Queen*'s County, in the Room of *Thomas Willet* and *John Talman*, expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Repreſentative for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of *William Willet*, expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York*, the Mayor of *Albany*, Mr. *Veghte*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Fowler*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to draw up Reaſons for the proſecuting of *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, according to the Reſolve of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 23, 1701.

AT a Committee to draw Reaſons for proſecuting *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*.

Iſaac De Riemer, reports theſe following Reaſons.

1. That it appeareth by the ſaid Paper, as well as by the Journals of the Houſe, that this was contrived and ſubſcribed before they had been in the Houſe to obſerve any Tranſactions there, and yet they preſume to take upon them the Judgment of the Qualifications of Members, and to take Notice of the Proceedings of the Houſe, which is a manifeſt Breach of its Privileges, and of dangerous Example.

2. They reflect not only upon this Houſe, but upon the Governor, who approved of the Speaker, and whereas in their barbarous *Engliſh* it's writ, *One the 20th Day of* Ougoſt *laſt, the Houſe conſiſted of* 21 *Perſons, whe are of the*

Speeker

Speeker was one, Tenn of the Number did in the Houſe, chaling's the Speeker to be unqualified for being an Aliane, and afterwardes did repetet the ſame to the Gouner, which they have all ſo giv en under the are Handes, upone which Heed, the Houſe being equally devided, could give no Diſiſon.

The Truth of this Matter is thus:

On the 19th Day of *Auguſt*, the Houſe being ordered to proceed to chuſe their Speaker, Ten of the Twenty-one, choſe Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*, againſt whom there was then no Objection, upon Suſpicion of his being an Alien, and Nine endeavoured to chuſe Mr. *Nicoll*; but the Election having fallen upon Mr. *Gouverneur*, the whole Houſe in a Body, preſented Mr. *Gouverneur* to the Lieut. Governor and Council, where Mr. *Gouverneur* would have diſabled himſelf, but the Lieutenant Governor finding no Objection from any one Member, approved of the Choice, which then appeared to be unanimous.

Upon which they returned to the Houſe, and an Objection being made againſt Mr. *Nicoll* and Mr. *Weſſels*, as choſen contrary to a late Act, and therefore not qualified to ſerve, they as was uſual was ordered to withdraw, till that Matter ſhould be determined, and yet they Two, with other Eight, came the next Morning, and then objected againſt Mr. *Gouverneur*, as if they had been informed ſince, that Mr. *Gouverneur* was an Alien, and yet they could not but know, that the ſame Objection had been made in a former Aſſembly, when it appeared upon Examination, that he is within an Act of Naturalization, which has never been repealed, notwithſtanding which, the Two who had no Authority to act as Members till the Queſtion, concerning their Capacities to ſit, was over, together with other Eight, had the Aſſurance to go in a Body to the Governor, to complain of a Matter, wherein they had concluded themſelves, beſides that, their Objection if made in Time, could have had no Effect, and ſince that, as we are given to underſtand, not only by this Paper but otherwiſe, they have put their Complaint in writing, and have ſent the ſame to *England*, after which we deſire that Enquiry may be made, in order to the Puniſhment of ſuch ſeditious Practices.

3. Theſe Perſons are guilty of a great Contempt of his Majeſty's Writ, in purſuance of which they were choſen, and the Truſt repoſed in them, to act as Members of this Houſe, and yet they refuſe to act without ſuch Conditions, as they well knew would not be complied with, nor can without admitting, that thoſe Three, ought to govern the Houſe, and that the Votes of the far greater Part ought to yield to thoſe Three, who while they argue that the Houſe could not decide the Queſtion concerning the Speaker, are ſo inconſiderable as not to obſerve, that the Queſtion had been over, and the due Qualifications of the Speaker agreed to by all in Effect, and that when the Objection was firſt ſtarted there were but eight Perſons qualified to object againſt, not only the choice of Ten but the Submiſſion and Approbation of Twenty.

4. Theſe Perſons having in their barbarous Language uſed theſe Words. *Till you give us furder Satisfaction, and the Speeker clear himſelf, from being an Aliane, we cannot acte with you, to ſit and ſpend ower Time, and the Counties Mony to macke Actes, that will be void in themſelves*; would not only really infer, that your Satisfaction is requiſite to the making the Acts of this Aſſembly of force, but were guilty of an high Contempt of the Authority by which it ſits and acts, diſowning that Authority, and labouring to ſtir up the People of this Province to Sedition, and give Advantage to a foreign Power, upon Diviſions purpoſely raiſed by them, and their Accomplices.

Per Order of the Committee,
Iſaac De Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved of.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 23, 1701.

THE Petition of *Jacob Leiſler* was read, ſhewing, that he having delivered a Letter from his Majeſty, to his Excellency the late Earl of *Bellamont*, and is now in the Hands of his Counteſs, that the Houſe would pleaſe to order ſome of the Members of this Houſe, to deſire ſaid Order from her Ladyſhip, and further to be heard in that Behalf.

Ordered, That the ſame lie before the Houſe.

An Act for quieting, ſettling and confirming, the Rights and Poſſeſſions of *Thomas Lawrence, William Lawrence, Robert Burges, Bragan Bragar, Hendrick Martinſen, George Van Alts, John Lawrence, Andrew Van Alts, Johannis Van Alts, John Pearſall*, and other antient Freeholders, Poſſeſſors of Land and Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called *Hellgate Neck*, within the Bounds of *Newtown* on *Long-Iſland*, now called the Iſland of *Naſſau*; and vacating all under Patents, clandeſtinely obtained of any of the ſaid Lands, againſt the juſt Rights of the ſaid Freeholders, and other the Inhabitants of *Newtown*, having Right, was read firſt the Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Act for granting an Additional Duty to his Majeſty, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *De Peyſter, Cornelius Stbring*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Mr. Mayor of *Albany*, Mr. *Fowler* and Mr. *Veghte*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 7 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 7 ho. A. M. Sept. 24, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 25, 1701.

THE Speaker read to the Houſe a Letter which he received from the High Sheriff at *Albany*, acquainting the Houſe, he had received and ſerved the Summons on *Johannis*

Iannis Cuyler, who would write a Letter to the Speaker.

Resolved, That the High Sheriff of *Albany*, hath duly and faithfully performed the Order of this Houſe, in that Behalf.

The Speaker, produced the Letter from *Johannis Cuyler*, directed to him, writ in *Dutch*.

A Meſſage was ſent to this Houſe, from the Council, that a Conference is deſired by the Council, with a Committee of this Houſe, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, at *Gabriel Thompſon's*, at the *White Lion*.

Which was agreed to, and,

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *Sebring*, and Mr. *Veghte*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to confer with a Committee of Council this Afternoon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fowler* and Mr. *Garretſen*, do wait on his Honour, and acquaint him, this Houſe hath agreed to the Conference, and appointed Managers to meet this Afternoon accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 26, 1701.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Major *Van Brunt*, do wait on the Counteſs of *Bellamont*, to deſire her to lay before this Houſe, his Majeſty's Commands, relating to Mr. *Leiſler*, ſignified to the late Earl of *Bellamont*, by the right Honourable the Earl of *Jerſey* his Letter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1701.

Ordered,

THAT a Conference be deſired by this Houſe, with the Council, about the Bills with the Amendments, ſent down from them to this Houſe, at ſuch Time and Place, as the Governor ſhall appoint.

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Veghte*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and the Mayor of *Albany*, Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Mr. *Fowler*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to confer with the Council, about the ſaid Bills.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Peyſter*, and Mr. *Coejemans*, wait on the Governor to acquaint him therewith, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

Capt. *De Peyſter*, returned and acquainted the Houſe, That his Honour would order a Committee of Council, to confer with a Committee of this Houſe *Monday* next, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, at *Gabriel Thompſon's*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1701.

THE Houſe being met.

Ordered, That the major Part of the Members, nominated to be a Committee of this Houſe, to manage the Conference with the Council, go upon the ſaid Conference this Afternoon accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1701.

MR. *Schermerhorn* and Major *Van Brunt*, acquainted the Houſe, they had waited on the Counteſs of *Bellamont*, according to the Order of this Houſe, who informed them, ſhe would give his Majeſty's Commands, relating to Mr. *Leiſler*, to the Lieut. Governor.

Ordered, That Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Major *Van Brunt*, do this Afternoon, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and in the Name of this Houſe, deſire that his Honour would be pleaſed to lay before this Houſe his Majeſty's Commands, relating to Mr. *Leiſler*, ſignified unto the Governor of this Province, by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Jerſey's* Letter, and that they alſo deliver to his Honour, the Reaſons of this Houſe, for the proſecuting *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, by the Attorney General, together with the Paper ſigned by the ſaid *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, dated the 13th Inſtant, and deſire the ſaid Paper may be returned to this Houſe, after Examination had thereof.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill for granting an Additional Duty to his Majeſty is committed, that the Revenue accruing by the ſaid Act, ſhall not be employed for any other Uſe, but ſuch as is therein directed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1701.

COL. *Rutſen*, reports from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, relating to the Reparation of the Fort at *Albany* and *Schenectady*,

That it is the Opinion of the ſaid Committee, That ſo much Money ought to be borrowed out of the *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, which was raiſed for building of a Fort, for defending of the five Nations of *Indians*, not exceeding ſuch a Sum, as the Houſe ſhall think fit, to be managed by ſuch Perſons as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Per Order of the Committee,
Jacob Rutſen, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York*, and the Mayor of *Albany*, do wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and diſcourſe him, how much may keep the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady* in repair this Winter.

Ordered, That *John Bleker*, ſenior, *Hendrick Hanſen* and *Peter Van Brugh*, be managers for the repairing the Fort of *Albany*, under the Directions of his Honour the Lieut. Governor, of ſuch Sums of Money, as ſhall be granted by this Houſe for the ſame.

Ordered, That *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Eſq; and *Iſaac Swits*, be Managers for repairing the Fort at *Schenectady*, under the Directions of the Lieut. Governor, of ſuch Sums of Money, as ſhall be granted by this Houſe for the ſame.

Mr. *Schermerhorn* and Major *Van Brunt*, acquainted this Houſe, that they had waited on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, that they had delivered to him the Reaſons for proſecuting *Thomas Willet*, *John Talman* and *William Willet*, and that they had alſo deſired his Honour, to lay before this Houſe his Majeſty's Commands, relating to Mr. *Leiſler*, &c. which his Honour, was pleaſed to deliver unto them, deſiring the Original or Copy thereof, might be returned, as the Houſe ſhall ſee Cauſe, which ſaid Letter they have delivered to the Speaker.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Octo.* 2, 1701.

A An Act for quieting, ſettling and confirming, the Rights and Poſſeſſions of *Thomas Lawrence*, *William Lawrence*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Haring*, Mr. *Veghte* and Mr. *Garretſen*.

Ordered, They have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1701.

THE Mayors of *New-York* and *Albany* reported, That they waited on the Governor, who acquainted them, that *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, would repair the Fort of *Albany*, and *Fifty Pounds*, the Fort of *Schenectady*.

Reſolved, That the Houſe does agree to his Honour's Propoſals above-mentioned, and that the Money be borrowed out of *One Thouſand* and *Five Hundred Pounds*, raiſed to build a Fort at *Onondaga*.

His Majeſty's Commands relating to Mr. *Leiſler*, ſignified by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Jerſey*'s Letter, to the Governor of this Province, dated at *Whitehall*, the 6th of *February* $\frac{1699}{1700}$, together with Mr. *Leiſler*'s Petition to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, were read before the Houſe as follows,

Whitehall, the 6th of February, $\frac{1699}{1700}$.

My Lords,

THE King being moved upon the Petition of Mr. *Jacob Leiſler*, and having a gracious Senſe of his Father's Services and Sufferings, and the ill Circumſtances the Petitioner and his Family are thereby reduced to; his Majeſty is pleaſed to direct, that the ſame be tranſmitted to your Lordſhip, and that you recommend his Caſe to the General Aſſembly of *New-York*, being the only Place where he can be relieved, and the Prayer of his Petition complied with.

I am,
My Lord,
Your Lordſhip's,
Moſt obedient,
And moſt humble Servant,

Earl of *Bellamont*. JERSEY.

To the KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Petition of Jacob Leiſler.

Sheweth,

THAT Captain *Jacob Leiſler*, deceaſed, your Petitioner's late Father, was chiefly inſtrumental in promoting your Majeſty's Intereſt at *New-York* in *America*, in the late happy Revolution, in which Conjuncture, he did not only expoſe his Life to the utmoſt Hazard, but did expend, in buying Arms and other Neceſſaries on that Occaſion, above *Four Thouſand Pounds*, of which Sum there did appear to your Majeſty's Aſſembly, ſufficient Evidence of your Petitioner's Father's diſburſing, *Two Thouſand, Seven Hundred Pounds*.

Yet notwithſtanding, ſuch his ſignal Services, by the Influence and Malice of your Majeſty's and his Enemies, who were deeply engaged in the Intereſt of the late King *James*, he was convicted under the Forms of Juſtice, for a ſuppoſed High Treaſon, which was eaſily found, when ſome of the Jury were reputed *Papiſts*, under the Direction of your Majeſty's late Governor Col. *Henry Sloughter*, and *Joſeph Dudley*, Preſident, who ordered the Execution of your Petitioner's late Father, without ſending over for your Majeſty's Direction, leaving *Ailce Leiſler* his Relict, and your Petitioner his only Son, with ſix Daughters in very deplorable Circumſtances, having in a great Meaſure, exhauſted all their Subſtance in ſupplying the then publick Neceſſities.

That upon Application made to the Parliament here in *England*, both Houſes were ſo fully ſatisfied upon the Proofs made before them, touching your Petitioner's ſaid late Father's Services, that an Act of Parliament had lately paſſed, for the reverſing of his Attainder, and the Repreſentatives for the Province of *New-York*, convened in General Aſſembly, have ſignified likewiſe their Senſe of your Petitioner's Father's Services, Sufferings and Loſſes, for your Majeſty's Service, to his Excellency *Richard* Earl of *Bellamont*, your Majeſty's Governor of that Province, to the End that the ſame may be humbly repreſented, and have recommended your Petitioner, as a fit Object of your Majeſty's Favour and Bounty, and that the ſame Sum of *Two Thouſand Seven Hundred Pounds*, be paid to your Petitioner.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays, that your Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to direct, that the ſaid Monies may be paid to your Petitioner at *New-York*, and that he may receive ſuch further Marks of your Majeſty's great Compaſſion and Bounty, as to your Majeſty in your great Wiſdom and Juſtice ſhall ſeem moſt meet.

And your Petitioner ſhall ever pray.

Jacob Leiſler.

Which the Houſe ordered to be immediately printed.

Ordered, That the Houſe go upon the Conſideration thereof this Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock this Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1701.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the more regular Meaſuring of Grain and Salt, &c. within the City of *New-York*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabbatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1701.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Coejemans*, do wait on his Honour the Governor, to know when the Conference ſhall meet about the Bills, and that the Committee of this Houſe attend accordingly.

Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Coejemans*, returned and acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour had appointed the Committees of Conference, to meet at Three of the Clock this Afternoon, at *Gabriel Thompſon*'s, at the *White Lion*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1701.

Ordered,

THAT the Houſe do immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Majeſty's Commands, relating to Mr. *Leiſler*; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair.

David Provooſt, reports from the Committee of the whole Houſe, relating to the King's Orders, concerning the paying Mr. *Leiſler*,

That they are of Opinion, that a Tax be raiſed of *One Thouſand Pounds*, throughout this Province, for paying of Mr. *Leiſler*, and that Care be taken for paying of all the reſt of the Debts of this Province, by ſome Duty or Cuſtom, to be raiſed by the Houſe,

Per Order of the Committee,
D. Provooſt, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *Veghte* and Mr. *Sebring*, be a Committee, to conſider of a Duty to be raiſed to pay the Debts of the Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock this Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 6, 1701.

MR. *Schermerhorn*, reports from the Committee, to conſider of a Duty to be raiſed, to pay the Debts of the Government.

That they are of Opinion, a Duty be laid upon the Goods hereafter mentioned, imported for three Years.

Upon Negroes or *Indians*, imported from their own Country directly,	£.	0	15 0
Upon Negroes or *Indians*, not directly imported,		1	10 0
Upon every Barrel of Mackarel or Fiſh,		0	1 6
Upon every Hun. Weight of Hops,		0	3 0
Upon every Buſhel of Salt,		0	0 2
Upon every half Barrel of Flour exported,		0	0 4 ½
Upon every Thouſand of Pipe Staves imported,		0	2 0
Upon every Thouſand of Hogſhead Staves imported,		0	1 0
Upon every Hun. Weight of Cocoa Nuts,		0	2 0
Upon every Hun. of Rice imported,		0	1 0
Upon every Hogſhead of Molaſſes,		0	5 0
Upon every Barrel of Pitch,		0	2 0
Upon every Barrel of Tar,		0	1 0
Upon every Caſk of Black Soap		0	0 3
Upon every Gallon of diſtilled Liquor, except Rum,		0	0 4 ½

Per Order of the Committee,
Ryer Schermerhorn, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, That the Speaker bring in a Bill according to the two Reports laſt mentioned.

An Act for the more regular Meaſuring of Corn and other Grain, and Salt, was read; and ordered a ſecond reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 8 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1701.

AT a Meeting of the Committees of the Council and Aſſembly, at the Houſe of *Gabriel Thompſon*'s, at the *White Lion*, this 4th Day of *October*, 1701.

P R E S E N T,

William Atwood, Eſq; *Chairman of the Committee of the Council.*
Samuel Staats, *Robert Walters*, *Thomas Weaver*. } Eſqrs, of the Council.
Jacob Rutſen, *Chairman of the Committee of the Aſſembly.*
Hendrick Hanſen, *Henry Fowler*, *John Johnſon Bleker*, *Cornelius Sebring*. } Eſqrs, of the Aſſembly.

The ſaid Committees are of Opinion, That the Bills ſent down to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, by the Governor and Council, on the 25th Day of *September*, be again ſent up to the Governor and Council, and there read, with the Amendments the third Time, and paſſed the Council, and then be ſent down to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for their Aſſent to the ſaid Amendments.

Jacob Rutſen, Chairman.

Col. *Rutſen*, reports from the Committee upon the Bill, for granting an Additional Duty to his Majeſty, that in Line the 16th, Page the 1ſt, be left out from and after the Word *(Tweed)* unto the Word *(and)* in Line the 18th, Page the Firſt.

That it be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, that *Bernardus Freeman* and *Lawrence Claeſen*, their Salaries begin from the 25th Day of *Auguſt* laſt.

That the ſaid *Lawrence Claeſen*, ſhall for the ſame Salary, interpret what Propoſitions and Buſineſs are made and done in the City of *Albany*, and alſo interpret for ſaid *Bernardus Freeman*, when required, and when the ſaid *Lawrence Claeſen*, ſhall be commanded by the Governor, to go to the *Indians*, he is to be allowed for the ſame, in ſuch Way and Manner, as the Governor and Council ſhall think fit.

By Order of the Committee,
Jacob Rutſen, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council, brought by the Clerk of the Council, *viz.*

At a Council held at *Fort William Henry*, this 4th Day of *October*, 1701.

P R E S E N T,

The Honourable *John Nanfan*, Eſq; *&c.*
Samuel Staats, *Robert Walters*. } Eſqrs, *Thomas Weaver*, *William Atwood*. } Eſqrs.

THE Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was read; deſiring the Wharf between the *Wall-Street* and *Burger's Path*, may be ordained a common and publick Landing Place, *&c.* and,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, do carry the ſame to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to whom this Board do recommend the ſaid Petition.

Per Order of Council,
B. Coſens, Cl. Council.

The ſaid Petition and Order of Council being read;

The Houſe doth agree his Honour may appoint ſuch Landing Place if he think convenient, and they are very thankful to his Honour for the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fowler* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up to his Honour, the ſaid Petition and Order of Council, and acquaint his Honour with the Vote of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and read the Act, for the more regular Meaſuring of Corn and other Grain, and Salt, the ſecond Time; and,

Ordered, The ſame be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1701.

AN Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 8, 1701.

AN Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *De Peyſter*, Capt. *Provooſt*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Bleker*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Veghte*, Mr. *Haring* and Mr. *Sebring*, or the major Part of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 9, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 9, 1701.

COL. *Rutſen*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution, That they are of Opinion, a Duty be laid.

That for every Buſhel of Salt imported, £. 0 0 1 ½
On every half Barrel of Flour exported - 0 0 3
On every Firkin of Soap, and ſo proportionable for a greater or leſſer Quantity, - 0 0 6

That the Duties raiſed by this Act, be, and continue till the Year of our Lord 1706.

That in Page the 12th, inſert, *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the Collector of this Province, ſhall within ten Days next, and after the Receipt of the Money aforeſaid, pay the ſame unto the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler*, or his Order, giving a Receipt for the ſame.

That in Page the 13th, Line 24, between the Words *(are)* and *(which)* inſert, *Hendrick Hanſen, Johannis Bleker, Thomas Williams* and *Ryer Schermerhorn*, for the City and County of *Albany*; Major *Aertſon, Bowyn De Wit*, and *Ruth Bleker*, for the County of *Ulſter*; Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, Major *Van Brunt* and *Hendrick Veghte*, for *King*'s County; *Thomas Morgan, John Thuneſs* and *Jacob Corſen*, for the County of *Richmond*; *Cornelius Haring* and *John Cuyper*, for the County of *Orange*; *John Coe*, *John Lawrence* and *John Berian*, for *Queen*'s County; Capt. *Evert Buyvanck*, *James Mott* and *Thomas Baxter*, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*; *Samuel Mulford*, *John Weekes* and *Theophilus Howell*, for the County of *Suffolk*.

That in Page the 13th, Line the 26, *inſert*, the Commiſſioners to take, examine and ſettle the Accounts of the Government, for the City and County of *New-York*.

That in Page the 13th, Line the 27th, leave out from the Word *(and)* to the Words *(And be it further Enacted)* and *inſert*, on or before the 1ſt of *June* then next enſuing, which being ſo made up and allowed, by Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, *Samuel Staats*, *Robert Walters*, and *William Atwood*, Eſqrs, of his Majeſty's Council, and ſigned by Three of them, ſhall be a ſufficient Warrant to the Collector. That in Line the laſt, add between the Word *(expires)* and the Word *(any)* upon Order ſigned as aforeſaid. That there be added to the ſaid Bill, (and that the Collector do every ſix Months, give Account of his Receipt of the Cuſtoms, to the ſaid *Abraham De Peyſter*, *Samuel Staats*, *Robert Walters* and *William Atwood*, Eſqrs, or any Three of them.

Per Order of the Committee,
Jacob Rutſen, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved.

Ordered, The Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution, be engroſſed with the Amendments.

Mr. *De Riemer*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Act for quieting, ſettling and confirming, the Rights and Poſſeſſions of *Thomas Lawrence*, *William Lawrence*, &c.

They are therefore humbly of Opinion, That the ſaid Bill may paſs, *Provided*, That it ſhall not be conſtrued or deemed to debar or fruſtrate the Towns of *Flatbuſh* and *Brookland*, in *King*'s County, of their Rights and Privileges accruing by their Patents.

Per Order of the Committee,
I. D. Riemer, *Chairman.*

Was read, and approved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Act be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 10, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 10, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabbatii, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 11, 1701.

THE engroſſed Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Coſens*, Clerk of the Council, brought to this Houſe, theſe Bills with their Amendments, *viz.*

An Act for Allowance to the Repreſentatives.

An Act for Confirmation of a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, of the one Part, and *Garret Aertſon*, and Company, of the other Part.

An Act for regulating the Fences, in the County of *Ulſter*.

An Act for encouraging the City of *New-York*.

An Act for ſettling and amending the Highways and Roads in the County of *Ulſter*.

An Act for the deſtroying of Wolves, in the County of *Ulſter* and *Weſtcheſter*.

An Act, for repealing an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, for maintaining the Poor and preventing Vagabonds, and for the appointing a more effectual Means, for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge in each City and County*, &c.

An Act to oblige *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; to account, &c.

An Act for the more regular Proceedings in the Election of Repreſentatives, &c.

An Act to enforce the Owners and Poſſeſſors of unimproved Lands in the Counties of *Albany*, *Weſtcheſter*, *Richmond* and *Orange*, to pay their Proportion of their Quit-Rents and Taxes, &c.

The Amendments to the Act for encouraging of the City of *New-York*, being read; this Houſe cannot agree to them, and therefore deſire a Conference with the Council, on the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That the Mayor of *New-York* and Capt. *Provooſt*, do wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe deſire a Conference with the Council, on the Amendments to the Act, for encouraging the City of *New-York*, and that his Honour would appoint Time and Place, and that the Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *De Peyſter* and Capt. *Provooſt*, manage the ſaid Conference.

The Amendments to a Bill, for the regulating the Fences in the County of *Ulſter*.

The Act for Confirmation of a certain Agreement, made by *Thomas Swartwout* and Company, of the one Part, and *Garrat Aertſen* and Company, of the other Part.

An Act for Allowance to the Repreſentatives. And,

An Act for repealing an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province*, &c. were all ſeverally read and agreed to by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 11, 1701.

COL. *Caleb Heathcote* appeared at this Houſe, and produced an Indenture, that he was elected Repreſentative for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, to ſerve in this General Aſſembly.

Capt. *Thomas Hicks* and Mr. *Jonathan Smith*, ſen. appeared at this Houſe, and produced an Indenture, that they were elected Repreſentatives for *Queen*'s County, to ſerve in this General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Fowler*, do with Col. *Heathcote*, Capt. *Hicks* and Mr. *Smith*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, for them to take the Oaths, and ſign the Teſt and Aſſociation according to Law.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 13, 1701.

THE Addreſs to his Majeſty, being read; was ordered to be engroſſed.

The Mayor of *New-York* and Capt. *Provooſt*, reported they had

had waited on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquainted him, the Houſe deſired a Conference upon the Amendments on the Act, for encouraging the City of *New-York*, ſent down to this Houſe, with the ſaid Bill, and that his Honour would appoint a Committee of Council, to meet at *Gabriel Thompſon*'s, this Afternoon at 5 of the Clock, with a Committee of this Houſe accordingly.

Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Fowler*, acquainted the Houſe, That they had ſeen Col. *Heathcote*, Capt. *Thomas Hicks* and *Jonathan Smith*, take the Oaths, and ſigned the Teſt and Aſſociation.

Ordered, That they take their Places accordingly.

Then Col. *Heathcote* produced a Paper, which he ſaid, contained the Opinions of all Three, and being ordered to ſit down, refuſed until they had a Reply to the ſaid Paper, which the Houſe ordered not to be read at this Time, and thereupon they withdrew.

An Act for the ſpeedy Repairing the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, being read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Amendments ſent to this Houſe, with theſe Bills following, *viz.*

An Act for the more regular Proceedings in the Elections of Repreſentatives, for the Cities and Counties within this Province.

An Act for ſettling and amending the Highways and Roads in the County of *Ulſter*.

An Act for the deſtroying of Wolves in the County of *Weſtcheſter* and *Ulſter*.

An Act to enfore the Owners and Poſſeſſors of unimproved Lands, in the County of *Albany*, *Weſtcheſter*, *Richmond* and *Orange*, to pay their Proportions of their Quit Rents, *&c.*

An Act to oblige *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; to account, *&c.*

Were ſeverally read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen* and Major *Van Brunt*, do carry up all the Bills, ſent from the Council, with their Amendments, which were read, and agreed to, except the Act for encouraging the City of *New-York*, to the Governor and Council, as alſo the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Payment of the Debts of the Government, made in the late happy Revolution*; and,

An Act for the more regular Meaſuring of Corn and other Grain, and Salt, which was read the third Time, and agreed to.

An Act for the ſpeedy Repairing the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Col. *Rutſen* reports, he and Major *Van Brunt*, had delivered the ſaid Bills to the Governor.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 13, 1701.

THE engroſſed Addreſs to his Majeſty, was read and ſigned by the Speaker, the whole Houſe and Clerk, as follows, *viz.*

To the KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, of your Majeſty's Province of New-York *in* America.

May it pleaſe your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

"AS the repeated Inſtances of your Majeſty's Goodneſs and Bounty, towards us, draw from us our "moſt ſincere Acknowledgements, we cannot but hope, that "the early Zeal which the People whom we repreſent, and "each of us in particular, have expreſſed for your Majeſty's "Service, may induce your Majeſty to believe, that we ſhall "Labour to our utmoſt, to manifeſt our Duty and Loyalty to "your Majeſty; and that we ſhall be ready to unite with all "Perſons (how much ſoever we have ſuffered from them) "who would join in your Majeſty's Service. With this Diſpoſition we met in this Aſſembly, and flattered ourſelves, we "ſhould have found the ſame in all the Members returned of "it, ſince every Man of them, joined with us in preſenting "our Speaker, and went back to our Houſe, ſeemingly confirmed by the Lieut. Governor's excellent Speech, recommending Unity and Unanimity, together with a due Senſe "of your Majeſty's paternal Care over us. The firſt Thing "we proceeded upon us uſual, was to conſider the Objection "to the Returns of any Members, and there being a general "Complaint, as well as particular Information to the Houſe, "That two were returned in Defiance of the laſt Act of Aſſembly; we judged it proper they ſhould withdraw, till "the Circumſtances of their Caſes ſhould be conſidered; but "to our great Surprize the next Morning, one of them, who "had been ordered to withdraw, an antient Practitioner of "the Law, as we formerly had among us, came at the Head "of thoſe who had endeavoured to have him choſen Speaker, "and by their perſiſting in it, have obliged us to cauſe new "Elections to be made in their Steads, their Pretence for "which their extravagant Proceedings is, that the Speaker is "an Alien, and that they were not aware of it till then, "whereas the ſame Objection had been made in the laſt Aſſembly, while he was but a private Member; and upon Examination of the Matter, it was reported by a Committee, "and agreed to by the Houſe, as the Fact in Truth is, that "he is within an Act of Naturalization, which paſſed in this "Province, in the Year 1683, which Act expreſly naturaliz-"eth all Perſons profeſſing the Chriſtian Religion, except "Servants and Slaves, that were actually Inhabitants within the "Province, at the paſſing that Act, and ſhould take and ſubſcribe to the Oath of Allegiance, without limitting any "Time for the ſame. But ſo it is that ſome *Engliſhmen* by "Birth, moſt of which are not otherwiſe conſiderable, but "as they are Factors for Perſons in *England* or elſewhere, "who can withdraw their Effects at Pleaſure, joining with "ſome Merchants, of the ſame Extraction with ſome of us, "and with ſeveral *French* Merchants, endeavours to make Diviſions among us, pretending to ſet up for an *Engliſh* Intereſt "ſeparate from us, who are ſome of us *Engliſh* by Birth, and "others have been born under the *Engliſh* Government, or by "being naturalized, are entitled to the ſame Privileges with-"in this Province; and they profeſſed, that they will never "be quiet, till we are made or treated as Aliens, and to effect their Deſign, as we are given to underſtand, the Members "who withdrew from the Aſſembly, with ſome others of their "Faction, after they had animated themſelves together, moſt "of the Night, ſubſcribed a Miſrepreſentation of us, and "made Contribution among themſelves for a conſiderable Sum "of Money, which they intruſt with one Mr. *Charles Lodwick*, joined in Agency for them, with Mr. *Montague*, an "Attorney at Law, by Means whereof, they propoſe to themſelves, to bring the Body of the Proprietors of this Province "into Subjection, to ſome *Engliſh*, *French* and *Dutch* Merchants of this City, who expected to diſable us from the "continuing Additional Duty, which expired in *May* laſt, and "from providing for the Defence of this Province, in this "Time of eminent Danger.

"This neceſſary Account of our ſelves and our unhappy "Diviſion, which we hope the Moderation of our Lieut. Go-"vernor, the Wiſdom and Prudence of *William Atwood*, "Eſq; our Chief Juſtice, and *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; your "Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General, might have heal-"ed; we lay before your Majeſty, with all Humility and "deep Senſe of your Majeſty's Goodneſs, to us lately expreſſed, in ſending over ſo excellent a Perſon to be our Chief "Juſtice."

We are,
Your Majeſty's
Moſt loyal and obedient Subjects,
Abraham Gouverneur, Speaker,
David Provooſt,
Johannis De Peyſter,
Iſaac De Riemer,
Garrat Van Vegbte,
Henry Fowler,
Cornelius Van Brunt,
Hendrick Hanſen,
Ryer Schermerhorn,
Jacob Rutſen,
Adrian Garretſen,
Peter Haring,
Andries Coejemans,
Johannis Bleker,
Cornelius Sebring.

The engroſſed Act, for granting an Additional Duty to his Majeſty, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, have Leave to go Home for ſome Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 14, 1701.

THE engroſſed Act, for the ſpeedy Repairing the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

The engroſſed Act for quieting, ſettling and confirming, the Rights and Poſſeſſions of *Thomas Lawrence*, *William Lawrence*, *Robert Burges*, *Bragan Bragar*, and other antient Freeholders, Poſſeſſors of Land and Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called *Hellgate Neck*, within the Bounds of *Newtown* on *Long-Iſland*, now called the Iſland of *Naſſau*; and vacating all under Patents, *&c.* was read the third Time, and paſſed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt*, Capt. *De Peyſter*, Mr. *Bleker*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Veghte*, Mr. *Fowler* and Mr. *Haring*, do carry up to his Honour the Lieut. Governor and Council, the Addreſs of this Houſe to his Majeſty, and deſire his Honour to tranſmit the ſame, the firſt Opportunity for *England*, and that they alſo carry up an Act, for granting an Additional Duty to his Majeſty.

An Act for repairing the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady*.

And, an Act for quieting, ſettling and confirming, the Rights and Poſſeſſions of *Thomas Lawrence*, *William Lawrence*, *Robert Burges*, &c. for their Aſſent.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1701.

MR. *De Riemer*, reports from the Conference of the Committees of Council and Aſſembly, That it is propoſed by the Committee of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, in the Amendments to the Bill, for encouraging the City of *New-York*;

Theſe Words be ſtruck out in Page the 1ſt, Line the 4th and 5th, in the Amendments to the ſaid Bill, That the Governor, Lieut. Governor, Council and Aſſembly. As alſo,

Page the 4th of the Bill, Line the 1ſt, for Buſhels, make Skeeples.

If the firſt Amendment be agreed to, they propoſe in Folio 3 of the Bill, Line the 7th, to ſtrike out, after *(enjoy)* to Line the 10th, to *(and be)* as alſo the laſt Clauſe in the Bill, which Propoſal the Committee of the Council, do intend to propoſe to the Governor and Council.

Iſaac De Riemer, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved.

The Houſe adjourned for an Hour.

THE Houſe addreſſed his Honour the Lieut. Governor and Council, a Warrant may be iſſued to the Collector and Receiver General of this Province, for the Payment of the Charges of the laſt Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Then the Houſe met, and adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 15, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned until To-morrow Morning, 7 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 7 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1701.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1701.

AN Act for removing the Courts, now to be held at the Town of *Weſtcheſter*, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, to the Town of *Eaſtcheſter*, in the ſaid County, within this Province; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ſaid Act being read a ſecond Time, was ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1701.

CAPT. *Robert Walters*, Eſq; brought the engroſſed Act, for ſupplying the Defects of a late Act, entitled, *An Act for ſettling the Militia*, which had paſſed the Council, to which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that the Council had agreed to the Amendments to the Bill, for encouraging the City of *New-York*, the laſt Conference.

The ſaid Act was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act for removing the Courts, now to be held at the Town of *Weſtcheſter*, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, to the Town of *Eaſtcheſter*, in the ſaid County, within this Province; was read the third Time, and agreed to.

The engroſſed Act, for ſupplying the Defects of a late Act, entitled, *An Act for ſettling the Militia*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to Major *Van Brunt*, Capt. *David Provooſt*, *Hendrick Hanſen*, Capt. *De Peyſter* and *Peter Haring*.

Then the Houſe adjourned for half an Hour.

THE Houſe being met.

Capt. *David Provooſt*, reports from the Committee, to examine the Act, for ſupplying the Defects of an Act, entitled, *An Act for ſettling the Militia*, That the ſaid Act ought to paſs without any Amendments.

By Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman.*

Which was read; and ordered to be committed to Mr. *Schermerhorn*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Veghte*.

Mr. *Schermerhorn*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Militia Act was committed, That in Page the firſt, Line the 4th, inſtead of the Word *(Fifteen)* inſert the Word *(Sixteen.)*

That in Page the 2d, Line the 7th, race out the Word *(Fifteen)* and inſert the Word *(Sixteen.)*

That in Page the 2d, Line the 13th, between the Word *(liſted)* and the Word *(which) add*, That the Officer or Officers, who ſhall liſt any Perſon or Perſons, ſhall at the Time he ſhall ſo liſt him or them, give unto him or them, a Certificate in what Company, and Day of the Month and Year, he or they were ſo liſted, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of *Five Pounds*, for every ſuch Neglect.

Per Order of the Committee,
Ryer Schermerhorn, *Chairman.*

Which was read; and ordered to be re-committed to Mr. *Bleker*, Mr. *Sebring* and Capt. *Provooſt*.

Mr. *Bleker*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Militia Act was re-committed, That they are of Opinion, that it be inſerted in the ſaid Act, that no Perſon ſhall be detached, preſſed or obliged to go out of his or their County, under the Age of 16 Years.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis Bleker, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved.

The Act, entitled, An Act for ſupplying the Defects of a late Act, entitled, *An Act for ſettling the Militia*, was read the third Time, and paſſed; with this Amendment added to the ſaid Bill, *viz. Provided always*, That no Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be detached, preſſed or obliged to march out of his or their County, who is, or ſhall be, under the Age of 16 Years.

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Harſen*, do carry up to the Governor and Council, for their Aſſent,

An Act for encouraging the City of *New-York*.

An Act for ſupplying the Defects of an Act, entitled, *An Act for ſettling the Militia*. And,

An Act for the removing the Courts, now to be held at the Town of *Weſtcheſter*, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, to the Town of *Eaſtcheſter*, in the ſaid County, within this Province, to the Governor and Council for their Aſſent.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 7 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1701.

Ordered,

HIS Honour the Lieut. Governor, have a Copy of the Earl of *Jerſey*'s Letter, to the late Earl of *Bellamont*, relating to Mr. *Leiſler*, and his Petition to his Majeſty, ſigned

by the Speaker, and that the Speaker keep the Original.

Capt. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Hanſen*, acquainted this Houſe, the Council not being ſitting, they delivered the Bills, they were deſired to carry to the Governor and Council, to the Clerk of the Council.

Ordered, The Clerk of this Houſe, ſign a Certificate to ſuch Members, as ſat in the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Robert Stoaks*, Meſſenger to the Council to this Houſe, to deſire the Houſe to attend the Governor and Council. Accordingly the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe waited on the Governor in Council, at *Fort William Henry*, who prorogued the Aſſembly until the third *Tueſday* in *March* next, and they were prorogued accordingly.

Memorandum, The ſaid Aſſembly was further prorogued, by Proclamation dated the 2d Day of *March* 1701, to the third *Tueſday* in *April* next.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of *NEW-YORK.*

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1702.

THERE appeared at the Houſe according to the Prorogation by his Honour's Proclamation, Mr. Speaker, *Abraham Gouverneur*, *John De Peyſter* and *David Provooſt*, Eſqrs, for the City and County of *New-York*; For the County of *Ulſter*, *Jacob Rutſen* and *Adrian Garretſen*, Eſqrs. For the County of *Orange*, *Peter Haring*, Eſq; For the County of *Richmond*, *Garrat Vegète*, Eſq; For *King*'s County, *Cornelius Sebring* and *Cornelius Van Brunt*, Eſqrs. The Clerk of the Houſe being ſent to the Governor and Council, brought back to this Houſe, a Minute of Council, dated the 21ſt of *April* 1702, That the Governor prorogued the Aſſembly till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock, ſeveral of the Members not being yet come to Town, and the Houſe was prorogued accordingly.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 22, 1702.

THIS Day, the afore-mentioned Members, and *Henry Fowler*, Eſq; one of the Members for the County of *Weſtcheſter* appeared, the Clerk being ſent, to wait on the Governor and Council, returned and acquainted the Members if there were ELEVEN, they ſhould attend his Honour and Council; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and went with the Houſe, attended on the Governor in Council, where his Honour made his Speech, which he was pleaſed to deliver to Mr. Speaker, who with the Houſe returned and re-aſſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, his Honour delivered his Speech to the Members there convened, which was read in theſe Words, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE Chearfulneſs with which the ſound Part of you gave the Additional Revenue, and the Moderation which you ſhewed to others, aſſures of an happy Effect of this Meeting.

Indeed I had promiſed myſelf, that the Proceedings of your whole Body, would have been agreeable to that Unity and Unanimity, which I ſo earneſtly recommended to you, at the Opening of the laſt Seſſion; but they who refuſed to join with you, in ſerving his Majeſty and the Publick, have ſince made it more evident, than I could have imagined, that nothing leſs than having the Government in their Hands could ſatisfy them, and their chief Managers have ſhewn ſuch a Diſaffection to his Majeſty and his Government, as nothing but the Execution of the Laws can conquer.

If there be any Points wherein the Law of *England*, cannot yet have its full Courſe here, through the different Circumſtances of the Place, I ſhall be ready to concur with you, in proper Methods for ſupplying ſuch Defects, and in all other Matters, which you can reaſonably propoſe, for the Good of this Province.

I think it my Duty, to recommend to you the Conſideration of proper Methods, to ſupport the publick Credit, That the Payments of the Soldiers may be more certain, and the Fortifications put into a good Poſture of Defence; and I doubt not, but your Loyalty to his Majeſty KING WILLIAM, will prompt you to ſhew your Reſentment of the Indignity offered his Majeſty and the *Engliſh* Nation, by the *French* King, in pretending to ſet up an Impoſture for King of *England*, and thoſe other Dominions, of which *France* itſelf, is known to be Part, being within his preſent Majeſty's rightful Stile.

And in humble Imitation of the great Example, of the common Father of us, and his numerous happy People, I cannot but preſs, that there be no Diſtinction heard of amongſt us for the future, but of thoſe who are for the *Proteſtant* Religion, and the preſent Eſtabliſhment, and of thoſe who mean a *Popiſh* Prince, and a *French* Government.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be preſented to his Honour, for his kind and favourable Speech:

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 22, 1702.

THE Houſe being met, the Governor's Speech was read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do humbly addreſs his Majeſty, to ſhew their Reſentment, of the Indignity offered his Majeſty and the *Engliſh*

Engliſh Nation, by the *French* King, in pretending to ſet up an Impoſture for King of *England*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, aſſuring his Majeſty, that this Houſe is, and always will be ready, to the utmoſt of their Power, to defend his Majeſty's undoubted Right to the Imperial Crown of *England*, and that the Speaker prepare and bring in the ſaid Addreſs accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 23, 1702.

THE Speaker according to the Reſolve of the Houſe, produced the Addreſs to his Majeſty, which was read; and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That the Speaker bring in a Bill for granting unto the City of *New-York*, *King*'s County, County of *Richmond*, County of *Orange*, and County of *Weſtcheſter*, equal Privileges with other Cities and Counties of this Province, for the Probate of Wills, *&c.*

And a Bill for paying the Debts of the Government, contracted in the Time of the late happy Revolution.

Ordered, That *William Sharpas*, Eſq; Town Clerk to the City and County of *New-York*, do lay before this Houſe, the Books in which the Minutes of the Common Council of the City of *New-York*, are entered and recorded, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Addreſs to his Majeſty, being read the ſecond Time, was ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered, The Speaker iſſue his Warrants, to command the ſeveral abſent Members, to attend this Houſe according to their Duty.

Ordered, The Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, to elect a Repreſentative for the County of *Richmond*, inſtead of *Thomas Morgan*, Eſq; deceaſed.

Ordered, The Speaker prepare an Addreſs, to be preſented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to thank him for his great Care for the Preſervation of the Peace of this Province.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners of the publick Accounts, make their Report to this Houſe *Monday* next.

Then the Speaker ſigned a Warrant, for the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, to appear at the Houſe; and one for the Repreſentative, for the Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck*, to appear.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 23, 1702.

THE Houſe being met.

An Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act for granting unto the City and County of *New-York*, *King*'s County, County of *Richmond*, County of *Orange*, and the County of *Weſtcheſter*, equal Privilege with the other Cities and Counties of this Province, for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration, was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Sharpas*, appearing with the Common Council Books of the City of *New-York*; it was,

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Fowler*, Mr. *Veghte*, Mr. *Haring* and Major *Van Brunt*, be a Committee, to inſpect the Minutes of the Common Council of the ſaid City; and to examine the Proceedings, relating to the laſt Elections of Aldermen for the ſaid City, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 24, 1702.

AN Act for paying the Debts of the Government, made in the late happy Revolution, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

An Act for granting unto the City and County of *New-York*, *King*'s County, County of *Richmond*, County of *Orange*, and the County of *Weſtcheſter*, equal Privileges with the other Cities and Counties of this Province, for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered, That this Houſe reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution.

And after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair.

Capt. *De Peyſter*, reports from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, for paying the Debts of the Government, made in the late happy Revolution was committed, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, but deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of the ſame.

Then the Speaker ſigned a Warrant for the Members of *Queen*'s County, and one for a Repreſentative for the County of *Weſtcheſter*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 24, 1702.

AN Act for out-lawing *Philip French* and *Thomas Wenham*, Merchants, and enforcing a Proceſs of Out-law, was read; and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe according to the Order of the Day, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider the Bill for paying the Debts of the Government, *&c.* whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair. And,

Capt. *Johannis De Peyſter*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the ſaid Bill was committed, *viz.*

between the Words *(the)* and *(late Time of)*

Line the 3d, Page 1, between *(divers)* and *(good)* add *(other)*

Page 2d, Line laſt, ſay *(on or before the firſt Day of* November *next enſuing* 1702.)

Page 3d, Line 7, add *(One Hundred* and *Twenty-three Pounds.)*

Line 8, ſay *(One Hundred* and *Seventy-ſix Pounds, Ten Shillings.)*

Line 9 and 10, ſay *(One Hundred* and *Eighty-ſix Pounds, Four Shillings.)*

Page 3d, Line 18, add after *(Mayor)* or Recorder, after *(Aldermen)* add *(the major Part of them.)*

Line 19, after Juſtices, add *(the major Part of them.)*

Line 22, inſtead of Forty, ſay *(Twenty.)*

Page 4, Line 3, after Mayor *(or Recorder)* after Aldermen, add *the major Part of them.)*

Line 30, after Mayor, add *(or Recorder)*

Page 5, Line 4, after Eſtate, add *(real and perſonal)*

Page 6, Line 20, after Juſtices, add *(the major Part of them.)*

Page 7, Line 18, add *(which ſaid Charge, to be adjudged by two Juſtices of the Peace.)*

Line 27, after Mayor, add *(Recorder.)*

Page 8, Line 24, after Mayor, add *(Recorder.)*

Page 9, Line 27, *Four Shillings*, inſtead of *Two*, and add to the Bill, *And be it further Enacted*, That upon the Death or Abſence of any of the ſaid Perſons out of this Province, it ſhall, and may be Lawful, for ſuch as ſurvive or remain in the Province, to join unto them one or more Perſons, as they ſhall think fit, to make up the Number of Four, which Perſons, ſo choſen by them, ſhall to all Intents and Purpoſes, be inveſted with all the Powers in this Act, given to the ſaid Perſons now nominated.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. De Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which was read; and approved.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Speaker ſigned a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to iſſue forth a Writ, to elect a Repreſentative for the County of *Richmond*, inſtead of *Thomas Morgan*, Eſq; deceaſed, late a Member of this Houſe, for the ſaid County.

The Act for Out-lawing *Philip French* and *Thomas Wenham*, and enforcing Proceſs of Out-law, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *De Peyſter*, Capt. *Provoſt*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Garretſen*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 25, 1702.

CAPT. *Provoost*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Act for Out-lawing *Philip French* and *Thomas Wenham*, Merchants, and enforcing a Proceſs of Out-lawry was committed, *viz.*

Put in Line the 13th, after the Word *(England) Provided always*, That ſuch of the ſaid two Perſons, as ſhall ſurrender him or themſelves, before the Chief Juſtice of this Province within ten Days, and enter into ſufficient Recognizance, with Security to our Lord the King, in ſuch Sums as to the ſaid Chief Juſtice ſhall ſeem meet; to anſwer, plead and be tryed upon the ſaid Indictment, within ſuch reaſonable Time, as the ſaid Chief Juſtice ſhall direct, by ſpecial Commiſſion or otherwiſe; that then and in ſuch Caſe, he or they, ſo ſurrendering him or themſelves, and entering into Recognizance as aforeſaid, ſhall be acquitted and diſcharged of the Penalty of this Act; and after with, in Line 18, *Six*, and in Line 22, put in and in Line 48, put in, *Twenty*.

By Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, The ſaid Act be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fowler*, one of the Members for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, to remove the County Courts of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, from the Town of *Weſtcheſter*, to the Town of *Eaſtcheſter*, in the ſaid County.

Ordered, A Bill be brought into this Houſe, declaring, confirming and explaining the Liberties of the City of *New-York*, and the Town of *Kingſtown*, in the County of *Ulſter*, relating to chuſing of their Magiſtrates.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock this Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 25, 1702.

THE engroſſed Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the Time of the late happy Revolution, being read the third Time, was paſſed.

Ordered, That *David Provooſt*, *Jacob Rutſen*, *Cornelius Sebring*, *Garrat Veghte*, *Henry Fowler* and *Peter Haring*, Eſqrs, be a Committee of Grievances, and to ſit *De Die*, *ad Diem*, all this Seſſions.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1702.

THE engroſſed Act for granting unto the City and County of *New-York*, *King's* County, County of *Richmond*, the County of *Orange*, and the County of *Weſtcheſter*, equal Privileges with the other Cities and Counties of this Province, for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration, was read the third Time, and paſſed.

The engroſſed Act, for Out-lawing *Philip French* and *Thomas Wenham*, Merchants, and enforcing Proceſs of Out-lawry, was read the third Time, and paſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen* and Capt. *De Riemer*, do carry up the ſaid two Bills, and alſo the Act, for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution, to his Honour the Lieut. Governor and Council, for their Aſſent.

Col. *Rutſen* and Capt. *De Riemer*, returned and acquainted the Houſe, they had delivered the ſaid Bill to his Honour and Council.

The Commiſſioners of the publick Accounts, brought in their Report.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1702.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 8 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1702.

CAPT. *Provooſt*, reports from the Committee of Grievances, That a Bill be brought in for electing of two Repreſentatives more, as are already elected in the City and County of *New-York*; one Repreſentative by itſelf for *Schenectady*, one at *Kinderhook*, one in *Renſſelaer Wyck*, one more in *King's* County, and the Reſt of the Counties, as they were before eſtabliſhed.

Per Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, A Bill be brought in accordingly.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the many and great Favours his Majeſty has beſtowed on this Province, do unanimouſly reſolve to continue the Revenue eſtabliſhed for ſome Time longer, than the ſame is now by Law ſettled, and that all Matters relating thereunto, be conſidered with all convenient Speed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1702.

JOHN Bleker, *Hendrick Hanſen* and *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Eſqrs, Repreſentatives for the City and County of *Albany*, appeared at the Houſe.

An Act for declaring, confirming and explaining, the Liberties of the City of *New-York*, relating to the Electing of their Magiſtrates, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act to remove the Seat of the ſeveral Courts of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, from the Town of *Weſtcheſter*, to the Town of *Eaſtcheſter*, in the ſame County, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General for this Province, was read.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration with all convenient Speed.

Ordered, The Houſe reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Reſolve of the Houſe, to continue the Revenue for a longer Time; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair. And,

Capt. *Provooſt*, reported to the Houſe, they had made ſome Progreſs therein, but deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, This Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1702.

THE Act for declaring, confirming and explaining, the Liberties of the City of *New-York*, relating to the Electing of their Magiſtrates, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to *Ryer Schermerhorn*, *Hendrick Hanſen*, *Adrian Garretſen*, *David Provooſt* and *Jacob Rutſen*, Eſqrs.

The Act to remove the Seat of the ſeveral Courts of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, from the Town of *Weſtcheſter*, to the Town of *Eaſtcheſter*, in the ſame County, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fowler*, Capt. *De Peyſter* and Mr. *Sebring*.

The Houſe according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of continuing the Revenue for longer Time; then the Speaker left the Chair, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and Capt. *David Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, that they are of Opinion, That the Revenue ought to be continued for 2 Years after the Expiration thereof, as it is now eſtabliſhed, to be applied to ſuch Uſe as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Per Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman*.

Which was read and unanimouſly agreed to.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1702.

CAPT. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Act for declaring, confirming and explaining, the

Liberties of the City of *New-York* was committed, That the ſaid Bill ought to paſs without Amendments.

Per Order of the Committee,

Which was read and agreed to.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be engroſſed accordingly.

Capt. *De Peyſter*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Act to remove the Seat of the ſeveral Courts of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, *&c.* was committed, that they are humbly of Opinion, a Clauſe ſhould be added to the ſaid Bill, for the Building a Court or Town-Houſe, and a Priſon, in the Town of *Eaſtcheſter*, for the ſaid County, and that the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, or the major Part of them, have Power to raiſe Money on the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, for building the ſame in one Year, after the Publication of the Act.

By Order of the Committee,
J. D. Peyſter, *Chairman.*

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Elections of Truſtees and Magiſtrates, for the Town of* King's Town, *in the County of* Ulſter, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, A Bill be brought into this Houſe, to continue the Commiſſioners of Accounts one Year longer.

The Act for the better regulating the Elections of Truſtees and Magiſtrates, for the Town of *King's Town*, *&c.* was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Coſens*, brought a Meſſage from the Governor and Council.

Amendments to the Bill, for Out-lawing *Philip French* and *Thomas Wenham*, Merchants, *&c.* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, *viz.*

Amendments to the Bill, for Out-lawing *Philip French* and *Thomas Wenham*, Merchants, and enforcing Proceſs of Outlawry.

Page the 2d, Line 2d, leave out *(the Form and)*

Line 3, ſtrike out *(ſuch of the two ſaid Perſons as)* and add *(if the ſaid* Philip French *and* Thomas Wenham, *or either of them.)*

Line 5th, leave out *(within ten Days)* and inſtead thereof, add *(on or before the 10th Day of* May, *in this preſent Year* 1702, *and reſpectively.)*

Line 5th, ſtrike out *(ſufficient)* before *(Recognizance)* and add it after *(with)*

Line 9th, after the Words *(otherwiſe, that then and)* inſert *(as alſo to be of good Behaviour, for twelve Months next enſuing.)*

Page 3, Line 10th, leave out *(Form and)*

Page the 4th, Line the 14th, after *(made)* add *(ſhall)*

Ordered, That the Houſe go upon the ſame forthwith.

The ſaid Amendments having been ſeverally read, were agreed to.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill and Amendments be returned to the Governor and Council.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for augmenting the Number of Repreſentatives of this Province, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The ſaid Bill being read the ſecond Time, was committed to *David Provooſt*, *Cornelius Sebring*, *Hendrick Hanſen*, *Jacob Rutſen*, *Peter Haring*, *Garrat Veghte* and *Ryer Schermerhorn*, Eſqrs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Henry Fowler*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the better ſettling real Eſtates in this Province.

Capt. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act for augmenting the Numof Repreſentatives of this Province, to ſerve in General Aſſembly.*

Line 11, inſtead of *Two*, ſay *Five*, after *Schenectady*, add *Niſtigionne* and *Half-Moon.*

Line 12, after *Kinderhook*, and all that Part of the County, that lies to the *Southward* of the Colony of *Renſſelaer Wyck, and add*, for the City and County of *Albany* Two; and add to the Bill, *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the Members aforeſaid, be elected, choſen and returned according to the Laws of this Province, in that Caſe provided. *And be it further Enacted, by the ſaid Authority*, That the Town of *Schenectady*, *Niſtigionne* and *Half-Moon*, and the Town of *Kinderhook*, and all that Part of the Colony of *Renſſelear Wyck*, ſhall, and may elect any ſufficient Freeholder, of the City and County of *Albany*, to repreſent either of the ſaid Towns if they ſo think fit, any Law, Uſage or Cuſtom, to the contrary hereof, in any Ways notwithſtanding; and add, in Line 16, *Two for* Orange *County*.

Per Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman.*

Which were read, and approved.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be amended and engroſſed accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 30, 1702.

THE *engroſſed Act for declaring, confirming and explaining, the Liberties of the City of* New-York, *relating to the Electing of their Magiſtrates.*

The engroſſed Act for augmenting the Number of Repreſentatives of this Province, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly.

The engroſſed Act for the better regulating the Elections of Truſtees and Magiſtrates, for the Town of King's Town, *in the County of* Ulſter.

And the engroſſed Act, to remove the Seat of the ſeveral Courts of the County of Weſtcheſter, *from the Town of* Weſtcheſter, *to the Town of* Eaſtcheſter, *in the ſame County*, were all read the third Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Capt. *De Peyſter* and Mr. *Hanſen*, do carry up the ſaid four engroſſed Bills, to his Honour and Council, for their Aſſent, and the Addreſs of this Houſe to the King, and pray his Honour to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty, by the firſt Opportunity.

The King's Letters Patent, to conſtitute *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; Collector and Receiver General of this Province, was read.

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt*, Col. *Rutſen* and Mr. *Schermerhorn*, be a Committee, to conſider the Petition of *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq;

Capt. *De Peyſter* and Mr. *Hanſen*, returned and reported to the Houſe, they had delivered the four engroſſed Bills and the Addreſs to his Majeſty to his Honour, who promiſed to tranſmit the ſaid Addreſs with all Speed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 1, 1702.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Commiſſioners of Accounts, for one Year longer*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The ſaid Bill was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſaid Bill being engroſſed, was read the third Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt* and Col. *Rutſen*, do carry up the ſaid Bill to his Honour and Council, for their Aſſent.

Ordered, A Bill be brought into this Houſe, to ſettle the Revenue on his Majeſty, as by Law eſtabliſhed, for two Years longer, after the Expiration of the laſt Term.

Capt. *Provooſt* and Col. *Rutſen*, returned and reported to the Houſe, they had delivered the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Commiſſioners of Accounts one Year longer.*

An Act for continuing the Revenue, eſtabliſhed by Law unto his Majeſty for two Years longer, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The ſaid Act, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſaid engroſſed Act being read a third Time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Capt. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up to the Governor and Council, the Act for continuing the Revenue eſtabliſhed by Law unto his Majeſty, for two Years longer, for their Aſſent.

Reſolved, That this Houſe finding upon the Report of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, That they have been buſy upon the Account ſixty-ſeven Days, and that their Charges amount to *Forty-one Pounds*, *Eleven Shillings* and *Ten-pence*; and that they think it reaſonable, that there ſhould be allowed to each of them Five, *Six Shillings*, *per* Day, and *Three Shillings*, for Houſe Room and Door Keeper *per* Day, and therefore deſire the Governor and Council, would take Care for the ſatisfying of them accordingly.

Capt. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Sebring*, returned and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, with an Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for augmenting the Number of Repreſentatives of this Province, to ſerve in General Aſſembly*, to which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe, was read; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, Capt. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait on the Governor and Council and return the ſaid Bill, and acquaint them, this Houſe has agreed to the ſaid Amendments, *viz.*

Amendments to the Bill for augmenting the Number of Repreſentatives of this Province, to ſerve in General Aſſembly.

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Line 2, Page 2, leave out the Word *(three)* and instead thereof, add *(two)*

The Governor commanded the Houſe to attend him immediately; which the Houſe accordingly did, and being returned, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour had given his Aſſent, to the ſeveral Bills as follows, *viz.*

1. *An Act for paying the Debts of this Government, made in the late happy Revolution.*
2. *An Act for Out-lawing* Philip French *and* Thomas Wenham, *Merchants, and enforcing the Proceſs of Out-lawry.*
3. *An Act for declaring, confirming and explaining the Liberties of the City of* New-York.
4. *An Act for augmenting the Number of Repreſentatives of this Province, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly.*
5. *An Act for the better regulating the Elections of Truſtees and Magiſtrates, for the Town of* King's Town, *in the County of* Ulſter.
6. *An Act to continue the Commiſſioners of Accounts, for one Year longer.*
7. *An Act for continuing the Revenue, eſtabliſhed by Law unto his Majeſty, for two Years longer.*

The Speaker, according to the Order of the Houſe, made the following Speech to his Honour.

May it pleaſe your Honour,

I *Am commanded by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to acquaint your Honour with their Sentiments, That next to their moſt hearty Expreſſions of Loyalty to our moſt rightful Sovereign King* William, *which they have made, by doing every Thing in their Power, to ſupport his Government in this Province, and to diſcourage thoſe who are Enemies to it: They do with the greateſt Senſe of Gratitude, acknowledge your Honour's conſtant Zeal, for his Majeſty's Service and the Good of this Province, ever ſince his Majeſty has been pleaſed to make us happy, and to honour you with the Authority of this Government, of which you have given ſuch convincing Proofs, that they, and their Poſterity have Reaſon to pray, that the warm Influences of his Majeſty's Favour, and the eternal Bleſſings of Futurity, may compenſate them to your Honour's Perſon and Family for ever.*

Which his Honour favourably accepted, and thanked the Houſe for the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 6 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 6 ho. A. M. May 2, 1702.

THE Houſe being met, the Governor ſent a Meſſage to deſire them to attend him to the City Hall of *New-York*, to proclaim ſuch Acts as he had paſſed this Seſſion, which was done accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 ho. P. M. May 2, 1702.

THE ſecond Petition of *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; was read; praying the Houſe to repreſent his Caſe, to the Governor and Council; that upon a favourable Repreſentation thereof to his Majeſty, he may be reſtored to his Salary ſtoped, till he embarked for *America*, and referred to the Committee, his firſt Petition was committed to, and that Capt. *De Riemer*, be added to the ſaid Committee.

David Provooſt, reports from the Committee, appointed to examine the two ſeveral Petitions of *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq;

That they are humbly of Opinion, that the Matter, relating to his laſt Petition, be repreſented by this Houſe, to his Honour the Governor and Council, in Order the ſame may be repreſented to his Majeſty.

Per Order of the Committee,
David Provooſt, *Chairman.*

Ordered, The Speaker draw the ſaid Repreſentation, which he accordingly did, *viz.*

To his Honour the Lieut. Governor and Council.

The humble Repreſentation of the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

THIS Houſe being ſenſible of the Truth of the Fact, contained in the Petition of *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; (herewith recommended to your Honour) and in Regard of the faithful Services, the ſaid *Thomas Weaver*, Eſq; hath performed, during the Time he was Agent for this Province in *England*, which occaſioned his Stay there.

This Houſe do humbly requeſt the Lieut. Governor and Council, that they will pleaſe ſo favourably to repreſent the ſaid *Thomas Weaver*, to his Majeſty, that his Majeſty may graciouſly pleaſe, not only to remove the Suſpenſion, and to order an Allowance of Payment, of the ſaid Collector's Salary, from the Date of his Letters Patent, but alſo recommend him to be further rewarded by his Majeſty, for his great Zeal, Vigour and Reſolution, he hath always expreſſed in the Service of his Majeſty and this his Government.

By Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

Which was engroſſed, read to the Houſe, and ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered, Capt. *De Riemer* and Mr. *Adrian Garretſen*, do carry up the ſaid Repreſentation and the ſecond Petition of the ſaid Mr. *Weaver*, to his Honour and Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Six a Clock.

Memorandum, The Aſſembly was diſſolved the third Day of *May*, by Proclamation from his Excelleney *Edward* Lord Viſcount *Cornbury*, bearing Date the third Day of *May* 1702.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Province of *NEW-YORK*.

Edward Lord Viſcount *Cornbury*, Governor.

City and County of *New-York*.

Stephen De Lancey,
Thomas Coddrington,
Philip French,
Jacobus Cortlandt.

County of *Richmond*.

John Stillwell,
Abraham Lakerman.

County of *Weſtcheſter*.

William Willet,
Joſeph Purdy.

King's County.

Cornelius Sebring,
Cornelius Van Brunt.

Queen's County.

Major *John Jackſon*,
Capt. *Daniel Whitehead*.

County of *Suffolk*.

Col. *Matthew Howell*,
William Nicoll.

County of *Ulſter*.

Col. *Henry Beekman*,
Capt. *Thomas Garton*.

City and County of *Albany*.

Mr. *John Abeel*,
Mr. *Myndert Schuyler*,
Mr. *Evert Banker*.

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck*.

Mr. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*.

Borough of *Weſtcheſter*.

Mr. *Joſiah Hunt*.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1702.

THERE appeared purſuant to his Majeſty Writ, for electing Repreſentatives, to ſerve in General Aſſembly for the Province of *New-York*, to be holden at the Town of *Jamaica*, in *Queen*'s County: Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, Two of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*: Mr. *Sebring*, one of the Repreſentatives for *King*'s County: Major *Jackſon* and Capt. *Whitehead*, for *Queen*'s County: Major *Howell* and Mr. *William Nicoll*, for the County of *Suffolk*: Col. *Henry Beekman* and Capt. *Thomas Garton*, for the County of *Ulſter*: Mr. *John Stillwell* and Mr. *Abraham Lakerman*, for the County of *Richmond*: And Mr. *William Willet*, one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Weſtcheſter*.

The Clerk by Direction of the aſore-mentioned Repreſentatives, waited on his Excellency and acquainted him, there were twelve Repreſentatives met; whereupon his Lordſhip granted a *Dedimus Poteſtatem*, to the Chief Juſtice and ſecond Juſtice, to ſware the Members, who took the Oaths, and ſigned the Teſt according to Law.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Clerk of the Council, to acquaint the Members, his Excellency expected their Company at Council Chamber, and they immediately waited on him, and his Excellency deſired them to chuſe their Speaker. Then they returned, and choſe *William Nicoll*, Eſq; their Speaker.

Then the Clerk of the Houſe, was ordered to wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, they had choſe their Speaker, upon which his Excellency ſent the Clerk of the Council to inform them, he deſired their Attendance, and accordingly waited on him and preſented Mr. *William Nicoll*, their Speaker, to his Excellency, who was accepted and approved; then the Speaker in the Name of the whole Houſe, made a demand of their antient Privileges, and prayed his Lordſhip's Confirmation of them, *viz.*

The Freedom from Arreſts for themſelves and Servants, during the Seſſion as uſual.

Freedom of Acceſs to his Lordſhip upon all Occaſions, relating to their preſent Service.

Freedom of Debate and Speech in their Houſe, and a favourable and candid Conſtruction of all their Words.

With all other the antient Privileges, Uſages and Cuſtoms, of this Houſe, and that Demands of theſe their Rights, might be entered in the Council Books. To which his Excellency anſwered,

anſwered, that he knew them to be the Rights of the Houſe of Commons of the Kingdom of *England*, and of this Aſſembly; and therefore, he did entirely confirm them, as large as ever they were granted, and the ſame ſhould be entred in the Council Books accordingly.

His Excellency was pleaſed to make his Speech, and the Houſe returned, and the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that he thought he could repeat the Subſtance of his Excellency's Speech, but to avoid any Omiſſion or Miſtake, thought beſt to pray a Copy of it, which being obtained, was read as follows;

Gentlemen,

"WHEN I firſt left *England*, to come into this Province, I did reſolve at my firſt Arrival, to call "a General Aſſembly, hoping to find all Things here in ſo "good a Poſture, that I ſhould have had nothing to do, but "to apply myſelf, with your Aſſiſtance, to the putting this "Country into a Poſture of Defence, againſt the War, which "I expected every Day would break out. It was an extreme "Surprize to me, to find this Province at my Landing, in "ſuch a Convulſion, as muſt unavoidably have occaſioned its "Ruin, if it had been ſuffered to have gone on a little longer. "The many Complaints that were brought to me, againſt "the Perſons I found here in Power, ſufficiently proved a-"gainſt them, and the miſerable Accounts I had of the Con-"dition of our Frontiers, made me think it convenient to "delay my meeting of you in General Aſſembly, till I could "inform myſelf in ſome Meaſure, of the Condition of this "Province, that I might be able to offer to your Conſidera-"tions, ſome few of thoſe Things, which will be neceſſary "to be done forthwith for the Defence of the Country. The "firſt Thing which I earneſtly recommend to the Care of you, "Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, is the provid-"ing for the Defence of the City and Port of *New-York*, "which ſeem to me to be much expoſed; and likewiſe for "the Defence of our Frontiers, which I have found in a much "worſe Condition than I could have imagined; the Soldiers "being naked and almoſt unarmed; and the Forts in Reality "defenceleſs, ſo that it will be abſolutely neceſſary, in the "firſt Place, to provide ſuch Sums of Money, as may be ne-"ceſſary for the making ſome Works, that will be proper "for the Defence of the Country, and for the raiſing of "200 Men, which I think abſolutely neceſſary to be placed "at *Albany* and *Schenectady*, for the Defence of the Frontiers "this Winter. I hope the Repreſentations I have ſent Home "will have that good Effect, that her Majeſty will give ſuch "Directions, that the Burthens here may be made Lighter; "however in this Time of Exigency, I earneſtly recommend "to you a Diſpatch of theſe Things, and you may aſſure "yourſelves, that whatever Sums ſhall be granted by you, "ſhall be applied to thoſe Uſes only, for which they were "given, of which you ſhall have an Account at your next "Meeting. There are ſome other Things, I think it my "Duty to recommend to you, particularly the preparing a "good Bill, for the better reglating the Militia of this Pro-"vince, another for the Erecting of publick Schools in pro-"per Places, another for appointing a convenient Number of "fit Perſons, to examine and ſtate the publick Accounts and "Debts of this Province; that when the Debts are known, "ſuch proper Methods may be taken for the Payment of "them in due Time, as will beſt ſuit the Condition of the "Province; theſe and all other Bills, which ſhall appear to "be neceſſary to be paſſed into Acts, for the good of this "Country, and for the Preſervation and Encouragement of "the People, ſhall always find a ready Compliance from me.

"Now, Gentlemen, I have no more to trouble you with, "but to aſſure you, in the Name of the great Queen of *Eng-*"*land* my Miſtreſs, that you may ſafely depend upon all the "Protection that good and faithful Subjects can deſire, or "expect from a Sovereign, whoſe greateſt Delight is in the "Welfare of her People; under whoſe auſpicious Reign, we "are ſure to enjoy, what no Nation in the World dares claim, "but the Subjects of *England*, I mean the free Enjoyment of "the beſt Religion in the World, the full Poſſeſſion of all "lawful Liberty, and the undiſturbed Enjoyment of our "Freeholds and Properties: Theſe are ſome of thoſe many "Benefits, which I take the Inhabitants of this Province, to "be well entitled to by the Laws of *England*, and I am glad "of this Opportunity to aſſure you, that as long as I have "the Honour to ſerve the Queen, in the Government of this "Province, thoſe Laws ſhall be put in Execution, according "to the Intent with which they were made, that is for the "Preſervation and Protection of the People, and not for "their Oppreſſion. I heartily rejoice to ſee, that the free Choice "of the People, has fallen upon Gentlemen, whoſe conſtant "Fidelity to the Crown, and unwearied Application to the "Good of their Country, is ſo univerſally known.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be given to his Excellency, for his favourable Speech; and that an Addreſs be drawn up and preſented to his Excellency to that Purpoſe.

Mr. *Joſeph Purdy* appeared at the Houſe, and produced an Indenture, that he was choſe a Member, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*.

Ordered, That Major *Jackſon* and Capt. *Whitehead*, do wait on the Chief Juſtice and ſecond Juſtice, with Mr. *Purdy*, choſe for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, to deſire he may take the Oath, and ſign the Teſt by Law appointed; which was done accordingly.

A written Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Heathcote* and Doctor *Bridges*, That the Uſage and Cuſtom of the Parliament of *England*, was to appoint a Chaplain to read Prayers to them every Morning, before they proceed on Buſineſs that Day, and deſire they will do the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1702.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1702.

MR. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, for the Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck*; Mr. *Philip French*, for the City and County of *New-York*; Mr. *Johannis Abeel*, Mr. *Myndert Schuyler* and Mr. *Evert Banker*, for the City and County of *Albany*; Major *Cornelius Van Brunt*, for *King*'s County; and Mr. *Joſiah Hunt*, for the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*; appeared this Day at the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

Ordered, That Col. *Henricus Beekman* and Mr. *Sebring*, wait on the Chief and ſecond Juſtice, with thoſe Gentlemen, to ſee them take the Oaths, and ſubſcribe the Teſt according to Law.

Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Sebring*, returned and acquainted the Houſe, they had ſeen thoſe Gentlemen take the Oaths and ſign the Teſt.

Ordered, That they take their Places accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, what Part of his Excellency's Speech, ſhould be firſt taken into Conſideration?

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country, be taken firſt into Conſideration by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct* 22, 1702.

THE Houſe being met.

An Addreſs to his Lordſhip, according to the Order of the Houſe, was read, *viz.*

May it pleaſe your Lordſhip,

THE *Repreſentatives of the People of this Colony, now convened in General Aſſembly, are under the greateſt Obligations to render your Lordſhip their grateful Acknowledgment, for your Excellency's moſt kind and agreeable Speech; which they humbly offer with all imaginable Sincerity. They are deeply ſenſible of the Miſery and Calamity this Country lay under at your Excellency's Arrival, and could heartily wiſh there had been no Reaſon, for thoſe juſt Complaints, or the true Obſervations of the Condition of the Country your Lordſhip has made, but are not able ſufficiently to expreſs the Satisfaction they have, both in their Relief and Deliverer. They entirely believe they cannot be happier, than under the Reign of ſo good and ſo great a Princeſs, as her Sacred Majeſty the Queen, eſpecially ſince the Care of her Subjects in theſe Parts, is committed to a Perſon of your Lordſhip's generous and noble Character, ſo ſenſible of the Rights of the* Engliſh *Subjects, and ſo willing to put the Laws into Execution, which are the Defence and Security of thoſe Rights. They are pleaſed to the greateſt Degree, to find themſelves in your Lordſhip's favourable and good Opinion; they hope, and ſhall make it their utmoſt Endeavour to continue it, by their cordial Affection and ſteady Faith to the Crown, their Duty, Regard and Gratitude to your Lordſhip, and their juſt Concern and Love for their Country.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, whether the Addreſs ſhall be preſented to his Excellency, it paſſed in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contrdicente.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and Capt. *Coddrington*, do forthwith wait upon his Excellency, to known when he will be pleaſed the Houſe ſhall attend him with their Addreſs.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and Capt. *Coddrington*, returned and acquainted the Houſe, they had been with his Excellency, who told them he was ready when they pleaſed.

Reſolved, That the whole Houſe attend his Excellency, with the Addreſs immediately, which they accordingly did.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, That according to their Order, he had preſented their Addreſs, which his Excellency received with great Satisfaction.

Doctor *John Bridges* and *Rip Van Dam*, Eſqrs, brought a written Meſſage from his Excellency and Council to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1702.

THE Meſſage brought from his Excellency and Council Yeſterday, by Mr. *Van Dam* and Dr. *Bridges*, deſiring this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to meet the Committee of the Council, in Order to prepare an Addreſs for congratulating her Majeſty on her happy Acceſſion to the Crown, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. *French*, Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Garton* and Capt. *Whitehead*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet the Committee of Council, in Order to prepare ſuch an Addreſs; and that Col. *Henry Beekman* and Mr. *Stillwell*, do wait on his Excellency and Council, to acquaint them of this Order.

The Houſe according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That this Houſe do immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Matter.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair; and Mr. *French*, acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee ſat, and had directed him to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will this Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

The Meſſage brought by Col. *Heathcote* and Dr. *Bridges* to this Houſe, of the Uſage and Cuſtom of the Parliament of *England*, to appoint a Chaplain to read Prayers to them every Morning, before they proceed on Buſineſs, and deſiring this Houſe will do the ſame, is agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Votes of the Houſe be printed, and that Mr. Speaker, do peruſe and appoint the Printing the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1702.

THE Houſe according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair; and Mr. *French* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee the ſaid Reſolution, which he read; and was agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, being as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, be granted to her Majeſty, for the raiſing of Men to be placed at *Albany* and *Schenectady*, or other ſuitable Places, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter.

Mr. *French* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee, to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1702.

THE Houſe according to the Order of the Day, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair; and Col. *Henry Beekman*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and had directed him to make a Motion to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Motion be made immediately.

Col. *Beekman* according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country was referred, That he was directed by the ſaid Committee to move the Houſe, that ſome of the Members of this Houſe wait on his Excellency, to deſire that his Excellency will be pleaſed to inſtruct this Houſe, what thoſe Works are, his Excellency thinks proper for the Defence of the Country, with an Eſtimate of the Sum of Money neceſſary for the making thoſe Works.

Reſolved, That Mr. *Schuyler* and Major *Van Brunt*, do wait upon his Excellency, to deſire that his Excellency will be pleaſed to inſtruct this Houſe, what thoſe Works are, his Excellency thinks proper for the Defence of the Country, with an Eſtimate of the Sum of Money neceſſary for the making thoſe Works.

Col. *Beekman* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will upon *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

A Petition of Mr. *David Provooſt*, Mr. *Iſaac De Riemr*, Mr. *Nicholas Roſevelt* and Mr. *Barent Reynders*, complaining of an undue Return, for the City and County of *New-York*, was read;

Reſolved, That Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Howell*, Major *Van Brunt*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Purdy* and Capt. *Whitehead*, or any Five of them, be a Committee to examine the Matter of the ſaid Complaint, and report their Opinion to the Houſe, that they meet on *Thurſday* next to that Purpoſe, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

Mr. *French*, reports from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to meet a Committee of Council, in Order to prepare an Addreſs for congratulating her Majeſty, on her happy Acceſſion to the Crown, That they had met and prepared an Addreſs accordingly, which being read in the Houſe, is agreed to, *Nemine Contradicente*, being as followeth:

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of your Majeſty's Governor, Council and Repreſentatives of your Colony of New-York *in* America, *convened in General Aſſembly.*

Moſt humbly Sheweth,

THAT we are glad to lay hold of the Opportunity of the firſt Time of our being convened in General Aſſembly, with an unfeigned Zeal, in all humble Manner, to congratulate your Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Throne of *Great-Britain*, and other your Majeſty's Dominions, and do eſteem it the Effect of God's great Goodneſs towards us, that your Sacred Majeſty has been preſerved peaceably to aſcend the Throne of your Anceſtors, and to be ſo eminent and particular a Bleſſing to your Subjects. Many of us, in this Province, have had the Misfortune, to be miſrepreſented as diſaffected to the Government

Government and Laws of *England*, and particularly to the Perſon of his late Majeſty, and ſeveral of us ſeverely treated as ſuch, by Perſons then executing the Powers of Government here; notwithſtanding, we have all of us, in our reſpective Stations moſt ſtudiouſly and conſtantly given Proofs of our Readineſs to ſupport the Government of *England*, as by Law eſtabliſhed. And as our Hearts are tranſported with Joy, from a due Senſe we have of your Majeſty's royal Goodneſs, Care and Concern for the Peace and Preſervation of all your Subjects, ſo we do firmly reſolve, upon all Occaſions, to give freſh Demonſtrations of our inviolable Duty, Zeal and good Affection, to your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and ſhall moſt chearfully and unanimouſly, to the utmoſt of our Power, endeavour to ſupport and defend this your Majeſty's Colony, and ſhall conſtantly put up our Prayers to Almighty God, to make your Majeſty's auſpicious Reign long and proſperous.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct*, 27, 1702.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Garton* and Mr. *Willet*, attend his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe has agreed to the congratulatory Addreſs to her Majeſty, on her Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Crown.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made immediately.

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report, which he read in his Place, and was agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, being as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to raiſe *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, to be levyed on the real and perſonal Eſtates of the Freeholders and Reſidents of this Colony, for the raiſing of Men, to be placed at *Albany* and *Schenectady*, or other ſuitable Places, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter.

Mr. *French*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee, to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct* 28, 1702.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants, of the City of *New-York*, in Common Council aſſembled, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill or Bills into this Houſe upon ſeveral Heads.

Reſolved, That Col. *Howell*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Sebring* and Capt. *Garton*, be a Committee, to conſider of the ſaid Petition, and make Report thereof, to this Houſe *Monday* next.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred, further to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country, the Reſolution which they had directed him to Report, which he read in his Place, and agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, being as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That *One Thouſand, Three Hundred Pounds*, for the paying of 150 Men, for five Months, with their proper Officers and incidental Charges, and *Five Hundred Pounds*, for the maintaining of 30 Out Scouts, with their Officers, to obſerve the Enemy's Motion, be levied and raiſed on the real and perſonal Eſtates of the Freeholders and Reſidenters of this Colony, to be paid by the 25th of *March* next.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added, that ſuch Perſon or Perſons, that ſhall lend any Money upon the Credit hereof, ſhall receive and be allowed after the Rate of *Ten Pounds per Cent. per Annum*, from the Time he ſhall ſo advance any Money, until he or they ſhall be reimburſed the ſame.

Mr. *French*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee, to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Country.

Ordered, That the Attorney General be ſerved with this Reſolve, and that he draw up the Bill immediately.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock this Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct*, 28, 1702.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether his Excellency ſhould be moved to create a Serjeant at Arms, which was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Abeel*, wait on his Excellency and deſire he will be pleaſed to appoint a Serjeant at Arms accordingly.

That Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the appointing a convenient Number of fit Perſons, to examine and ſtate the publick Accounts and Debts of the Colony, being under the Conſideration of this Houſe;

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait on his Excellency and deſire the Accounts of the Revenue of the Colony, and the neceſſary and contingent Charge of the Government, ſince the Arrival of the late Earl of *Bellamont*, in this Colony, may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, have Leave to go to the City of *New-York*, until *Friday* next, he having extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1702.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*, be ordered to attend this Houſe, It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The Clerk of this Houſe, give Mr *Abraham Gouverneur* Notice thereof, that he make his Appearance at this Houſe *Tueſday* next.

Col. *Heathcote*, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, to this Houſe, which was read.

That his Excellency (according to the Deſire of the Houſe) had appointed a Serjeant at Arms, and thought fit to conſtitute and appoint Mr. *Edward Cole*, in that Office. And that his Excellency, on a Meſſage from the Houſe, deſiring the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, and neceſſary contingent Charges, be laid before the Houſe, is pleaſed, and very deſirous that the ſame ſhould be enquired into, and will give to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, all Books, Papers and other Things, that have come to his Hands, Poſſeſſion or Power, in order to their ſo doing, and his Excellency is further pleaſed to declare, that he is very deſirous that the Houſe of Repreſentatives will by a Bill, arm fit Perſons, with ſufficient Powers, to examine into the Debts of this Colony, and State of the Revenue.

Reſolved, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, to enable and impower *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, Mr. *John Barberie*, Mr. *Thomas Wenham* and Mr. *David Jamiſon*, to be Commiſſioners to take, ſtate and examine

examine, the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, and the neceſſary contingent Charge of the Government, ſince the Arrival of the late Earl of *Bellamont*, in this Colony.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1702.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether there ſhould be erected a publick Free-School. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Major *Jackſon*, do acquaint the Town of *Hampſtead*, that a publick Free-School is deſigned to be erected, and to inquire of them, what Encouragement they will allow towards the ſame, within the Bounds of that Townſhip, and that he make Report thereof to the Houſe *Friday* next.

Reſolved, That Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Purdy*, Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *De Lancey*, or any Fve of them, be a Committee for Grievances, and that they do ſit every *Monday*, *Wedneſday* and *Friday*, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

A Petition of Col. *Bayard* and Alderman *Hutchins*, was preſented to the Houſe by Capt. *Garton*, and read.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Committee of Grievances, that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report their Opinion to the Houſe, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do immediately write a Letter to Mr. *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*, one of the Repreſentatives returned to ſerve in this Houſe, for the City and County of *New-York*, and a Letter to Mr. *Floris Crum*, returned to ſerve in this Houſe, for the County of *Orange*, to attend the Service of this Houſe immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 30, 1702.

A Petition of *William Hallet*, *Thomas Hicks*, *Samuel Moore*, *Thomas Hedger*, *Samuel Thorne*, *Samuel Hallet*, *Rebecca Wollſey*, *William Hallet*, jun. *William Hallet*, *John Williams* and *Hope Williams*, complaining of the irregular Erecting a Court of Chancery, exorbitant Fees taken by the Officers of that Court, and their arbitrary and unjuſt Orders and Decrees, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; and referred to the Committee of Grievances.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

Mr. Attorney General, according to Order, prepared and preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the raiſing, paying and maintaining*, 150 *Fuzileers, with their proper Officers, and* 30 *Men, to be employed as Scouts, for five Months, for the Defence of the Frontiers.*

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read.

Which was read accordingly.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, This Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1702.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *for raiſing, paying and maintaining*, 150 *Fuzileers*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill was committed, That they had examined and conſidered the ſame, and made ſome Progreſs therein, and come to ſome Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Stillwell* and Capt. *Garton*, do make a Computation of the Quota's of each City, County, Manor and Juriſdiction, for the raiſing the ſaid *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, and make Report thereof *Monday* next.

Reſolved, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do inſert in the ſaid Bill, the Powers, Pains and Penalties, mentioned in an Act, entitled, *An Act for raiſing and paying* 150 *Men, to be forthwith raiſed, for the Defence and Reinforcement of* Albany, *for ſix Months*, and the Clerk preſent the ſaid Bill to the Houſe *Monday* next.

Mr. *French*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he was directed by the Committee, to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *French*, have Leave to go Home, until *Friday* next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hunt*, have Leave to go Home, until *Wedneſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Novem.* 2, 1702.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, appointed to compute the Quota's of each City, County, Manor and Juriſdiction, for the raiſing the *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, that they had made a Computation, which they directed ſhould be reported to the Houſe, when they will receive the ſame.

Ordered, That Report be made immediately.

Which the Clerk of the Houſe, read as followeth;

For the City and County of *New-York*,	*L.*	405
For *King*'s County,		252
For *Queen*'s County,		270
For the County of *Suffolk*,		270
For the County of *Richmond*,		90
For the County of *Weſtcheſter*,		144
For the City and County of *Albany*,		144
For the County of *Ulſter*,		162
For the County of *Orange*,		45
For *Dutcheſs* County.		18
	L.	1800

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of the Bill, to raiſe *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, to be levied on the real and perſonal Eſtates of the Freeholders and Reſidents of this Colony, *&c.*

Col. *Howell*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had directed him to acquaint the Houſe, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein.

Col. *Howell*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee, to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City of *New-York*, in Common Council aſſembled, was referred, that they had conſidered the ſame, and made ſome Progreſs in that Matter.

Col. *Howell*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee, to move, that they have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, The ſaid Committee have Leave to ſit again.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1702.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City of *New-York*, in Common Council aſſembled was referred, That they had examined and conſidered the ſame, and come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the City of *New-York*, have Leave to prefer all, or ſo many of thoſe Bills, contained in their Petition, with this Proviſion in the Bill or Bills, for the better Eſtabliſhment of the Ferry, that no Fees be increaſed,

increaſed, nor no Perſon debarred of tranſporting their own Goods, or Perſons in their own Boats.

To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An Act for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *&c.*

Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had examined and conſidered the ſame, and come to ſome Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed, levied and paid, according to the Quota's reported Yeſterday, by the Committee appointed to compute the ſame.

For the City and County of *New-York*, -	£. 405
For *King*'s County, - - -	252
For *Queen*'s County, - - -	270
For the County of *Suffolk*, - -	270
For the County of *Richmond*, - -	90
For the County of *Weſtcheſter*, - -	144
For the City and County of *Albany*, - - -	144
For the County of *Ulſter*, - -	162
For the County of *Orange*, - -	45
For *Dutcheſs* County, - - -	18
	£. 1800

To which the Houſe agreed.

Capt. *Coddrington*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, he was directed by the Committee to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of that Matter, at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Nov. 3, 1702.

MR. *Abraham Couverneur*, according to Order, attended the Houſe; he was called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted Mr. *Gouverneur*, that the Houſe had directed him, to demand of him the ſaid Mr. *Gouverneur*, how he being born an Alien, was qualified to ſit as a Repreſentative, in General Aſſembly, to paſs Laws on the Subject; to which Mr. *Gouverneur* deſiring to be heard, made Anſwer, That true it was, he was of foreign Birth, but that in a former Aſſembly, this Affair coming in Debate, was referred to a Committee, and that Dr. *Kerfbyl* and Mr. *Bleker* made Oath, that he, the ſaid Mr. *Gouverneur*, was in the Colony at, before and after an Act paſſed, in the Time of Col. *Thomas Dongan*, then Governor here, for naturalizing of divers Perſons in this Colony of foreign Birth; the Attorney General, who was then Speaker, of the then General Aſſembly, delivered his Opinion in the Houſe, in the ſaid Mr. *Gouverneur*'s Favour, as alſo the Committee to whom it was referred, and that he was admitted to ſerve in the ſaid Aſſembly accordingly.

Mr. *Gouverneur* being ordered to withdraw;

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouverneur*, produce the ſaid Act, or a Copy thereof to the Houſe; who thereupon being called in again, and acquainted thereof, informed the Houſe, that he had lent a Copy of the ſaid Act, to a Perſon who never returned it, and in regard he might meet with ſome Difficulty in procuring it, prayed the Houſe would pleaſe to order the Secretary, to give him the ſaid Mr. *Gouverneur*, a Copy of the ſaid Act, or if the ſaid Act could not be found by the Secretary in his Office, Liberty for him, the ſaid Mr. *Gouverneur*, to ſearch for the ſame, in Order to produce a Copy thereof, and then withdrew.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Colony, do deliver to Mr. *Abraham Gouverneur*, on ſeaſonable Requeſt, a true Copy of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed, in or about the Year 1683, for the naturalizing Perſons of foreign Birth, then Inhabitants of this Colony; and if on ſearch, the Original or an authentick Copy of that Act, cannot be by him found in the Secretary's Office, that he ſuffer the ſaid Mr. *Gouverneur* in his Preſence, to make Search for the ſame, receiving for his Service, his reaſonable Fees, and that Mr. *Gouverneur* attend this Houſe with the ſaid Copy, *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in, which were brought in accordingly.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider on the Bill, for the levying and collecting the Sum of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein,

Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

And Capt. *Coddrington*, reported from the Committee, that they had examined, corrected and prepared, the ſaid Bill for a ſecond reading.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, be read a ſecond Time To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1702.

THE Bill for the levying and collecting the Sum of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, for the raiſing, paying and maintaining, 150 Fuzileers, with their proper Officers for five Months, and 30 Men with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts, Sixty-two Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Capt. *Whitehead*, brought into the Houſe, A Bill, entitled, *An Act for deſtroying of Wolves, within this Colony.*

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read.

Which was done accordingly, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1702.

A Petition of *Edward Burrows*, complaining of the Badneſs and Difficulty of the Highways and Roads between the Town of *Jamaica* and the *Ferry* of the City of *New-York*, was read; and ordered the Petition lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

The Bill for deſtroying of Wolves within this Colony, according to Order, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, have Leave to go to *New-York*, till *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Major *Jackſon*, have alſo Leave to go Home, till *Friday* Morning next.

It was moved, that the Laws of this Colony may be inſpected and examined.

Ordered, That Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *French*, be a Committee, to examine and inſpect the Laws of this Colony, and report to the Houſe their Opinion of the ſame, and that they ſit at ſuch Times and Places, as they

ſhall think fit, and all Members of this Houſe, who ſhall come to the Committee, to have Voices.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 5, 1702.

THE engroſſed Bill, for the levying and collecting the Sum of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, for the raiſing, paying and maintaining, 150 Fuzileers with their proper Officers for five Months, and 30 Men with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts ſixty-two Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Abeel*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 5, 1702.

THEN the Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1702.

THE Clerk of this Houſe, produced a Letter from Mr. *Floris Crum*, returned for the County of *Orange*, that he being ſick, could not attend the Service of this Houſe, which Excuſe was allowed of *per* this Houſe.

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, appointed to examine the Matter of Complaint, of *David Provooſt*, *Iſaac De Riemer*, *Nicholas Rooſevelt* and *Barent Reynders*, contained in their Petition, that the Committee heard their Allegations, and the Defence of *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, and have conſidered the ſame, and had come to a Reſolution, which he read, as follows;

Reſolved, That Mr. *Philip French*, Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, Mr. *Jacobus Van Cortlandt*, and Mr. *Thomas Coddrington*, are duly elected to ſerve in this Aſſembly, for the City and County of *New-York*.

Which was agreed to by the Houſe.

A Petition of *Richard Smith*, of *Smith Town*, Eſq; complaining of the Proceedings of the Court of Chancery againſt him, was read; and referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The engroſſed Bill for deſtroying Wolves, within this Colony, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *Willet*, do carry up the Bill, to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Capt. *Coddrington*, have Leave to go Home, to recover his Health.

Capt. *Wilſon* made Application, he might be conſidered toward his Charges in attending upon this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petitioners, *David Provooſt*, *Iſaac De Riemer*, *Nicholas Rooſevelt* and *Barent Reynders*, pay unto Capt. *Ebenezer Wilſon*, *Thirty Shillings*, for his Charge and Expence, in attending this Houſe upon their Complaint.

Major *Jackſon* according to Order, reported from the Townſhip of *Hampſtead*, at a general Town Meeting, for Encouragement of a Free-School, to be erected in the Townſhip, they do grant 100 Acres of Land, with Conveniencies of Watering near the *Eaſt Meadow Point*, and alſo allow Liberty for Timber for Building, Fencing and Firewood, with other Conveniencies, to be had within the Townſhip, according to a Town Act; to build a Free-School on the ſaid 100 Acres of Land.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1702.

Ordered, THAT Mr. *Lakerman* and Mr. *Stillwell*, have Leave to go Home, till *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1702.

MR. Attorney General, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, to acquaint the Houſe, that her Majeſty's Council, had paſſed the Bill, for levying and collecting *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, &c. And that his Excellency has alſo been pleaſed to give his Aſſent thereto; and that his Excellency intends, this Day at 12 of the Clock, before the Court Houſe of this County, to publiſh the ſaid Act, and therefore directs this Houſe, to attend the ſame.

Ordered, That this Houſe, do attend his Excellency accordingly, and that Major *Jackſon* and Mr. *Abeel*, do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him therewith.

Mr. Attorney alſo brought in a Bill, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Colony, and making of it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for the Repealing all former Acts, heretofore made in this Colony, relating to the ſame.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read immediately.

The ſaid Bill was read.

Ordered, The ſame be read a ſecond Time, *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1702.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1702.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1702.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *William Hallet*, *Thomas Hicks*, &c. and the Petition of *Richard Smith* was referred, That they had examined and conſidered the ſame, and come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, The ſetting up a Court of Equity in the Colony, without Conſent of General Aſſembly, is an Innovation without any former Preſident, inconvenient and contrary to the *Engliſh* Law.

Reſolved, That the Court of Chancery, as lately erected and managed here, was, and is unwarrantable, a great Oppreſſion to the Subject, of pernicious Example and Conſequence; That all Proceedings, Orders and Decrees, in the ſame are, and of right ought to be declared null and void, and that a Bill be bro't in according to theſe two Reſolutions.

To which the Houſe agreed.

A Bill for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making of it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for the repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered the Bill be committed to Col. *Howell*, Mr. *Read*,

French, Capt. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Banker*, Mr. *Purdy* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any Five of them; and all that come have Voices.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 10, 1702.

MR. *Cortlandt* one of the Repreſentatives, returned for the City and County of *New-York*, made his Appearance at the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel* and Major *Van Brunt*, do wait on the Chief Juſtice, &c. with Mr. *Cortlandt*, to deſire he may take the Oath and ſign the Teſt according to Law, which was done.

Ordered, Mr. *Cortlandt* take his Place in the Houſe accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the City and County of *New-York*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, to raiſe *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, for a Free-School, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *French* and Mr. *De Lancey*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, he was informed Mr. *Gouverneur* attended.

Ordered, Mr. *Gouverneur* attend the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether there ſhould be a Preſent made to his Excellency, and it was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

In Conſideration of the great and extraordinary Charge and Expence, his Excellency Lord Viſcount Cornbury, *her Majeſty's Governor of this Colony, has been at, in bringing over himſelf and a numerous Family, after a long tedious and dangerous Voyage, and many Difficulties and Hardſhips ſuffered ſince his Arrival, occaſioned not leſs by the preſent War, than by the dangerous and mortal Diſeaſe, with which the City of* New-York, *has been lately moſt grievouſly afflicted.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, for the raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds*, to be preſented to his Excellency.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 11, 1702.

THE Speaker acquainting the Houſe, Mr. *Gouverneur* attended.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouverneur* be called in.

Then he produced the Copy of an Act of Aſſembly, for naturalizing Foreigners in this Colony, and then was ordered to withdraw; and the ſaid Act being read, after ſome Debate, he was called in, and Mr. Speaker enquired of him, if he had taken or ſubſcribed the Oath of Allegiance, required by that Act, to which he anſwered, that he had taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, before Capt. *John De Peyſter*, the then Mayor of *New-York*; and being again interrogated, if he could make it appear to this Houſe, that he had taken or ſubſcribed the Oath of Allegiance, before the ſame was abrogated by Act of Parliament, the Firſt of *William* and *Mary*, anſwered, that he could not be poſitive, but believed he had; then was ordered to withdraw.

The Queſtion being put, whether it appeared to the Houſe, he hath qualified himſelf as a natural born Subject, and it was carried in the Negative.

Reſolved, That it appeared to this Houſe, that Mr. *Gouverneur* is an Alien.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether any Bills, paſſed as Laws where an Alien is Speaker, are binding to the Subject, it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That any Bills paſſed as Laws, where an Alien is Speaker, are not binding to the Subject.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in according to this Reſolution.

Col. *Beekman*, one of the Council, brought in an engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for preventing Doubts and Miſtakes, and for continuing Proceſs and judicial Proceedings*, and deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be read.

Which was done accordingly, and ordered the Bill be read the ſecond Time in the Afternoon.

Captain *Garton*, reported from the Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of Col. *Nicholas Bayard* and Lieutenant *John Hutchins* was committed, that they having conſidered the Petition, and examined ſeveral Evidences on the ſame, are ready to make their Report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made immediately.

Reſolved, That the Impriſonment, Arraignment, Trial and Condemnation of Col. *Nicholas Bayard* and Alderman *John Hutchins*, was, and is illegal, unjuſt, null and void, and a moſt malicious wreſting and abuſe of Law and Juſtice, a high Violation of natural Right, of moſt dangerous Conſequence, and that whoſoever hath been guilty of the ſame, ought to be proſecuted and puniſhed, as Betrayers of the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects in this Colony, and that a Bill be brought in to prevent the like Proſecutions for the future.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Then the Houſe met, and adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 11, 1702.

THE engroſſed Bill from the Council, for preventing Doubts and Miſtakes, and for continuing Proceſs and judicial Proceedings, was read the ſecond Time.

The Queſtion being put, whether the Bill be read the third Time.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read immediately.

The ſaid Bill having been read the third Time.

Reſolved, that the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Mr. *Purdy* and Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this Houſe, have agreed to the Bill without Amendment.

The Petition of *Direk Benſon*, was read; deſiring to be relieved of ſome Hardſhips, relating to the Ferry at the Weſt End of *Naſſau-Iſland*.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof, be referred till the Bill from the City of *New-York*, relating to the Ferry, be preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was referred; do report to the Houſe, the Progreſs they have made in that Matter, To-morrow Morning.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Capt. *Garton*, Major *Jackſon* and Col. *Howell*, or any Seven of them, be a Committee, to calculate the Quota's, for raiſing the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, and make Report thereof to the Houſe, and that they meet in the Houſe *Friday* Morning next, and that all Members that come have Voices.

The Petition of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of *Eaſtcheſter*, *Lower Yonkers* and *Miles Square*, in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, was read; and ordered to lie on the Table, for the Members of the Houſe to peruſe.

The Memorial of Capt. *John Tudor*, was read; and referred till further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 12, 1702.

COL. *Heathcote*, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, That his Excellency is directed by his Inſtructions, to recommend to them, the paſſing a Law, for ſettling the Value of Eſtates in Goods or Lands, under which they ſhall not be capable of ſerving as Jurors.

Which was read.

Ordered, A Bill be brought in accordingly.

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, was referred; that they had made ſome Progreſs therein. But was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, The Committee have Leave to ſit again.

The Memorial of Col. *Heathcote*, was read.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table.

The Petition of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of *New-Rochell*, in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, was read.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 13, 1702.

CAPT. *Garton*, acquainted the Houſe, the Committee to calculate the Quota's, had directed him to make the Report, when the Houſe ſhould pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, appointed to calculate the Quota's for raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds*, that they are come to a Concluſion, and have directed him to report to the Houſe, when they pleaſe to receive the ſame, *viz.*

Reſolved, The Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds*, be raiſed, levied, collected and paid, according to the ſeveral and reſpective Quota's following, that is to ſay,

For the City and County of *New-York*, - -	£. 423
For *King*'s County, - -	296
For *Queen*'s County, - - -	370
For the County of *Suffolk*, - -	370
For the County of *Richmond*, - - -	90
For the County of *Weſtcheſter*, - -	124
For the City and County of *Albany*, -	120
For the County of *Ulſter*, - -	144
For the County of *Orange*, - -	45
For *Dutcheſs* County, - - -	18
	£. 2000

To which the Houſe agreed.

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was referred; that they have made ſome Progreſs therein, and have directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, They have Leave to ſit again.

CAPT. *Garton*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An Act, declaring the Illegality of the Impriſonment, pretended Trial and Condemnation, of Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *and for the Prevention of the like Proceedings for the future*; which was read the firſt Time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Bill be read the ſecond Time To-morrow Morning, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read the ſecond Time To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 14, 1702.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act declaring the Illegality of the Impriſonment, pretended Trial and Condemnation, of Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *and for the Prevention of the like Proceedings for the future*, was read the ſecond Time, according to Order.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *French*, Col. *Howell*, Mr. *Willet*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Garton*, Major *Whitehead*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Abeel*, or any Seven of them, and that all Members that come have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

The Memorial of Mr. *Sharpas*, Poſt Maſter of *New-York*, was read, ſetting forth; that an Act for encouraging a Poſt-Office, with ſundry other Acts, ſince made for continuing the ſame, are all expired by their own Limitation, and prayed Leave of the Houſe, That a Bill might be brought in, for continuing the ſame, for ſuch Term of Years as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That a Bill may be brought in according to the ſaid Memorial.

Mr. *French*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe* Fifty Pounds per Annum, *for ſeven Years, towards maintaining a School Maſter, within the ſaid City of* New-York.

Ordered, The Bill be read.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe* Fifty Pounds per Annum, *for ſeven Years, towards maintaining a School Maſter, within the ſaid City and County of* New-York, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Houſe ſhould Addreſs his Excellency, that the Houſe be adjourned to the City of *New-York*, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *French* and Mr. *Cortlandt*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him with this Vote.

Dr. *Bridges*, brought a Meſſage from the Council, which was read.

Reſolved, The Houſe reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame immediately.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair; and,

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee, of the whole Houſe, to whom the ſaid Meſſage was referred, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately.

Reſolved, That when his Excellency ſhall be pleaſed to lay before this Houſe, any extraordinary Expence he hath been or ſhall be at, relating to the Government, this Houſe will take the ſame into due Conſideration.

Ordered, That Mr. *French* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do acquaint his Excellency of this Reſolve.

Col.

Col. *Smith*, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency, that his Excellency had ordered a Proclamation to iſſue, for adjourning the Aſſembly from *Jamaica*, to the City of *New-York*, there to meet and ſit on *Monday* next, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon; and they are adjourned accordingly.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Novem. 16, 1702.

HIS Excellency adjourned the Houſe, until *Tueſday* Morning next, 8 of the Clock, and they were adjourned accordingly.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Nov. 17, 1702.

THE Houſe being met according to adjournment.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe* Fifty Pounds, per Annum, *for ſeven Years, towards maintaining a School Maſter*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *French*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Abeel* and Major *Whitehead*, or any Three of them.

Mr. *Van Dam*, one of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency, which was read; and referred to the Committee, to whom the Militia Bill was committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Ordered, That the Committee ſit in the Houſe this Afternoon, towards the perfecting that Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Nov, 17, 1702.

MAJOR *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was committed, That they had conſidered the ſame, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the ſame were read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 18, 1702.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 18, 1702.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, declaring the Illegality of the Impriſonment, pretended Trial and Condemnation, of Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* Hutchins, *&c.* was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and ſent for ſome Perſons to attend them; that *Jacobus Van Derſpiegel*, *Adrian Hooglandt*, *Leendert Huygen* and *Coenradt Tyn Eyck*, had appeared, but behaved themſelves with much Inſolence and ill Manners; that *Martin Clock*, had attended in the Lobby, but departed without Leave, ſo that the Committee, could have no ſatisfactory Account from them.

Capt. *Garton*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee, had directed him to move the Houſe, they may have Leave to ſit again, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read.

Ordered, The Committee meet again, *Friday* Morning next.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether *Jacobus Van Derſpiegel*, is guilty of Contempt towards this Houſe, it was carried in the *Affirmative*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether *Adrian Hooglandt*, is guilty of Contempt towards this Houſe, it was carried in the *Affirmative*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether *Leendert Huygen*, is guilty of Contempt towards this Houſe, it was carried in the *Negative*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether *Coenradt Tyn Eyck*, is guilty of Contempt towards this Houſe, it was carried in the *Negative*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether *Martin Clock*, is guilty of Contempt towards this Houſe, it was carried in the *Affirmative*.

Ordered, That *Leendert Huygen* and *Coenradt Tyn Eyck* be called in, and ordered to attend the Committee *Friday* Morning next, which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Jacobus Van Derſpiegel*, *Adrian Hooglandt* and *Martin Clock*, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 19, 1702.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making of it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Mr. *Banker* and Mr. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Encouragement of an* Engliſh *School, in the City of New-York* was committed, That they had conſidered the ſame, and made ſome Amendments; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, and declaring other Ordinances, publiſhed as Acts of Aſſembly to be void*,

Was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time, in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Jacobus Goelet*, attending the Houſe, be called in, and ordered to attend the Committee To-morrow, which was done accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 19, 1702.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act for Encouragement of an* Engliſh *Free-School, in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Mr. *French* and Major *Whitehead*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, and declaring other Ordinances, publiſhed as Acts of Aſſembly to be void*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *French*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Stillwell*, or any Five of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Support and Maintenance of the Poor in the City of* New-York, *for the future*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill being read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 20, 1702.

MR. *French*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, and declaring other Ordinances, publiſhed as Acts of Aſſembly, to be void*, was committed, That they had conſidered the ſame, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 20, 1702.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Support and Maintenance of the Poor, in the City of* New-York, *for the future*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *for the Time being, to raiſe Money upon the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof, for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charges annually*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time, To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *John Bibon*, was read; and committed to Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Banker*, to conſider the ſame, and report their Opinion of the ſame, To-morrow Morning to the Houſe.

A Bill for enforcing and continuing the Act, for Encouraging a Poſt-Office, in this Province of *New-York*, Years from the Month of *April* 1700; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time To-morrow.

A Bill for granting unto her Majeſty the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds*, to be applied to the Uſes within mentioned; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time To-morrow.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, was read; complaining of the ſmallneſs of his Salary.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 21, 1702.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, and declaring other Ordinances, publiſhed as Acts of Aſſembly, to be void*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Col. *Howell* and Major *Whitehead*, carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *John Bibon* was referred, That they had conſidered the ſame, and directed him to report, that ſeveral Houſes near the Stockadoes, of the City of *Albany*, were ordered by Commiſſioners appointed by Capt. *Leiſler*, to be pulled down, among which they believe the Petitioner's Houſe may be one, but know not what became of the Materials of Wood, Stone, Brick, *&c.* of any of thoſe Houſes.

Mr. *Abeel*, acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee, had directed him to move, they may have Time, to enquire further into the Matter, and make report thereof.

Which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read.

Agreed to by the Houſe.

A Bill for granting unto her Majeſty, the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds*, to be applied to the Uſes within mentioned, was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe *Monday* next, in the Afternoon, to conſider of the Bill.

A Bill for enforcing and continuing the Act, for Encouraging a Poſt-Office, in this Province of *New-York*, Years, from the Month of *April* 1700; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *French*. Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Schuyler*, and that they report their Opinion thereof, to the Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *for the Time being, to raiſe Money upon the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof, for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charges annually*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *French*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Garton* and Mr. *Banker*, or any Three of them, and that they report their Opinion to the Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the City of* New-York, *to ſupply the Vacancy of ſuch elective Magiſtrates, and other publick Officers, as may die, remove or otherwiſe be incapacitated, to ſerve before the Time of the annual Election*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill being read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Novem.* 23, 1702.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the City of* New-York, *to ſupply the Vacancy of ſuch elective Magiſtrates and other publick Officers, as may die, remove or otherways be incapacitated, to ſerve before the Time of the annual Election*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *French* and Mr. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for enforcing and continuing the Act, for Encouraging a Poſt-Office, in this Province of *New-York*, Years, from the Month of *April* 1700, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, and had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, which he read in his Place, and was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Bill be engroſſed.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *for the Time being, to raiſe Money upon the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof, for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charges annually*, was committed, That

That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, and directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, which he read in his Place, and was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, declaring the Illegality of the Impriſonment, pretended Trial and Condemnation, of Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *&c.* was committed; That they are of Opinion, that Capt. *Nanfan*, Dr. *Samuel Staats*, Mr. *Iſaac De Riemer*, Mr. *Francis Weſſels*, Mr. *Peter Roſe*, Mr. *Albert Clock* and Mr. *Jacob Van Gieſen*, ought to be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, and ſent for before the Committee, to know what they have to object againſt it; which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

He alſo acquainted the Houſe, That they deſired him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, They have Leave to ſit again.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, lying upon the Table being taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved, His Excellency be moved to add *Fifteen Pounds, per Annum*, to his Salary.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, according to Order, to conſider on the Bill, for granting unto her Majeſty, the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting to her Majeſty the Sum of* Two Thouſand Pounds, *to be applied with her Majeſty's good Pleaſure, to the Uſes in the Act mentioned*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed, with the Amendments.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 24, 1702.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act declaring the Illegality of the Impriſonment, pretended Trial and Condemnation, of Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *&c.* was committed, That the Committee, have made a further Progreſs in the Matter committed to them, but find, that by the Seaſon of the Year, a neceſſary Concluſion of this Meeting of the Aſſembly in a few Days; ſeveral Perſons who ought to be heard, what they have to object againſt paſſing the Bill (ſome of which are abſent) cannot with any Conveniency to the Committee, have ſufficient Time to make their private Defence, and therefore are humbly of Opinion, the further Conſideration of this Matter (being of great Importance) may be referred till a more fit Opportunity, and offer it as their Opinion, that this Houſe in the mean Time, humbly Addreſs her Sacred Majeſty on the Subject of the ſaid Bill.

Which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, An Addreſs be drawn accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 24, 1702.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Encouraging of an* Engliſh *Free-School, in the City of* New-York.

That his Excellency ought not paſs the ſaid Bill, otherwiſe than is directed by his Inſtructions, and that it be recommended to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to make ſuch Amendments to the ſaid Bill, agreeable thereto.

After ſome Debate on the Meſſage, the Houſe ordered Mr. *French* and Mr. *Willet*, to return the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint his Excellency, That the Houſe had ſent the Bill, for ſettling a Free-School, *&c.* to the Council, and that they may reject or amend the Bill, and ſend it down with the Amendments, and the Houſe will forthwith take the ſame into Conſideration, and diſpatch that and other Matters, now before the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 25, 1702.

THE engroſſed Bill for enforcing and continuing the Act, for Encouraging a Poſt-Office, in this Province of *New-York*, four Years, and one half Year, from the Month of *April* 1700, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for granting unto her Majeſty, the Sum of* Two Thouſand Pounds, *to be applied (with her Majeſty's good Pleaſure) to the Uſes in this Act mentioned.*

Was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *for the Time being, to raiſe Money upon the Freeholders*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Whitehead* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up the Bill, for granting to her Majeſty, the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds*, &c. to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Cortlandt*, do carry up the Bill, for enforcing and continuing an Act, for Encouraging a Poſt-Office, in this Province of *New-York*, for four Years, and one half Year, *&c.* and a Bill, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *New-York*, for the Time being, to raiſe Money upon the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof, *&c.* to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Petition of *John Hutchins*, Eſq; was read; praying the Grand Jury, whoſe Names are annexed to the Petition, may be called before the Bar of this Houſe, and examined upon the Allegation of the Petition.

It is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Petitioner ought to Addreſs his Excellency, to commiſſionate and empower fit Perſons, for the End propoſed by the Prayer of that Petition, relating to the Appeal.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Slaves*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Attorney General, That the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Encouragement of an* Engliſh *Free-School*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Reſolved, A Conference be deſired with the Council, upon the Amendments of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *French*, do go to the Council, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Slaves*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Beekman*, Major *Whitehead*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Col. *Howell* and Col. *Cortlandt*, or any Five of them; and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Bill

A Bill againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of Foreign Coin, which is Current Money, in the Colony of *New-York*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. Speaker, produced an Addreſs to her Majeſty, according to Order, which was read.

Ordered, The ſame be engroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. Nov. 28, 1702.

A Meſſage from the Council, acquainting this Houſe, that they had appointed a Conference at Four of the Clock this Afternoon, at the Houſe of Mr. *Philip French*.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *French*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *De Lancey*, and Major *Whitehead*, be, and are hereby appointed by this Houſe, to meet the Committee of Council, to manage the Conference on the ſubject Matter of that Meſſage.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, and the neceſſary and contingent Charge of the Government*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill being read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, immediately upon the ſaid Bill.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to take ſtate and examine the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony*, &c. and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Howell* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments therein, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame; which was immediately read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed, with the Amendments.

Captain *Garton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill entitled, *An* Act *for regulating of Slaves, was committed*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, which was read immediately, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

The Bill entitled, *An* Act *to declare the Illegality and fruſtrate the irregular Proceedings, Extortions and Decrees of the late pretended Court of Chancery*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill againſt Forging, Counterfeiting and Clipping of foreign Coin, which is Current Money in the Colony of *New-York*, was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, The Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon that Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. Nov. 26, 1702.

THE Petition of *Martin Clock*, *Jacobus Van Derſpeigle* and *Adrian Hoogelandt*, Priſoners, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read; praying the Houſe for their Diſcharge.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Council by the Attorney General to this Houſe, with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the City of* New-York, *to ſupply the Vacancy of ſuch publick elective Magiſtrates*, with ſome Amendments, were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this Houſe, have agreed to the Amendments.

Mr. Speaker, preſented to the Houſe, the engroſſed Addreſs to her Sacred Majeſty, which was read and ſigned, *viz.*

To the Queen's Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majeſty's loyal, faithful and moſt affectionate Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the People of your Colony of *New-York*, in *America*, met in General Aſſembly, moſt humbly pray your Majeſty's gracious Leave, to offer to your royal Conſideration, That from the Arrival of the late Earl of *Bellamont*, your Majeſty's *Engliſh* Subjects in theſe Parts, and thoſe of foreign Birth, united with them, in Inclination and Intereſt, and entitled to the *Engliſh* Laws and Liberties, by the Countenance of your Majeſty's royal Predeceſſors and Progenitors, have been miſrepreſented, as Pirates, Encouragers of unlawful Trade, with ſuch other evil and odious Characters as thoſe who have projected our Ruin, thought ſuitable to obtain their Ends. The Deſigns were not carried ſo cloſe but that we ſoon were ſenſible of our Misfortunes, and the Conſequences intended by our Adverſaries. By all fitting Ways we endeavoured to ſet ourſelves Right in the Judgment of our Superiors; but, to our inexpreſſible Grief, found the Prepoſſeſſion ſo great, the Obſtacles of our Relief ſo many, that it was impoſſible for us to ſurmount them.

Tho' the Difficulties we met with were ſurpriſing, yet, knowing our own Innocence, we reſolved to leave no Means untried to do ourſelves Juſtice; and to that Purpoſe, in a humble Manner, many of us ſigned an Addreſs to his late Majeſty, and one to the Houſe of Commons, complaining of the Hardſhips we lay under, aſſerting our Integrity, and praying Redreſs. But our Enemies then having the Powers of Government in their Hands, that which we had propoſed for our Benefit, had like to have proved our undoing; for thereupon, Col. *Bayard*, your Majeſty's Subject, a principal Inhabitant of this Colony, and Mr. *Hutchins*, then an Alderman of your City of *New-York*, were impriſoned, and arraigned for high Treaſon, for ſigning and promoting thoſe Addreſſes.

The Proſecution of theſe Men was carried on with that Violence and Partiality, as would have paſſed all Credit, were not the Characters of the Projectors and Actors ſufficiently known; and was the Reaſon that many of the chiefeſt and moſt conſiderable Merchants and Inhabitants of this Colony (your Majeſty's faithful and loyal Subjects) for the Safety of their Lives and Eſtates, were forced to fly and remove into the neighbouring Colonies.

The Indictment of the condemned was found and allowed to be good by a leſs Number than Twelve; and the Jury pick't out to try them, of the meaneſt and moſt ignorant of the People, to that Degree, that ſeveral of them having lately been interrogated by this Houſe, for what Fact the ſaid *Bayard* and *Hutchins* were condemned, pretend they have wholly forgotten. Tho' it is now not nine Months ſince thoſe Things were acted; other

Irregularities

Irregularities were then committed, too many to rehearſe to your Majeſty; and thoſe your Subjects had been deſtroyed, and their Families beggared, had not the Arrival of his Excellency the Lord *Cornbury*, very ſeaſonably prevented it.

A Bill having been brought into this Houſe for declaring the Illegality of thoſe Proceedings, and to hinder the like for the Future; altho' we cannot but be moſt ſenſibly touch'd with the heavy Doom, and great Calamity of thoſe our fellow Subjects, whoſe Crimes, in this Matter, we have not diſcerning enough to Diſcover; yet being informed your Majeſty has graciouſly been pleaſed to give Directions for an Appeal to your Majeſty, we think it our Duty, humbly to lay this State of their Caſe at your Majeſty's Feet, in Hopes of knowing your Majeſty's Royal Pleaſure, that thereupon we may rightly proceed in the ſaid Bill.

We are entirely ſatisfied with the Happineſs we enjoy under your Majeſty's glorious Reign, and the Bleſſing we have in being under the Adminiſtration of the Lord *Cornbury*, your Majeſty's Governor.

We offer up to Almighty God, our hearty Prayers, for your Majeſty's long and proſperous Reign, whom we are well aſſured, has a tender Regard for the Lives, Liberties and Fortunes, of all your Subjects, eſpecially of the Innocent.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating of Slaves*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt* do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 26, 1702.

THE Bill entitled, *An* Act *to declare the Illegality, and fruſtrate the irregular Proceedings, Extortions and Decrees of the late pretended Court of Chancery*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill entitled, *An* Act *for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, &c.* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *French* do carry up to the Council the Bill for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *French*, Capt. *Goddrington*, and Major *Jackſon*, do carry up the Addreſs of this Houſe to her Moſt Sacred Majeſty, to his Lordſhip, and humbly deſire his Lordſhip to tranſmit the ſame under his Cover for *England*, ſo that the ſame may be preſented to her Majeſty.

The Petition of *Martin Clock*, *Jacobus Van Derſpiegle*, and *Adrian Hooglandt*, Priſoners in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Diſcharge.

Ordered, The Petition be rejected.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for prohibiting the diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſter-Shells into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within one Mile's Diſtance of the City-Hall of the ſaid City*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *French* reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to be Managers of the Conference with the Committee of Council, That they had met the Committee of Council, and concluded on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Encouragement of an* Engliſh *Free School*; the Amendment to which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, with Amendments to the Bill; for regulating of Slaves, was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, do carry up to the Council, the Bill for the Encouragement of an *Engliſh* Free-School, in the City of *New-York*, and the Bill for regulating of Slaves, and acquaint them, this Houſe had agreed to the Amendments to each Bill.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, *&c.*

And after ſome Debate thereon, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments therein, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 27, 1702.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing the Revenue*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to declare the Illegality, and fruſtrate the irregular Proceedings, Extortions and Decrees, of the late pretended Court of Chancery*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing the Revenue*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed, to Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Sebring* and Major *Van Brunt*, and that they report their Opinion to this Houſe.

The Bill, againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, which is Current Money, in the Colony of *New-York*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing the Revenue*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which was read.

Ordered, The Bill be ingroſſed without Amendment.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing the Renue*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *French* and Mr. *Banker*, do carry up the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Revenue*; the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to declare the Illegality, and fruſtrate the irregular Proceedings, Extortions and Decrees, of the late pretended Court of Chancery*; and the Bill againſt forging, counterfeiting and clippling, of foreign Coin, *&c.* to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Petition of *Martin Clock*, *Jacobus Van Derſpeigel* and *Adrian Hooglandt*, Priſoners, in the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read; praying the Houſe for their Diſcharge.

Ordered, The Petition be rejected.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Clerk of the Council, to acquaint the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to attend him in Council, at *Fort William Henry*, immediately.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to at-

tend his Excellency in Council, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent, to the several Bills following, *viz.*

An Act, *for granting unto her Majesty the Sum of* Two Thousand Pounds.

An Act, *for continuing the Revenue.*

An Act, *for appointing Commissioners, to take, state and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue.*

An Act, *for destroying of Wolves in this Colony.*

An Act, *for continuing Process and judicial Proceedings.*

An Act, *for settling the Militia of this Province.*

An Act, *for Encouragement of a Grammar Free-School, in the City of* New-York.

An Act, *for the Support and Maintenance of the Poor, in the City of* New-York.

An Act, *to enable the City of* New-York, *to supply the Vacancy of Magistrates.*

An Act, *for Encouraging the Post-Office.*

An Act, *to enable the City of* New-York, *to defray their publick and necessary Charges.*

An Act, *for regulating Slaves.*

An Act, *against forging and clipping of foreign Coins.*

An Act, *for the Repealing several Acts of Assembly.*

And afterwards his Excellency adjourned the General Assembly, to the first *Tuesday* in *April* next.

Die Martis, P. M. April 6, 1703.

THEN appeared according to Adjournment, the Representatives for the City and County of *New-York*, *Albany*, *King's* County, Manor of *Rensselaer Wyck*, Mr. *John Stillwell*, one of the Representatives for the County of *Richmond*, Mr. *William Nicoll*, one of the Representatives for the County of *Suffolk*, and the Representatives for *Queen's* County. The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. April 7, 1703.

THE House being met.

One of the Representatives for the County of *Richmond*, and Mr. *Lakerman*, made his Appearance; but several Members being wanting,

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. April 8, 1703.

THE House being met.

Col. *Howell*, one of the Representatives for the County of *Suffolk*, and Mr. *Hunt*, one of the Representatives for the County of *Westchester*, appeared at the House.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. April 12, 1703.

THE House being met.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Lakerman*, wait on his Excellency, with Mr. *Crum*, returned for the County of *Orange*, to see him take the Oaths and sign the Test, according to Law.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. April 13, 1703.

THE House met, and adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. April 13, 1703.

A Message from his Excellency to the House, by the Clerk of the Council, to acquaint his Lordship being in Council, desired their Attendance immediately; accordingly the Speaker with the House, attended his Excellency, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Excellency had been pleased to make his Speech, and that he had obtained a Copy thereof, which he read to the House, and is as followeth;

Gentlemen,

I Am glad to see so many of you now met together, in pursuance of the Adjournment in November *last, and I do not at all doubt, but that you came resolved to do, whatever shall be found necessary for the Advancement of the Interest, of the great Queen of* England *my Mistress, and for the Good and Welfare of your Country, which are both one; you did in* November *last, grant a considerable Sum of Money to her Majesty, for the paying of such a Number of Men, as was thought necessary to be sent up to* Albany, *for the Defence of the Frontiers this last Winter; which Service hath been performed, tho' I must observe to you, that the Supplies granted for that Purpose, have as yet come in but very slowly; I think it proper to acquaint you, that Two of the Acts passed last* November, *will require your further Consideration; the First is, An Act, for the better settling the Militia of this Province; the Second is, An Act, for appointing and enabling Commissioners, to take, state and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue, of this Colony, and the necessary contingent Charge of the Government: The First, contains an enacting Clause, which lays a Penalty of* Six Pounds, *upon any Person that shall be detached out of the Militia, and shall not appear at the Time and Place appointed, and perform the Service required of him, to be applied to the Use of him who is a Defaulter; this Penalty is to be recovered in the Courts of Pleas, which sits so seldom, that the Offenders conceive great Hopes that their Offences may be forgotten, before the Time comes for recovering their Forfeitures; therefore I think it would be convenient, that a more speedy Method may be provided for recovering the said Penalty, which will make Men more cautious of Offending, and will be a better Encouragement to those that ought to reap the Benefit of such Forfeitures. In the other Act, you have appointed Gentlemen very capable of Executing the Trust reposed in them, but for Want of a Power sufficient to compel People, to lay such Books and Papers before them, as are necessary to enable them, to lay before you such a Report, as you may reasonably expect from them, I fear great Part of their Labour may prove fruitless, therefore recommend it to you, to consider, whether it will not be proper, by a short Bill, to vest them with such a Power, as may enable them to perform the Services expected from them. Gentlemen, I must acquaint you, that since your Adjournment, I have received Information, that the* French *intend to attack this Place, by Sea this Summer. I think, the best Way to prevent that Design will be, to erect two Batteries of Guns at the* Narrows, *one on each Side, which, I believe, is the only Way, to make this Port safe; I have ordered an Estimate to be made, of what that Charge may amount to, which shall in a few Days, be laid before you.——— I must likewise recommend it to the Care of you, Gentlemen, of the House of Representatives, to provide Funds, for carrying on the Fortifications at* Albany, *and other Places on the Frontiers, least for Want of them, the Farmers of those Parts should desert their Habitations, as they have formerly done. I wish, Gentlemen, you would think of a Bill, for the better ascertaining and preserving the Highways in this Colony; I must again, recommend to you, the preparing a Bill, to prevent the distilling of Rum, and the burning of Oyster-shells into Lime, within this City; I have great Reason to believe, that both these Things, did contribute very much, to the Increase of that fatal Distemper, the City was unhappily visited with last Summer; I do not doubt, but several other Things will occur to your Thoughts, which may require the passing of wholesome Laws. I am glad of this Opportunity, to assure you, that you shall always find me ready to assent, to all such Bills, as shall be necessary for the promoting and advancing the Trade and Welfare of this Colony.*

Gentlemen, it is with a great deal of Pleasure, that I take this Opportunity to acquaint you, that the Arms of the Queen and her Allies, have every where in Europe, *been blessed with great Success, and particularly at the Port of* Vigo, *in* Spain; *where her Majesty's Fleet and Army, have destroyed and taken fifteen Sail of capital* French *Ships of War, and seventeen* Spanish *Galleons, with great Riches.*

Gentlemen, I have nothing more to recommend now to you, but the Dispatch of the Business before you, that I may be at Liberty, to attend the Service of the Queen, in other Parts of this Province.

Resolved, The House will take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Abeel*, acquainted the House, he saw Mr. *Crum* take the Oaths and sign the Test according to Law.

The humble Petition of *Martin Clock*, of the City of *New-York*, in Custody of the Serjeant

Serjeant of Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying his Inlargement.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, bring the Petitioner to the Bar of this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, in order to his Diſcharge.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 a Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1703.

THE Serjeant at Arms, according to the Order of the Houſe, brought *Martin Clock*, to the Bar of the Houſe, in order to his Diſcharge, and the Speaker, acquainted Mr. *Clock*, with the Nature of his Offence, and that on his humble Petition and Acknowledgment thereof, the Houſe thought fit he ſhould be diſcharged, on paying his Fees.

Ordered, The ſaid Mr. *Clock*, paying the Fees, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

Mr. *Joſeph Purdy*, one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, made his Appearance at the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to conſider of his Excellency's Speech:

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will on *Friday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Friday* Morning 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 16, 1703.

THIS Day, Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Garton*, Repreſentatives for the County of *Ulſter*, made their Appearance.

The Petition of *Adrian Hoogelandt*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; acknowledging his Offence, and praying his Inlargement.

Ordered, The Serjeant at Arms, bring the Petitioner to the Bar of this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, in Order to his diſcharge.

The Petition of *Jacobus Van Derſpiegel*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; acknowledging his Offence, praying his Enlargement.

Ordered, The Serjeant at Arms, bring the Petitioner to the Bar of this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, in Order to his diſcharge.

According to the Order of the Day, the Houſe proceeded to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, concerning the Clauſe in the Act, for the better ſettling the Militia, which lays a Penalty of *Six Pounds*, upon any Perſon, who being detached out of the Militia, ſhall not appear at the Time and Place appointed, and perform the Service required of him; being taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will on *Monday* Morning next, conſider further of that Matter.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to empower the Commiſſioners appointed to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, and the neceſſary contingent Charge of the Government, to compel any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to lay ſuch Books and Papers before them, as are neceſſary to enable thoſe Commiſſioners, to perform the Services expected from them; and that Mr. *French* and Mr. *Coddrington*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the better aſcertaining, amending and preſerving the Highways in this Colony, and that Col. *Howell* and Capt. *Garton*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of the Repreſentatives of the City and County of *Albany*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, for the ſaid City and County, to repair or re-build, a Common Goal and City-Hall, for ſaid City and County, and to pay the Arrears of their Charge, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of the preſent Miniſter and Elders of the *French* Proteſtant Church, in the City of *New-York*, praying Leave, to bring in a Bill, for enabling them to ſell their preſent Meeting-Houſe, and Lot of Ground, and to purchaſe a larger Tract of Ground, to build a larger Meeting-Houſe, for the Uſe of the ſaid *French* Proteſtant Congregation, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 17, 1703.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, for the City and County of* Albany, *to repair or to build a Common Goal and City-Hall, and County Hall, for ſaid City and County, and to pay the Arrears of their publick Charge*, was read.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Serjeant at Arms, according to the Order of the Houſe, brought Mr. *Hoogelandt* and Mr. *Van Derſpiegle*, to the Bar of this Houſe, in Order for their Diſcharge, and the Speaker acquainted them, with the Nature of their Offence, and upon their humble Petitions and acknowledgment thereof, the Houſe thought fit to diſcharge them, upon paying their Fees.

Ordered, The Petitioners Mr. *Hoogelandt* and Mr. *Van Derſpiegle*, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying their Fees.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 19, 1703.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for prohibiting the Diſtilling of Rum, and burning Oyſterſhells into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within a Miles diſtance of the City-Hall of the ſaid City*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *French*, Mr. *Coddrington*, Major *Whitehead*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Garton* and Col. *Howell*, or any Five of them.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, for the City and County of* Albany, *to repair or to build a Common Goal and City-Hall*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Roeſſelaer*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Banker*, Mr. *Willet*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Hunt*, or any Five of them.

The Houſe, according to Order of the Day, proceeded to that Part of his Excellency's Speech, concerning the Clauſe in the Act, for the better ſettling the Militia, which lays a Penalty of *Six Pounds*, upon any Perſon, who being detached out of the Militia, ſhall not appear at the Time and Place appointed, and perform the Service required of him.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on *Wedneſday* next, conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1703.

THE Petition of *Richard Gardener*, was read; praying ſome Allowance for the Hurt he received by a Shot from the Fort, in the Time of the late Diſorders.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. April 20, 1703.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, for the City and County of* Albany, *to repair or to re-build a Common Goal and City-Hall*, &c. was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, which were read immediately, to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Miniſter and Elders, for the Time being, of the* French *Proteſtant Church in the City of* New-York, *to build a large Meeting-Houſe*, &c. was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. April 21, 1703.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether a Committee ſhall be appointed to prepare a Bill, to explain the Act, entitled, *An Act, for defraying of the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, and maintaining the Poor, and preventing Vagabonds*; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Col. *Howell*, Major *Whitehead*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Purdy*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Lakerman* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any Five of them, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Miniſter and Elders, for the Time being, of the* French *Proteſtant Church, in this City of* New-York, *to build a larger Meeting Houſe, for the Worſhip of Almighty God in that Congregation, to hold to them and their Succeſſors*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Howell*, Mr. *French*, Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Willet*, or any Three of them.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. April 21, 1703.

THE Houſe according to the Order of the Day, proceeded to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, concerning the Clauſe in the Act, for the better ſettling the Militia, *&c.*

Reſolved, This Houſe will on *Monday* next, conſider further of that Matter.

Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Miniſter and Elders, for the Time being, of the* French *Proteſtant Church, in this City of* New-York, *&c.* was committed, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe, ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, *viz*,

That the Word *(Meeting-Houſe)* be obliterated throughout the Bill, and the Word *(Church)* inſerted inſtead thereof.

Per Order of the Committee,
Stephen De Lancey, *Chairman.*

Which was read; and approved.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. April 22, 1703.

THE Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. April 22, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, for the City and County of* Albany, *to repair or re-build, a common Goal and City and County Hall, for the ſaid City and County, and to pay their Arrears of their publick Charge*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Banker*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. April 26, 1703.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *William Anderſon*, Clerk to the Commiſſioners, appointed by Act of General Aſſembly, to take, ſtate and examine, the publick Accounts, *&c.* do lay before this Houſe, the annual Cuſtoms that have been paid into her Majeſty's Cuſtom-Houſe, for Lead, Powder and Guns, tranſported up *Hudſon's River*, for the Years 1700 and 1701.

A Motion being made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the Puniſhment of Officers, for extorting Fees for Services, above what is provided in the late Regulation of Fees.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, having taken into Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech, concerning the Clauſe in the Act, for the better ſettling the Militia, *&c.*

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred till *Thurſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. April 27, 1703.

THE humble Petition of *Johannis Van Veehten, Barent Staats*, and others; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining of the Hardſhips on Veſſels, that trade up *Hudſon's River*, to and from the Cities of *New-York* and *Albany*.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table, until the Account of the annual Cuſtoms, that have been paid into her Majeſty's Cuſtom-Houſe, on Goods carried up *Hudſon's River*, be laid before the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. April 27, 1703.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Miniſter and Elders, for the Time being, of the* French *Proteſtant Church, in the City of* New-York, *to build a larger Church*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for prohibiting the Diſtilling of Rum, and burning Oyſterſhells into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within a Mile's Diſtance of the* City-Hall, *of the ſaid City*, was committed; That they had conſidered and gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, *viz*,

The Diſtance to be Half a Mile from the City-Hall, the Penalty for diſtilling Rum, and burning Oyſters and Oyſterſhells, to be *Five Pounds*, be inſerted in the Bill, the Bill to continue ſeven Years.

Per Order of the Committee,
Philip French, *Chairman.*

Which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed, with the Amendments.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, empowering Juſtices of the Peace and a Freeholder, to hold a Plea of Debt or Treſpaſs of ſmall Value*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. April 28, 1703.

THE Entries made in her Majeſty's Cuſtom-Houſe, of Lead, Powder and Guns, tranſported up *Hudſon's River*, in the Years 1700 and 1701, according to Order, was preſented the Houſe, and read; and the Petition of *Joſeph Van Vechten*, was conſidered.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Howell*, Col. *Jackſon*, Major *Whitehead*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Purdy*, or any Five of them, be a Committee, to draw up and bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, throughout this Colony*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered,

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 28, 1703.

THEN the Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1703.

THE Houſe, acccording to the Order of the Day, *&c.* proceeded, *&c.*

Ordered, That Col. *Howell*, Col. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Jackſon*, Major *Whitehead*, Major *Willet*, Capt. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any Five of them, be a Committee, to conſider of the Clauſe of the Militia Bill, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

The humble Petition of *Jeremiah Tothill*, *John Corbet* and *John Theobald*'s, in Behalf of themſelves, and many of the Inhabitants of this Province; complaining of ſundry *Dutch* and foreign Cuſtoms, uſed in this Province, of conveying Eſtates in Inheritance; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for the quieting them in their Eſtates of Inheritance, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the quieting many of the Inhabitants of this Province, in their future Poſſeſſion of their Eſtates of Inheritance*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act for prohibiting the Diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſterſhells into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within half a Mile's Diſtance of the City-Hall, of the ſaid City*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Whitehead* and Capt. *Coddrington*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Quieting many of the Inhabitants of this Province, in their future Poſſeſſions of their Eſtates of Inheritance*, be read *Wedneſday* next.

Col. *Howell* reported from the Committee, to whom that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Clauſe in the Act, for the better ſettling the Militia, *&c.* was referred, That they had conſidered the ſame, and come to ſome Concluſion, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, *viz.*

That they are humbly of Opinion, that inſtead of the Captain's proſecuting a Defaulter, mentioned in the ſaid Act, at a Court of Common Pleas, he have Power to carry any Perſon detached for the Frontiers, out of the Militia, before any three Juſtices of the Peace, who ſhall be impowered to fine, the Perſon or Perſons ſo convicted, *Six Pounds*, to be levied on his Goods and Chattles.

Per Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman*.

Which was read and approved by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, and that Mr. Attorney General be deſired to draw up the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, impowering Juſtices of the Peace, to hold Pleas of Debt and Treſpaſs of ſmall Value*, was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether a Clauſe be added to the Bill, for the better regulating the Payment of the Quit-Rents, in the ſeveral Towns in this Colony.

It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to explain the Act, entitled, *An Act, for defraying of the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, and maintaining the Poor, and preventing Vagabonds*; That a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill, for the better regulating the Payment of the Quit-Rents, in the ſeveral Towns in this Colony.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, throughout this Colony*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *Abeel*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Coddrington*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Major *Whitehead*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Crum*, Mr. *Purdy*, Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Garton* and Col. *Renſſelaer*, or any Seven of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 30, 1703.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, appointed to bring in a Bill, on the Petition of *Johannis Van Vechten*, and others, complaining of the Hardſhips on Veſſels that trade up *Hudſon's River*, acquainted the Houſe, they had prepared a Bill upon that Head, and preſented the ſame, which was read; and ordered a ſecond reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 7 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. May* 1, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for taking of the Duties paid on Goods, carried up Hudſon's River, and ſettling an Equivolent for the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Howell*, Mr. *French*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Major *Van Brunt* and Mr. *Banker*, or any Five of them.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, impowering Juſtices of the Peace, to hold a Plea of Debt or Treſpaſs of ſmall Value*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Mr. *Hunt* and Major *Willet*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 3, 1703.

Ordered,

THE Committee, to whom the Bill. entitled, *An Act, for taking off the Duties paid on Goods, carried up Hudſon's River, and ſettling an Equivolent for the ſame*, was referred; report their Proceedings thereon To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 4, 1703.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving publick common Highways, throughout this Colony*, was referred; That they had conſidered the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments therein, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for taking off the Duties paid on Goods, carried up* Hudſon's River, *and ſettling an Equivolent for the ſame*, was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, *viz.*

That *Three-pence per* Gallon be laid and paid, on all Rum and Spirit, that ſhall be imported into this Province, from any neighbouring Colony, except the Iſlands of *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Carribees*, *Surrinam* and *Dutch* Ports adjacent thereunto.

Per Order of the Committee,
Stephen De Lancey, *Chairman*.

Which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed with the Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1703.

ACCORDING to the Order of the Day, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Quieting many of the Inhabitants of this Provice, in their future Poſſeſſion of their Eſtates of Inheritance*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *French*, Mr. *Crum*, Mr. *Banker*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Abeel*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Schuyler*, or any Five of them.

Mr. *De Lancey*, one of the Commiſſioners, acquainted the Houſe, the Commiſſioners for taking, ſtating and examining, the publick Accounts of the Government, &c. attended to report to the Houſe, their Progreſs in that Matter, who were called in, and preſented to the Houſe their Journal and Report, purſuant to the Act of General Aſſembly, and then withdrew.

Ordered, The Report of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, be read in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 5, 1703.

ACcording to the Order of the Day, the Houſe proceeded to the reading, the Report of the Commiſſioners, for taking, ſtating and examining, the publick Accounts of the Government; after the reading ſome Part thereof,

Ordered, The Houſe proceed to the further Examination of the Report To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1703.

ACCORDING to the Order of the Day, the Houſe proceeded on the Report of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, and having read ſome Part thereof.

Ordered, The Houſe proceed to the further Examination of the ſaid Report in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 6, 1703.

THE Houſe, according to Order, proceeded on, and concluded the Examination of the ſaid Report.

Ordered, The ſaid Report lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

A Bill entitled, *An* Act *for the better Eſtabliſhment of the Maintenance for the Miniſter of* New-York, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for taking off the Duties paid on Goods, carried up* Hudſon's River, *and ſettling an Equivolent for the ſame*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *Abeel*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1703.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare a Bill, to explain an Act, entitled, *An Act, for defraying of the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province*, &c. That they had prepared the Bill, and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether a Committe ſhall be appointed, to inſpect into the Fees of the Officers of this Government, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Howell*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Abeel*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Col. *Beekman*, or any Five of them, be a Committee, to inſpect the Fees, taken by the reſpective Officers of this Government, and report their Opinion to this Houſe, and for their better Information, they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether a Committee be appointed, to regulate the Aſſize of Caſk, Weights and Meaſures, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Major *Whitehead*, Mr. *Purdy*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Banker*, or any Five of them, be a Committee, to regulate the Aſſize of Caſk, Weights and Meaſures, and report their Opinion thereof, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 7, 1703.

THE Petition of *Pellathia*, *Nathan* and *Elizabeth Forham*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying Leave, to bring in a Bill for ſettling the Eſtate of *David Briggs*, late of *Southampton*, in the County of *Suffolk*; purſuant to a Deed of Settlement.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for Laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, throughout this Colony*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Howell* and Major *Whitehead*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 8, 1703.

MAJOR *Whitehead*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of regulating the Size of Caſk, and Weights and Meaſures, That they had conſidered the Matters, to them referred, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and are as followeth:

Reſolved, All dry Caſk be of the Dimenſions following, That is to ſay, every Hogſhead, to be 40 Inches long, 33 Inches in the Bulge, and 27 Inches in the Head; every Teirce, to be 36 Inches long, 27 Inches in the Bulge, and 23 Inches in the Head; every Barrel to be 30 Inches long, 26 Inches in the Bulge, and 22 Inches in the Head; every half Barrel to be 25 Inches long, 20 Inches in the Bulge, and 16 Inches in Head; every quarter Barrel, to be 20 Inches long, 16 in the Bulge, and 13 Inches in the Head.

Reſolved, That all tite Barrels contain 31 Gallons and ½, not to exceed half a Gallon over nor under, and all other tite Caſk to be in Proportion to a Barrel.

Reſolved, All Weights and Meaſures, uſed in this Colony, be according to the Standard of *England*, and that a Perſon be appointed in every County, of this Province, to Seal the Weights and Meaſures, according to the ſaid Standard; and that they are humbly of Opinion, no other Caſks, Weights and Meaſures, ought to be uſed in this Province, after the firſt of *Auguſt* next.

Per Order of the Committee,
Daniel Whitehead, *Chairman.*

Which was read; and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and that Mr. Attorney General, be deſired to prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for veſting and ſettling the Eſtate, late of* Southampton, *in the County of* Suffolk; *purſuant to a Deed of Settlement, made by the ſaid* David Briggs, *according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid* Divid Briggs, *expreſt in the ſaid Deed of Settlement*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, An Act, for the better Explaining, and effectually putting in Execution, An Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act, for defraying of the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, and maintaining the Poor, and preventing Vagabonds*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Col. *Howell*, Major *Whitehead*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Banker*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, or any Five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Eſtabliſhment of the Manitenance for the Miniſter of* New-York, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *French*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Hunt*, Col. *Jackſon*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Col. *Howell*, or any Five of them.

Ordered, Major *Whitehead*, have Leave to go home being indiſpoſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 11, 1703.

A Bill for the better explaining an Act of Aſſembly, entitled *An Act, to enable reſpective Towns within this Province, to build and repair their Meeting Houſe, and other Buildings; and alſo, to enable the ſeveral Counties of* Richmond *and* Weſtcheſter, *to erect common Goals, and other publick Buildings, for the Service of the ſaid Counties*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered the ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 11, 1703.

THE humble Petition of *Dirck Vandenburgh*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining that the Brichmakers in this Province, making their Bricks not according to the Standard of *England*, is prejudicial to this Province.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill, to be brought into this Houſe, for the better Regulating the Aſſize of Caſk, Meaſures and Weights.

That all Bricks, to be made in this Colony, from and after the firſt of *Auguſt* next, ſhall be according to the Standard of the Kingdom of *England*.

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain an Act, of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for defraying of the publick and neceſſary Charge, throughout this Province, &c.* was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame, which being read and agreed to by the Houſe,

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for ſettling the Eſtate, late of* David Briggs, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be committed to Col. *Howell*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Major *Van Brunt*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Abeel* and Major *Willet*, or any Five of them, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, that the Parties named in the Bill, give timely Notice thereof, to the Poſſeſſors or Tenants of thoſe Lands, that they may make what Objections they think fit, againſt paſſing the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 12, 1703.

THE Bill, for the better explaining one Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act, to enable the reſpective Towns within this Province, to build and repair the publick Meeting Houſes, and other publick Buildings*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 12, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better explaining and effectual putting in Execution, An Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying of all the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, and for maintaining the Poor and preventing Vagabonds*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Col. *Jackſon* and Major *Willet*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more ſpeedy Recovery of the Forfeiture of* Six Pounds, *for Perſons not appearing upon Detachments, and performing the Service required, according to the Purport of an Act of General Aſſembly, of this Colony, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better and more ſpeedy Recovery of the Forfeiture of* Six Pounds, *for Perſons not appearing upon Detachments, and performing the Service required, according to the Purport of an Act of Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Col. *Howell*, Col. *Jackſon*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any Five of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 14, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining one Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the reſpective Towns within this Province, to build and repair their publick Meeting-Houſe, and other publick Buildings; and alſo, to enable the ſeverál Counties of* Richmond *and* Weſtcheſter, *to erect common Goals*, &c. *for the Service of the ſaid Counties*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Purdy* and Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Rip Van Dam, Eſq; brought from his Excellency and Council, a Print from *England*, entitled, *The Caſe of* William Atwood, *Eſq; late Chief Juſtice of this Province, and Judge of the Vice Admiralty*; and one other Paper, ſaid to be a Copy of a Petition, directed to the Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, containing ſeveral ſcandalous, malicious, notorious Uutruths, and unjuſt Reflections, on the Perſons in the preſent Adminiſtration of this Government.

Ordered, The Papers lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1703.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more ſpeedy Recovery of the Forfeiture of* Six Pounds, *for Perſons not appearing upon Detachments, and performing the Service required, according to the Purport of an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Millitia of this Province*, &c. was referred; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Ordered, Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do wait on his Excellency and Council, to deſire in the Name of this Houſe, a Committee of Council may be appointed, to join with a Committee of this Houſe, to conſider of the Print and Papers, tranſmitted from his Lordſhip and Council Yeſterday.

Ordered, Mr. *French*, Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Abeel*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Col. *Beekman*, or any Five of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join with a Committee of Council to conſider of the Print and Papers, tranſmitted from his Lordſhip and Council Yeſterday.

Col. *Smith*, brought to this Houſe, from his Lordſhip, a Draught in Parchment, and two Eſtimates of two Batteries, deſigned to be built at the *Narrows*, one on *Staten Iſland*, and the other on the Iſland of *Naſſau*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will on *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Die

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more ſpeedy Recovery, of the Forfeiture of* Six Pounds, *for Perſons not appearing upon Detachments, and performing the Service required, according to the Purport of an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Col. *Beekman* and Major *Willet*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Eſtimates for building two Batteries at the *Narrows*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe *Thurſday* next, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 19, 1703.

Reſolved,

THE Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Report of the Commiſſioners, for taking, ſtating and examining, the publick Accounts of the Government.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 19, 1703.

COL. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Eſtabliſhment of the Maintenance of the Miniſter of the City of* New-York, was referred; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. V. Cortlandt, *Chairman*.

Which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Doctor *Bridges*, brought from the Council, an engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring the Illegality of the Proceedings, againſt Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *for pretended High Treaſon, and for reverſing and making null and void the ſaid Judgments, and all Proceedings thereon*, which was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Report of the Commiſſioners, for taking, ſtating and examining, the publick Accounts of the Government; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter,

And had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will on *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring the Illegality of the Proceedings, againſt Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *for pretended High Treaſon, and for reverſing and making null and void the ſaid Judgments, and all Proceedings thereon*, read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the third Time.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Eſtimates for building two Batteries at the *Narrows*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter.

And that they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 21, 1703.

AN Act, for the better Eſtabliſhment of the Maintenance for the Miniſter of the City of *New-York*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Rinſelaer*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for declaring the Illegality of the Proceedings, againſt Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *for pretended High Treaſon, and for reverſing and making null and void the ſaid Judgments, and all Proceedings thereon*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt* and Capt. *Garton*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, the Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, without any Amendments.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Houſe, according to the Order of Day, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Eſtimates, for building two Batteries at the *Narrows*, it was carried in the Negative.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1703.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Eſtimates, to build two Batteries at the *Narrows*: And after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had in that Matter to them referred, come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be aſſiſted in the Erecting two Batteries at the *Narrows*; one on each Side, in Order to render this Port ſafe.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed, to be applied towards the

the Erecting the ſaid two Batteries, and to no other Uſe whatſoever.

Reſolved, That his Excellency be humbly addreſſed, ſetting forth the preſent State of this Colony, the Poverty and Incapacity of the People, to raiſe Money for perfecting thoſe Fortifications, and to pray his Excellency, to interceed with her Majeſty, for her gracious Support at this Juncture, and the Aſſiſtance of the neighbouring Colonies, who will reap the Benefit of the Security intended by theſe Batteries.

Per Order of the Committee,
Philip French, *Chairman.*

Which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 24, 1703.

MR. Attorney General, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, to this Houſe, deſiring their Concurrence with the Members of that Board, in forming and ſigning an Addreſs to her moſt Sacred Majeſty, congratulating the late glorious Succeſs of her Majeſty's Arms, both by Sea and Land.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *French*, Col. *Jackſon*, Col. *Howell*, Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Garton*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet thoſe Members of the Council Board, that ſhall be appointed to form an Addreſs to her moſt Sacred Majeſty, congratulating the late glorious Succeſs of her Majeſty's Arms, both by Sea and Land.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton* and Col. *Jackſon*, do wait on the Council, and acquaint them with this Order.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Report of the Commiſſioners, for taking, ſtating and examining, the publick Accounts of the Government; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will on *Thurſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1703.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 25, 1703.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, appointed to inſpect the Fees, taken by the reſpective Officers of this Government, That they had conſidered the Matter, and directed him to report the ſame, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive it, which is as followeth, *viz.*

That they have agreed to a Catalogue of what Fees, they judge reaſonable to be taken, by the ſeveral Offices and Officers in the Government; which is hereunto annexed, and that no more be taken for any Service therein mentioned, than what is there allowed, upon the Penalty of *Ten Pounds*; but in Caſe any other Service ſhall happen to ariſe, or neceſſary to be done or performed in any Court or Courts within this Colony, omitted to be recited in the ſaid Catalogue of Fees; in ſuch Caſes, all Fees ſo ariſing, ſhall be taxed by the Diſcretion of the Judges and Juſtices, in each reſpective Court, in Proportion with the eſtabliſhed Fees, provided, the ſaid Supplement ſtand in Force, for two Years and no longer.

By Order of the Committee,
Thomas Garton, *Chairman.*

Which was read; and re-committed to the ſame Committee.

Ordered, The Committee bring in their Report thereon, To-morrow.

An Addreſs to his Lordſhip, ſetting forth the State of this Colony, the Poverty and Incapacity of the People, to raiſe Money, for perfecting the two Batteries at the *Narrows*, and to pray his Excellency, to interceed with her Majeſty, for her gracious Support and the Aſſiſtance of the neighbouring Colonies, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, The Addreſs be engroſſed.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe the *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, for erecting the two Batteries.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 26, 1703.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Fees taken by the reſpective Officers of this Government, was re-committed; That they have gone through the ſame, and made ſome Amendments in the Catalouge he produced, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

By Order of the Committee,
Thomas Garton, *Chairman.*

Which being read, and agreed to by the Houſe,

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton* and Col. *Howell*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, according to the Report and the Amendments.

A Meſſage by *William Lawrence*, Eſq; from his Excellency and Council, to acquaint the Houſe, a Committee of Council is appointed, to meet a Committee of this Houſe, to prepare an Addreſs to her moſt Sacred Majeſty, congratulating the late glorious Succeſs of her Majeſty's Arms, both by Sea and Land.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. Attorney General, deſiring this Houſe will concur, with the Members of the Council, in forming and ſigning an humble Addreſs to her Majeſty, ſetting forth the great Hardſhips of this poor Province, and the Impoſſibility it will be, for the ſame to ſupport and defray the great Charge, of building, erecting and repairing ſuch Fortifications, as will be inevitably neceſſary for the Defence, not only of this Province, but of all her Majeſty's other Territories, in *North-America*.

Ordered, The Committee appointed by this Houſe, to meet the Committee of Council, to form an Addreſs to her moſt Sacred Majeſty, congratulating, &c. the late glorious Succeſs of her Majeſty's Arms, by Sea and Land; be a Committee of this Houſe, to join with a Committee of Council, to form an Addreſs to her Majeſty, ſetting forth the great Hardſhips of this poor Province, &c. and that Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do acquaint the Council with this Order.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting two Batteries; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Capt. *Coddrington*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame, and is as followeth:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed by a Poll Tax, and other Ways in Manner following, to wit,

That every Perſon having the Honour to be of her Majeſty's Council of this Province, ſhall pay *Forty Shillings*.

Every Repreſentative in the General Aſſembly, *Twenty Shillings*.

Every Practitioner in the Law, *Twenty Shillings*.

Every Perſon that wares a Perriwig, *Five Shillings* and *Six-pence*.

Every Bachelor, above the Age of 25 Years, *Two Shillings* and *Three-pence*.

Every other Freeman, from 16 Years to 60, *Nine-pence*.

The Maſters or Miſtreſſes of every Slave or Slaves, for each Slave, from 16 to 60 Years of Age, *One Shilling*.

And every Gallon of Spirits diſtilled in this Province, from any Thing but Grain, to pay *Three-pence, per* Gallon, until the 25th of *March* next.

Which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Major *Whitehead*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Col. *Howell*, or any Three of them, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 26, 1703.

COL. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Eſtate, late of* David Briggs, *&c.* was referred; That they had heard the Allegations of both Parties by their Council, and conſidered the ſame, and had alſo gone through the Bill, and come to ſome Concluſion, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame, *viz.*

That they are humbly of Opinion, the Bill ought to paſs in Favour of the *Fordam's* mentioned in the ſaid Bill.

By Order of the Committee,
John Jackſon, *Chairman*.

Which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to oblige thoſe Perſons to pay the Arrears of Taxes, formerly impoſed for Building a Fort at *Onondaga*, and that the ſame be employed for the building and repairing the Fort at *Albany*, and Fortifications on the Frontiers? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The Attorney General, be deſired to prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1703.

MR. *French*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſupply the Defects of an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her preſent Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take, ſtate and examine the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony. and the neceſſary contingent Charge of the Government*, which was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Lordſhip, was read; being as followeth, and ſigned by the Speaker, *John Jackſon*, Col. *Matthew Howell*, Mr. *John Abeel*, Mr. *Evert Banker*, Col. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, Mr. *John Stillwell*, Mr. *Abraham Lakerman*, Mr. *Joſiah Hunt*, Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, Mr. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Thomas Coddrington*, Major *Daniel Whitehead*, Major *William Willet*, Mr. *Joſhua Purdy*, Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Thomas Garton* and Mr. *Myndert Schuyler*.

To His Excellency *the* Governor.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly, of her Majeſty's Colony in New-York, *in* America.

My Lord,

WE her Majeſty's faithful and loyal Subjects, deputed by the Freeholders, of the ſeveral Counties and Places in this Colony, for which we reſpectively ſerve, find our ſelves under a Neceſſity to repreſent to your Lordſhip,

That this Colony, in its firſt and original Model or Project, *Anno* 1694, was deſigned, to extend from the Weſt Side of *Connecticut* River, to the Eaſt Side of *Delaware* Bay or River, being thought then, a proper and ſufficient Territory, for the Settlement of one Plantation, Colony or Government. But the greateſt Part of it to the Eaſtward, being in the Poſſeſſion of thoſe, who claim under a Grant from the Crown *Anno* 1661, to the Governor and Company, of the *Engliſh* Colony of *Connecticut*, in *New-England*; and all the Lands to the Weſtward of *Hudſon's* River near the Sea, and moſt capable of Improvement, either by a wrong Repreſentation or a ſupine Neglect, having been lopped off, there only remains to this Colony, a Breadth of about thirty Miles along the Shore, by which being reduced to narrow Limits, and a ſmall Number of Inhabitants, its the leſs able ſuſtain the Burthens it labours under.

The Situation of this Colony, not a little contributes to our Calamities, the upper Branches of *Hudſon's* River, ſtretching near others, which run into the great River of St. *Lawrence*, afford the *French* of *Canada*, an eaſy Paſſage to annoy us on that Side, and the five Nations of *Indians*, the moſt warlike in theſe Parts, living contiguous, oblige us to be at an extreme Charge, to gain the uncertain Friendſhip of a ſavage People, who otherwiſe, would prove a dangerous and troubleſome Enemy, not only to this, but to all the reſt of the *Engliſh* Plantations, on the Main Land of *America*.

The late War, drained us of the greateſt Part of our Youth, who to avoid being detached to ſerve on the Frontiers, forſake their native Soil, to ſettle in the neighbouring Colonies and other adjacent Places.

Since the Peace, this Colony has raiſed above *Twenty-two Thouſand Pounds*, in publick Monies, a great Part of which has been laviſhed ſo profuſely, and miſapplied contrary to the Ends for which it was given, and againſt the expreſs Letter, of both the Letters Pattents and Inſtructions of the late Governor; That it muſt be no Wonder, if the People (were they able) ſhould be averſe to giving, having freſh before their Eyes, ſuch apparent Examples, of the unjuſt and unaccountable Diſpoſition of their Monies.

The Languiſhing and decay of Trade, is what we cannot omit mentioning to your Excellency, which though poſſibly may be perfectly owing to the Duties we have laid on Goods, and otherwiſe, while our Neighbours are Free, and the unlimitted Fees, taken by the Officers of the Cuſtom-houſe, not leſs then the preſent War, *Yet the Practice of the Admiralty muſt in Time, deter all Mankind from coming among us, which having been in the*

the ſame Hands, with the Office of Chief Juſtice, its Powers is uncontroulable, for a Man to prohibit himſelf, againſt the Byas of 7 and a Half *per Cent.* ſeems a Difficulty not eaſily got ever.

It cannot, but be obvious to every common Man, what Encouragement it is for a Man that has ſomething he may call his own, to expoſe it by coming to Trade, when he has no other Aſſurance of his Property, but the ſelf denial of a Judge, awarding againſt his own Profit and Intereſt.

The Colony being thus exhauſted of Men and Money, and under the Circumſtances before rehearſed, your Lordſhip is a moſt competent Judge in this Exigency, how capable we are of contributing to the Charge of erecting thoſe Batteries, your Excellency intends for our Defence, eſpecially of bringing them to that Perfection, which may render them any tolerable Security.

This being the State and Condition of the Colony at preſent, we humbly offer the ſame to your Lordſhip's Conſideration, humbly beſeeching, your Excellency's Interceſſion with her moſt Sacred Majeſty, to extend her gracious Bounty to theſe impoveriſhed Parts, in beſtowing what in her royal Pleaſure, ſhe ſhall judge requiſite, towards the finiſhing the intended Fortifications, and that her Majeſty will be pleaſed, to give effectual Directions, that all our Neighbours who may receive any Protection from them, may aſſiſt proportionably to the Benefit they may receive. Not in the leaſt doubting, but in whatſoever it lies in your Excellency's Power to relieve us, we ſhall find ſpeedy Redreſs, and without which (though we may for a Time linger and gradually conſume) the Colony muſt at length, inevitably come to Ruin and Deſtruction.

Reſolved, That the whole Houſe do attend his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer* and Col. *Howell*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire to know, when he pleaſes the Houſe ſhall attend him, with their Addreſs.

Col. *Renſſelaer* and Col. *Howell*, returned and informed the Houſe, That his Excellency had been pleaſed to appoint, to be attended by this Houſe, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 27, 1703.

MR. Speaker, with the Houſe, went to attend his Excellency, and being returned,

"Mr. Speaker reported, That his Excellency was pleaſed "upon the Receipt of their Addreſs, to expreſs himſelf in "this Manner, That he was always ready to receive the Ad"dreſs of this Houſe, and that he ſhould never be wanting, "to do what lay in his Power, for the Good of the Colony, "purſuant to the Authorities in his Commiſſion and his In"ſtructions."

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to ſupply the Defects of an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her preſent Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act, for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *French*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *Banker*, or any Three of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 28, 1703.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Attorney General, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for prohibiting the Diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſterſhells into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within half a Mile's Diſtance of the City-Hall, of the ſaid City, with Amendments.*

To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for veſting and ſettling the Eſtate, of* David Briggs, *late of* Southampton, *in the County of* Suffolk, *purſuant to a Deed of Settlement, made by the ſaid* David Briggs, *according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid* David Briggs, *expreſſed in the ſaid Deed of Settlement*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Capt. *Coddrington* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting two Batteries at the *Narrows*; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 28, 1703.

THE Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting two Batteries at the *Narrows*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Col. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Howell*, Major *Whitehead*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Sebring* and Col. *Beekman*, or any Five of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 29, 1703.

COL. *Renſſelaer*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting two Batteries at the *Narrows*, was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe ſhall pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately, which being read accordingly,

The Houſe agreed to all the Amendments except one, and another Amendment was made to the ſaid Bill by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to ſupply the Defect of an Act, of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her preſent Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act, for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue*, &c. was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
Philip French, *Chairman.*

Which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, *Tueſday* Morning next.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to ſupply the Defect of an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her preſent Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act, for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue, of this Colony*, &c.

Was

Was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon* and Major *Van Brunt*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting two Batteries at the *Narrows*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating Fees*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating Fees*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Col. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Stillwell* and Col. *Cortlandt*, or any Five of them.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more ſpeedy Recovery of the Forfeiture of* Six Pounds, *for Perſons not appearing upon Detachments, and performing the Service required, according to the Purport of an Act of General Aſſembly, of this Colony, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. without Amendments.

And, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and effectually putting in Execution, An Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying of the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, and for maintaining the Poor and preventing Vagabonds*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the ſaid Amendments, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon* and Capt. *Garton*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, the Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1703.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating Fees*, was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Per Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman.*

Which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, complaining of great Frauds, daily committed in Tanning of Leather, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1703.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better regulating Fees*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Willet* and Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join with a Committee of the Council, to form an Addreſs to her moſt Sacred Majeſty, congratulating the late glorious Succeſs of her Majeſty's Arms, both by Sea and Land, That they had met the ſaid Committee of Council, and joined with them in addreſſing her Majeſty, a Copy whereof they had directed him to preſent to the Houſe.

Per Order of the Committee,
Matthew Howell, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Addreſs be read immediately, being as followeth:

To the QUEEN'S *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of your Majeſty's Governor, Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives, of your Majeſty's Colony of New-York, *in* America, *convened in General Aſſembly.*

Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects, having a continued Senſe, of thoſe happy Influences your auſpicious Reign hath had over us, in theſe remote Parts of your Dominions, with greateſt Joy and Satisfaction, lay hold of all Opportunities and Occaſions of expreſſing the ſame, but leaſt we ſhould ſeem to be wholly bounded in our own Enjoyments, we do at this Time, preſume to enlarge our Acknowledgments, in a moſt hearty Congratulation of the late glorious Victories and Succeſs, your Majeſty's Arms have obtained againſt the common Enemies and Diſturbers of the Peace and Tranquility of *Europe*; which we doubt not, will render your Majeſty's Friends and Allies, no leſs happy, than your Majeſty's own Liege People, by enabling us to give Laws to our Enemies, Settlement and Security to ourſelves. And that we may not be thought unworthy of theſe great Bleſſings and Deliverances, God's Providence hath wrought for us, by your Majeſty's moſt wiſe and powerful Conduct, both in the Civil and Military Adminiſtration, we do moſt heartily and ſincerely engage ourſelves, in the utmoſt Duty, Loyalty and Affection, to your Sacred Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and will not be only ſtrict in the Performance and Diſcharge of our own Duties therein, but ſhall ever be watchful over others, who at any Time, dare to attempt the Diſturbance thereof. And will never ceaſe our Addreſſes to Almighty God, for the Continuance of your Majeſty's long and proſperous Reign over us.

Which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, Col. *Howell*, and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up the Addreſs to the Council, and acquaint them with the Concurrence of this Houſe to the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 4, 1703.

THE Petition of *Richard Gardener*, being under Conſideration of the Houſe,

Ordered, He have Notice to attend the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1703.

A Motion being made, That this Houſe addreſs his Excellency, to iſſue his Warrant, for paying to the Clerk of the Commiſſioners, to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts

counts of the Government, and their neceſſary Expences in that Service.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency, That a Warrant may iſſue to the Commiſſioners, for executing the Office of Collector and Receiver General, or the Collector and Receiver General of this Province, for the Time being, for the Payment of the Sum of *Thirty-ſix Pounds, Thirteen Shillings*, for the Attendance and Service of the Clerk, and neceſſary Expences of the Commiſſioners appointed for taking, ſtating and examining, the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, and the neceſſary contingent Charge of the Government, in Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in them.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Col. *Howell*, do wait on his Excellency, with this Addreſs.

Richard Greener, according to Order, attended this Houſe, and being called in, anſwered to the ſeveral Queſtions aſked him, relating to his Wounds he received in the late Diſorders, and then withdrew; the Houſe conſidered the Damage he ſuſtained, and the Miſery he a long Time endured.

Reſolved, The Houſe addreſs his Excellency, That a Warrant may iſſue to the Commiſſioners, for executing the Office of Collector and Receiver General, or the Collector and Receiver General of this Province, for the Time being, for the Payment of the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, in Conſideration of his Sufferings, and towards putting the ſaid *Richard Greener*, into ſome Way, whereby he may ſubſiſt himſelf and Family.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Beekman*, do wait on his Excellency with this Addreſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1703.

THE Speaker ſigned the Addreſs of this Houſe to his Lordſhip, to iſſue his Warrant, to pay the Clerk of the Commiſſioners of Accounts, and his Warrant to pay *Richard Greener*, *Twenty Pounds*, towards his Subſiſtence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 8, 1703.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Aſſize of Caſks, Weights, Meaſures and Bricks, within this Colony*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *French*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, for quieting many of the Inhabitants of this Province, in the future Poſſeſſion of their Eſtates of Inheritance, was referred; That they had conſidered the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe, that the ſame ought to paſs.

Per Order of the Committee,
Philip French, *Chairman*.

Which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Quieting many of the Inhabitants of this Provice, in the future Poſſeſſion of their Eſtates of Inheritance*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to aſcertain the Aſſize of Caſks, Weights, Meaſures and Bricks, within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Capt. *Garton*, Major *Whitehead*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Banker*, Mr. *Lakerman* and Mr. *Abeel*, or any Five of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1703.

CAPT. *Coddrington*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Aſſize of Caſks, Weights, Meaſures and Bricks, within this Colony*, was referred; That they had conſidered the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Per Order of the Committee,
Thomas Coddrington, *Chairman*.

Which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1703.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That, that Board had received Information, that ſeveral of the Taxes, formerly raiſed in this Province, are not collected and paid, according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts, by Means whereof ſeveral Perſons, who have done Services, and advanced Monies to this Government, on Account of the ſaid Taxes, are ſtill unſatisfied, and do deſire this Houſe to prepare a Bill of Review of all the ſaid former Taxes unpaid.

The ſaid Meſſage being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That Mr. *French* and Col. *Howell*, do wait on his Excellency in Council, humbly to requeſt, that an Account of thoſe ſeveral Perſons, who have done Services and advanced Monies to this Government, the Sums of Monies unpaid, and on the Credit of what Taxes in particular, may be laid before this Houſe, that they may be the better enabled to proceed in this Matter.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Attorney General, that they have agreed to the Bill, for the better explaining one Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the reſpective Towns within this Province, to build and repair their Meeting-Houſe, and other publick Buildings*, &c. with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Aſſize of Caſks, Weights, Meaſures and Bricks*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Mr. *Banker* and Mr. *Stillwell*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

And alſo deſire a Conference with this Houſe, at 5 of the Clock this Afternoon, at the Widow *Schuyler*'s, in the City of *New-York*, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for taking off the Duties paid on Goods, carried up* Hudſon's River, *and ſettling an Equivolent for the ſame.*

Ordered, That Mr. *French*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Abeel*, be a Committee, appointed by this Houſe, to meet the Gentlemen of the Council to confer on that Matter.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1703.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Heathcote*, That the Gentlemen of the Council, having conſidered of the Meſſage from this Houſe, ſent up by Mr. *French* and Col. *Howell*, That the Reaſons that induced the Council, to ſend the former Meſſage, proceeded from divers Complaints, from Perſons who have paid the Taxes of former Acts of Aſſembly, and are mightily diſcouraged for ſo doing for the Future, by ſeeing their Neighbours eſcape, by not having complied with the Acts, which they think tends much to the Diſſervice of the Crown, and the Safety of the Country, for which Reaſons they are ſtill of Opinion, that ſuch a Bill, will be of abſolute Neceſſity, and that by their former Meſſage, they had no regard how the Monies, that might ariſe by ſuch a Bill of Review, ſhould be applied, thinking the moſt proper Time to do that, would be when they ſaw what Effect ſuch a Bill, would have of the Houſe.

Mr. Attorney General, brought down to this Houſe, the Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, towards building two Batteries at the *Narrows*, with ſeveral Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Whitehead*, do wait on his Excellency in Council, and deſire a Conference with the Gentlemen of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of thoſe Amendments.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Attorney General, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining one Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, to enable the reſpective Towns within this Province, to build and repair their Meeting Houſes, and other publick Buildings*, &c.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments, be committed to Col. *Howell*, Col. *Jackſon*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Major *Whitehead*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Banker* and Mr. *Stillwell*, or any Five of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1703.

THE Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afnoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 11, 1703.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1703.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by Mr. Attorney General, to this Houſe, That that Board having conſidered of the Meſſage, brought by Major *Whitehead*, deſiring a Conference on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, to the *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* Bill, do agree to the ſaid Conference, and appoint the ſame to be held immediately, at *Shepherd*'s.

Ordered, That Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Cortlandt*, or any five of them, be a Committee, appointed by this Houſe, to meet the Gentlemen of the Council accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 14, 1703.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to meet the Gentlemen of the Council, to confer on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, to the Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, That they had met the Gentlemen of the Council, but came to no Concluſion.

Reſolved, That the Houſe To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Amendments to the *Fifteen Hundred Pound* Bill, ſent down from the Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1703.

THE Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments to the Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and,

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, that they had gone through Part thereof, and agreed to ſome of the Amendments, and diſagreed to others; and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 15, 1703.

THE Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on the ſubject Matter, of the Amendments to the Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*.

And after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and, Col. *Howell* reported, That they had gone through the Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, do humbly Addreſs his Excellency, upon the ſubject Matter, of ſome of thoſe Amendments, and other Inconveniencies this Province labours under, and that an Addreſs be prepared accordingly.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, have Leave to go home, he having extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1703.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments to the Bill, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, That they had gone thro' the Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and agreed to the 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27th, Amendments, and to the 18th Amendment, with this Addition, to that Amendment, after the Word (*whatſoever*) to wit (*and the ſame exhibit to the General Aſſembly, for the Time being, when thereunto required.*)

That they diſagree to the 3, 4 and 5th Amendments, *as being contrary to the ſaid Title and Stile, given and mentioned in the Letters Patents to his Excellency for the Government.*

Per Order of the Committee,

Matthew Howell, *Chairman.*

Which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Col. *Schuyler*, brought from the Council, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to aſcertain the Aſſize of Caſks, Weights, Meaſures*, &c. with Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which were ſeverally read, and all agreed to by the Houſe, except the Second.

Ordered, That Mr. *Purdy* and Mr. *Sebring*, do carry back the Bill and Amendments, to his Excellency and Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe hath agreed to ſeveral of the Amendments to both Bills, and diſagreed to others.

The prepared Addreſs to his Excellency, upon the Subject Matter of ſome of the Amendments to the Bill, ſent from the Council, to raiſe *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*, and other Inconveniencies this Province labours under, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ſigned, as followeth;

To His Excellency *the* Governor.

My Lord,

HER Majeſty's loyal and faithful Subjects, the General Aſſembly, of this her Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, in *America*; humbly offer to your Lordſhip's Conſideration, that the Houſe taking Notice of the profuſe and unreaſonable Miſapplication of the Revenue, and other Monies granted by the People heretofore, and the Report made by the Commiſſioners appointed by Act of General Aſſembly, to take, ſtate and examine, the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, and the neceſſary contingent Charge of the Government, *was induced to deſire and inſiſt, that ſome proper and ſufficient Perſon, might be commiſſionated as Treaſurer, for the receiving and paying of ſuch Monies now intended to be raiſed for the publick Uſe, as a Means to obſtruct the like Miſapplication for the future,*

They alſo pray Leave to acquaint your Excellency, that the Fees exacted by many of the Officers within this Colony, in particular thoſe of the Cuſtom-Houſe, are unneceſſary, unwarrantable, exorbitant, burthenſome to the People, and a great Obſtruction to our Trade.

They were in hopes, to have received ſome Eaſe and Satisfaction, by your Excellency's paſſing ſome Bills into Laws, for their Relief in theſe Marters, but to their unſpeakable Grief are informed, that your Excellency's granting them Redreſs in that Manner, is contrary to your Excellency's Inſtructions from the Crown.

And therefore, they are moſt humble Suitors to your Excellency, that you will pleaſe ſo

ſo to repreſent theſe Things to her moſt Sacred Majeſty.

That your Excellency may receive her Majeſty's Inſtructions, to commiſſionate ſome proper ſufficient Perſon, a principal Freeholder and Inhabitant here, to be *Treaſurer* of this Colony, for the receiving and paying the Monies from Time to Time hereafter, to be raiſed, for the Support and other Exigencies of the Government, and that whoever ſhall hereafter be appointed and commiſſionated Treaſurer or Receiver General of this Colony, may give in good Surety here, by able and ſufficient Freeholders Inhabitants in this Colony, for the due Execution of their Offices, which they humbly offer as a proper Expedient, to prevent the like Embezelment and Deſtruction of the publick Monies.

As alſo, that your Excellency may receive Inſtructions from her Majeſty, to condeſcend to the humble Deſires of her Majeſty's Subjects in General Aſſembly, for the aleviating thoſe Burthens the People of this Colony labour under, by the *unneceſſary, unwarrantable and exorbitant Fees and Exactions, extorted by any Officer or Officers whatſoever, within this her Majeſty's Colony.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Capt. *Coddrington*, do wait on his Excellency to know his Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe with the Addreſs.

Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they having waited on his Excellency, he was pleaſed to appoint Tomorrow Morning.

Col. *Howell*, reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join with the Gentlemen of the Council, to form an Addreſs to her moſt ſacred Majeſty, ſetting forth the great Hardſhips of this poor Province, *&c.* That they had joined with them in forming an Addreſs, a Copy whereof they had directed him to preſent to the Houſe.

Which was read; being as followeth:

To the QUEEN'S *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of your Majeſty's Governor, Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives, for your Majeſty's Province of New-York, *in* America, *in General Aſſembly convened.*

Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt loyal and faithful Subjects, who have the Honour to be intruſted in the Care and Management of the moſt weighty Affairs of this your Majeſty's Province; do at all Times, think it our indiſpenſable Duties, to lay before your Majeſty, a true State of your Majeſty's Government here, but much more in a Time of War and Danger, we do therefore moſt humbly beg Leave to acquaint your moſt Sacred Majeſty, that the great Hardſhips and Difficulties this poor Province hath laboured under during the laſt War, hath rendered it utterly impoſſible for us to ſupport and defray ſo great a Charge as muſt neceſſarily ariſe, from the building, erecting and repairing ſuch Fortifications only, as will be abſolutely neceſſary for the Safety and Defence, not of this Province alone, but of all other your Majeſty's Territories in *North America*, eſpecially, when it comes to be conſidered, that through the great Neglect, ill Management, and Miſapplication of the Revenue, by thoſe who lately exerciſed the Power of Government, in this Province, the Fortifications on the Frontiers are totally decayed and ruined, and your Majeſty's Revenue here, burthened with a very conſiderable Debt; that your Trade and People, as well as your Majeſty's ſaid Revenue ariſing by Cuſtoms, are alſo very much diminiſhed by the Charter and Proprietary Governments contiguous to this, from whom the Crown hath no Revenue, nor is their Trade loaded with any Impoſition, yet Deſerters of your Majeſty's Service, as well from your Majeſty's ſtanding Forces and Militia Detachments, as from your Majeſty's Ships of War, which guard this Province, are daily entertained and harboured there.

Wherefore, we your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and obedient Subjects, moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, that you will be graciouſly pleaſed, out of your Majeſty's Revenue at home, in your Majeſties own due Time, to ſuccour this your Majeſty's diſtreſſed Province; hereby giving ſuch neceſſary Orders and Directions, as may make us happy in the Payment of thoſe Monies, his late Majeſty King *William* the Third of bleſſed Memory, was pleaſed to appoint ſhould be paid out of the Teaſury of *England*, for the carrying on and maintaining the Fortifications aforeſaid; and ſince we are very ſenſible what little Dependance there is to be had of the Quota's, of the ſeveral adjacent Colonies, according to his ſaid Majeſty's Orders and Directions to them, they having hitherto, generally excuſed and evaded their Payment thereof, that your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed, to extend your Compaſſion towards us, in conſidering the great Danger to which this Province is expoſed, and in giving ſuch further Order to the ſaid adjacent Colonies, that they may be obliged effectually to comply therewith, in aſſiſting us with their reſpective Quota's as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe as your moſt Excellent Majeſty, of your great Wiſdom and royal Bounty ſhall think moſt fit. And we your Majeſty's moſt humble Supplicants, as in Duty bound, ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

To which the Houſe agreed, deſiring that in the Title of the ſaid Addreſs, inſtead of the Words *(Houſe of Repreſentatives)* the Words *(General Aſſembly)* be inſerted, and the Words *(in General Aſſembly convened)* be omitted.

Ordered, That Major *Whitehead*, do carry up to his Excellency and Council the ſaid Addreſs, and acquaint them, this Houſe hath agreed to the ſame, with the Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, acquainting this Houſe, That, that Board had agreed to the Amendments on the Bills, for raiſing *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*,

Pounds, towards erecting two Batteries at the *Narrows*, and the Amendments to the Bill, to aſcertain the Aſſize of Caſks, Weights, Meaſures and Bricks, within this Colony. And alſo brought the Addreſs to her Majeſty, congratulating the late glorious Succeſs of her Majeſty's Arms, which was ſigned by his Excellency and Council.

The ſaid Addreſs was read to, and ſigned by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1703.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Jackſon*, do carry up to his Excellency, the Addreſs to her Majeſty, congratulating the late glorious Succeſs of her Majeſty's Arms, which were ſigned by his Excellency and Council, and this Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly, in the 12th Year of the Reign, of our late Sovereign King* William, *for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *&c.* was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the whole Houſe, attended his Excellency in Council, with their Addreſs to his Excellency, which was read and preſented.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that according to their Order, he had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency, which was favourably received.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 17, 1703.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly, in the 12th Year of the Reign, of our late Sovereign King* William, *for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *&c.* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and,

Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The ſaid Report be made immediately.

Which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1703.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly, in the 12th Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign King* William, *for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *&c.* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Banker*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1703.

COL. *Heathcote*, brought from his Excellency and Council, the engroſſed Addreſs to her Majeſty, ſetting forth the great Hardſhips of this poor Province, *&c.* ſigned by his Excellency and Council; and alſo,

An engroſſed Bill, from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enabling the Farmers of the Exciſe, within the City of Albany, to collect their Exciſe and to prevent Frauds therein*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe; whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair;

And Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee, That they had conſidered the ſame, and directed him to report their Opinion to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately.

Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they are of Opinion, the Bill ought to be rejected.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved, The Bill be rejected.

The engroſſed Addreſs to her Majeſty, was agreed to, and ſigned by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Addreſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1703.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, to acquaint the General Aſſembly, to attend him in Council at Fort *Anne* immediately.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Houſe, went up to attend his Lordſhip in Council, who there was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to theſe Bills following, *viz.*

An Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, for the City and County of* Albany, *to repair or to re-build a common Goal and City and County Hall, for the ſaid City and County, and to pay their Arrears of their publick Charge.*

An Act, *to enable the Miniſter and Elders, for the Time being, of the* French *Proteſtant Church, in the City of* New-York, *to build a larger Church, for the Worſhip of Almighty God, in that Congregation, to hold to them, and their Succeſſors for ever.*

An Act, *for prohibiting the Diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſterſhells into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within half a Mile's Diſtance of the City-Hall, of the ſaid City.*

An Act, *for Laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, throughout this Colony.*

An Act, for the better Explaining, and effectually putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying of all the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout this Province, and for maintaining the Poor, and preventing Vagabonds.*

An Act, *for the better and the more ſpeedy Recovery of the Forfeiture of* Six Pounds, *for Perſons not appearing upon Detachments, and performing the Service required, according to the Purport of an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c.

An Act, *for the better Eſtabliſhment of the Maintenance for the Miniſter of the City of* New-York.

An Act, *for declaring the Illegality of the Proceedings, againſt Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *for pretended High Treaſon, and reverſing and making null and void the ſaid Judgments, and all Proceedings thereon.*

An Act, *to ſupply the Defects of an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take, ſtate and examine the Accounts of the Revenue of this Colony, and the neceſſary contingent Charge of the Government.*

An Act, *for raiſing* Fifteen Hundred Pounds, *towards erecting two Batteries at the* Narrows.

An Act, *to aſcertain the Aſſize of Caſks, Weights, Meaſures and Bricks, within this Colony.*

An Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly, in the 12th Year of the Reign, of our late Sovereign King* William, *for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians.

And afterwards, his Excellency adjourned the General Aſſembly to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *September* next.

His Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 31ſt Day of *Auguſt* 1703, adjourned the General Aſſembly, until the firſt *Tueſday* in *October* next.

Die

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1703.

THE Speaker, and the Members of *King's* County, Col. *Howell* and Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Hunt* and Mr. *Lakerman*, being met according to Adjournment, by his Excellency's Proclamation; the Speaker informed them, his Lordſhip not being arrived from *Albany*, her Majeſty's Council had acquainted him, they had received Directions from his Excellency, that a Proclamation ſhould iſſue, to adjourn the General Aſſembly until *Friday* next, and they are adjourned accordingly.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1703.

SEVERAL Members met, according to Adjournment, and there appeared Col. *Henry Beekman*, Capt. *Garton* and Mr. *Crum*. The Clerk of the Houſe being ordered to wait on his Excellency, to deſire they might be adjourned until To-morrow Morning, and his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn them, until To-morrow Morning 11 of the Clock.

Die Sabati, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1703.

SEVERAL Members being met, the Clerk waited on his Excellency, and acquainted him there was not a Majority of the Houſe in Town, who adjourned them until *Tueſday* Morning next, 11 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct* 12, 1703.

SEVERAL Members being met, Major *Willet*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Coddrington* appeared; his Excellency ſent for the Clerk, and adjourned them until To-morrow, 11 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1703.

THE Houſe being met, there appeared Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Banker* and Mr. *Purdy*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Banker*, wait on his Excellency, with Mr. *Andries Dow*, elected Repreſentative for the Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck*, in the Room of Mr. *Killian Van Renſſelaer*, whom her Majeſty hath been pleaſed to nominate one of her Council, for this Province, to take the Oath and ſign the Teſt according to Law.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1703.

CAPT. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Banker*, acquainted the Houſe, That they had ſeen Mr. *Andries Dow*, take the Oaths and ſign the Teſt according to Law, before his Excellency and Council.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Clerk of the Council, to acquaint the Houſe, he expected them at Fort *Anne* immediately; then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended his Excellency in Council, who was pleaſed to make his Speech, and afterwards the Speaker, and the Houſe, and their Clerk, took and ſigned the Abjuration according to Law.

The Houſe returned, and the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had been pleaſed to make his Speech, and that he had obtained a Copy thereof, which was read to the Houſe, and is as followeth:

Gentlemen,

I Am ſorry the Seaſon of the Year is ſo far advanced, that you cannot have ſo much Time for your Deliberations as I could wiſh, becauſe there are many Things, that will in due Time require your Conſideration; but at this Time, I ſhall only recommend to the Conſideration of you, Gentlemen, of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, the providing a ſufficient Fund, for the Paying ſuch a Number of Men, as may be neceſſary to be ſent to *Albany*, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter; the Number which I think neceſſary to be detached for that Service, is 130 Men, with their proper Officers, including the Out-Scouts. I ſhould have deſired a greater Number, but that I conſider the Condition of the Province at this Time, therefore, I am willing to make the Charge as little as poſſible; but I muſt recommend it to your Care, to provide ſuch a Coertion in your Bill, as may be effectual, for the bringing in the Money, by the Time you ſhall think fit to appoint, elſe I am afraid, People will be as backward in their Payments, as they have been in the *Eighteen Hundred Pounds* Tax, which is not yet all paid, though the Time appointed, was the 25th Day of *March* laſt; if any Thing occurs to your Thoughts for the Good of this Colony, which may require the Aſſiſtance of an Act of Aſſembly at this Time, you ſhall always find me ready to concur with you, in all ſuch Things as may be for the real Good of the Country.

I muſt now acquaint you, Gentlemen, that the great Queen of *England*, my Miſtreſs, has been pleaſed to eaſe this Province of a Burthen, which by Cuſtom, has long lain upon it, I mean, that of Preſents to the Governors or Commanders in Chief of this Colony; her Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to confirm that Act, by which the laſt Fall, you were ſo kind as to give to me a very great Preſent, but at the ſame Time, her Majeſty has commanded me to acquaint you, that ſhe has given the neceſſary Orders, for preventing any Governor, Lieut. Governor or Commander in Chief, from receiving any Preſents for the Future; that Order, I have here in my Hand, and purſuant to the Queen's Commands, I have cauſed it to be entred in the Council Books. And I deſire you, Mr. Speaker, to take Care that it be entered at large in the Journals of your Houſe. I have nothing more to offer to you at this Time, only to deſire you, to give all poſſible Diſpatch to the Matters before you, for I am obliged upon the Queen's Service, to be at *Amboy*, at the very Beginning of the next Month.

Ordered, Her Majeſty's gracious Letter be entred in the Regiſter of this Houſe, *Verbatim*, according to her Majeſty's royal Pleaſure, ſignified in that Letter, which was delivered by his Excellency, and read to the Houſe, and is as followeth:

To our right Trusty and well beloved Edward *Viscount* Cornbury, *our Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Province of* New-York, *in* America, *and to our Council of our said Province, and to our Chief Governor, or Governors and Council of our said Province, for the Time being.*

ANNE, R.

Right trusty, and well-beloved, we greet you well.

WHEREAS several Inconveniences have arisen to our Government in the Plantations, by Gifts and Presents made to our Governors, by the General Assemblies; we have thought fit, hereby to signify our express Will and Pleasure, That neither you our Governor, nor any Governor, Lieut. Governor, Commander in Chief, or President of the Council, of our Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, do give your or their Consent, to the passing any Law or Act, for any Gift or Present, to be made to you or them, by the Assembly; and that neither you nor they, do receive any Gift or Present from the Assembly or others, on any Account or in any Manner whatsoever, upon Pain of our highest Displeasure, and of being re-called from that our Government.

And whereas, the Salary of *Six Hundred Pounds*, Sterling, *per Annum*, assigned for the Governor in Chief, out of our Revenue arising there, may not be sufficient for his Support, we are hereby graciously pleased to direct, that *Six Hundred Pounds*, Sterling, *per Annum*, more be added, out of our said Province, for the Time being.

And whereas, by this increase of Salary, the General Assembly of *New-York*, will have an Opportunity and be in a Condition, of applying those Sums, which they usually gave in Presents to the Governors, or Lieut. Governors by temporary Levies, towards such other publick Uses, as be most necessary for the Defence and Safety of the said Province; we do not doubt, but that in Consideration of our Care, in exempting our good Subjects, from this customary Burden of Presents, the Assembly may be the more easily induced to contribute in a more ample and effectual Manner, to their own Safety and Preservation.

And we do further direct and require, that this Declaration of our royal Will and Pleasure, be communicated to the Assembly, at their first Meeting after the Receipt hereof, and entred in the Register of our Council and Assembly, that all Persons whom it may concern, may govern themselves accordingly, so we bid you Farewel. *Given at our Court of* St. James's, *the* 20*th Day of* April 1703, *in the second Year of our Reign.*

By her Majesty's Command.

NOTTINGHAM.

Ordered, That this House, do address his Excellency, upon the Subject of her Majesty's gracious Letter, and his Excellency's favourable Speech:

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1703.

THE House taking his Excellency's Speech into Consideration,

Resolved, That a Fund be raised, for the paying 130 Men, with their proper Officers, including the Out-Scouts, to be sent to *Albany*, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter.

Resolved, That *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, be the Sum to be raised, for the paying 130 Men, with their proper Officers, including the Out-Scouts, to be sent to *Albany*, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, and that Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Banker* and Mr. *Dow*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Address of this House to his Excellency, upon the subject Matter of her Majesty's most gracious Letter, and his Excellency's favourable Speech; was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, The Address be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1703.

MR. *Abeel*, (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, for levying and collecting the Sum of *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, for raising, paying and maintaining 100 Fuzileers, with their proper Officers, and 30 Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers; and the same was received and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1703.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and collecting the Sum of* Thirteen Hundred Pounds, *for raising, paying and maintaining*, 100 *Fuzileers, with their proper Officers, and* 30 *Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the second Time, and committed to,

Mr. *De Lancey*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Col. *Jackson*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Dow*, Col. *Howell*, Mr. *Laterman*, Mr. *Crum* and Major *Van Brunt*, and all Members that come, to have Voices.

The engrossed Address, was read; and agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency, by the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Beekman*, do wait on his Excellency, and humbly know his Lordship's Pleasure, when he will be attended by the House.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1703.

THE Speaker, with the House, waited on his Lordship, where he presented the Address.

The House being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, he had presented their Address, which his Excellency was pleased to receive with Expressions of much Satisfaction; and among the rest, gave this Assurance, that

that he ſhould always make ſuch Repreſentations to her Majeſty and her Miniſters, as might be conducive to the Good and Proſperity of the Colony, and that as his Excellency doubted not the Concurrence of the Aſſembly who ſhould never propoſe any Thing but what might reaſonably contribute to that End.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly, of her Majeſty's Colony of New-York, *to his Excellency.*

May it pleaſe your Lordſhip,

HER Majeſty's moſt loyal, faithful and obedient Subjects, the General Aſſembly of her Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, joyfully embrace this Opportunity, of teſtifying their Satisfaction in the agreeable Expreſſions, contained in your Excellency's Speech and her Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter.

We have Reaſon to believe, that your Lordſhip's juſt Repreſentation, has induced her Majeſty to extend her royal Care for our Relief; with Hearts full of Gratitude, we humbly acknowledge her Majeſty's great Bounty and Juſtice, and your Lordſhip's favourable Interceſſion.

Your Lordſhip's due Senſe and Conſideration of the Condition of the Colony, the Reſpect you had to, and the Value you put on our late Offering, and your Readineſs to concur with us, in all Things for the Good of the Country. We entertain with all imaginable Pleaſure, and are willing to conſent to ſuch Methods, as may render any of our Bills effectual.

We earneſtly intreat your Excellency's firm Belief, that we will not be wanting, to the utmoſt of our Ability in ſhewing (with all Cheerfulneſs) our Duty and true Affection, to her moſt Sacred Majeſty, our cordial Regard to your Lordſhip, and our Love and Fidelity to our Country.

The Petition of Alderman *John Hutchins*, Adminiſtrator to *Robert Burgeſs*, late of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable him to ſell the Lands of the ſaid *Burgeſs* to pay Debts.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1703.

MR. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, for levying and collecting the Sum of *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, for maintaining 100 Fuzileers, with their proper Officers, and 30 Men, with their proper officers, to be employed as Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers, was committed, That they had gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

By Order of the Committee,
Stephen De Lancey, *Chairman.*

Which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1703.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for levying and collecting the Sum of* Thirteen Hundred Pounds, *for maintaining* 100 *Fuzileers, with their proper Officers, and* 30 *Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1703.

THE Houſe met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1703.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, That they had paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for levying and collecting the Sum of* Thirteen Hundred Pounds, *&c.* without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Clerk of the Council, to acquaint the General Aſſembly, he expected their Attendance at *Fort Anne* immediately.

The Speaker, with the Houſe attended his Excellency in Council, who was there pleaſed to give his Aſſent, to the ſaid Bill, entitled, *An Act, for levying and collecting the Sum of* Thirteen Hundred Pounds, *for maintaining* 100 *Fuzileers, with their proper Officers, and* 30 *Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers.*

And afterwards his Excellency adjourned the General Aſſembly, to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *April* next.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. April* 11, 1704.

THE Speaker, the 3 Members for the City and County of *New-York*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Banker*, the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, Mr. *Dow*, for *Renſſelaer Wyck*, the Members for *King's* County, Mr. *Lakerman*, one of the Members for the County of *Richmond*, and Mr. *Crum*, for the County of *Orange*, met, and,

Then the Houſe adjourned until *Thurſday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1704.

THE Houſe being met, Mr. *Purdy*, and Col. *Jackſon* appeared.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 13, 1704.

THE Houſe being met, Major *Willet* and Mr. *Hunt* appeared.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Clerk of the Council, That his Excellency had commanded him, to acquaint the General Aſſembly, that he expected them at *Fort Anne* immediately; on which the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that his Lordſhip was pleaſed to make his Speech, which he obtained a Copy of, and read as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

"THE Time to which you were adjourned the laſt Year being come, I am glad to ſee ſo many of "you, ready to attend the Service of the Queen and your "Country, by which Means, I hope, there may be ſuch "Diſpatch, given to the Matters which will be laid before "you, and that you may think proper to be done, that I "may be at Liberty, to attend the Service of the great Queen "of *England*, my Miſtreſs, in the Neighbouring Province, "ſome Time in *May*; the Things which I ſhall more particularly recommend to the Conſideration of you Gentlemen, "of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, are theſe. *Firſt*, The "Security of the Frontiers, which I am afraid, cannot be "thought ſo ſecure now, as they were laſt Year; the good "Succeſs our Enemies the *French*, with ſome of their *Indians*, have had againſt our Neighbours of *New-England*, "who by their Careleſſneſs, have ſuffered themſelves to be "ſurpriſed and cut off at *Deerfield*, may perhaps encourage "them to attempt our Frontiers likewiſe; though I hope (if "they do) they will find us more watchful and in a better "Poſture than our Neighbours; however, I think it will be "abſolutely neceſſary, that ſome Men may be raiſed, and ſent "up for the Defence of the Frontiers for the Year enſuing; "the Number I think proper, is 150 Men, to be employed "thus, 30 Men to be added to the Garriſon of *Schenectady*, "30 at *Niſtigaone*, 30 at the *Half Moon*, 30 at *Kinderhook*, and 30 to be diſperſed in the Out Farms; by this "Means, I hope, I ſhall be able to prevail with the Inhabitants, not to deſert their Farms, which I am informed, they "will very ſpeedily do if not protected.

"The next Thing, which I moſt earneſtly recommend to "your ſerious Conſideration is, the Condition of her Majeſty's "Revenue in this Colony, which is now very ſmall. There "was an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, paſt "in the Year 1698, entitled, An Act, for raiſing an Additional Duty, for the defraying the Debts of the Government; but that Act was to continue in Force for two Years "only, and no longer, which Time is long ſince expired; "I only mention this to you, becauſe I think the Methods

"preſcribed

" preſcribed in that Act, will appear as eaſy as any that can " be thought of; however, I ſhall leave it wholly to your " Conſiderations, to uſe ſuch Methods as you ſhall think pro- " per, only, I muſt acquaint you, that unleſs ſome Care is " now taken, the Revenue will not anſwer the neceſſary " Charges of the Government.

" I muſt acquaint you Gentlemen, that her moſt Sacred " Majeſty the Queen, who is always watchful for the Good " of her Subjects, and conſidering the Danger that ſome of " her Subjects of this Colony, were expoſed to, by the wick- " ed Conſtruction put by the then Chief Juſtice, upon an Act " of Aſſembly, paſſed in *April* 1691, (entitled, An Act, for " the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately hap- " pened within this Province, and for the Eſtabliſhing and " ſecuring their Majeſty's preſent Government, againſt the " the like Diſorders for the future) has been pleaſed to Com- " mand me, to recommend to you, the repealing the laſt " Clauſe in the ſaid Act, her Majeſty being ſatisfied, that the " Laws now in Force in *England*, are ſufficient to puniſh any " Perſon, who ſhall offend in that Manner in theſe Parts. " This Gentlemen, is what I thought proper to offer to you " at this Time, therefore I ſhall detain you no longer, only " but to recommend to you, Unanimity and Diſpatch in the " Matters now before you."

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1704.

THE Governor's Speech being read.

The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Ordered, That his Excellency be addreſſed on the ſubject Matter thereof, and her Majeſty's Commands therein mentioned.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, (purſuant to her Majeſty's moſt gracious Commands) to repeal the laſt Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders that have lately happened within this Province, and for the Eſtabliſhing and Securing their Majeſties preſent Government againſt the like Diſorders for the future.*

Mr. *Purdy*, prayed Leave to go Home, ſome of his Family being very ill.

Ordered, He have Leave until *Monday* next, come Sevennight.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1704.

THEN appeared, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Howell* and Capt. *Stillwell*.

An Addreſs to his Excellency, on the ſubject Matter of his Excellency's Speech, and her Majeſty's Commands mentioned therein; was preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, and read.

Ordered, The Addreſs to his Excellency be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 19, 1704.

THE engroſſed Addreſs of the Houſe to his Excellency, was read and ſigned, being as followeth, *viz.*

To the Right Honourable Edward *Lord* Cornbury, *her Majeſty's Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Colony of* New-York, *&c.*

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly.

My Lord,

HER Majeſty's faithful Subjects, the General Aſſembly of this Colony, as they cheerfully embrace all Opportunities of doing Service to her Majeſty and their Country, ſo it affords them a pleaſing Satisfaction, when any of their Actions prove agreeable to your Excellency.

They Eſteem it (as they ought) a very great Happineſs, that in theſe Times of War and Danger, by the Bleſſing of Almighty God, on your Excellency's Adminiſtration, the Colony has hitherto been as ſafe, as in thoſe of the calmeſt Peace, without thoſe Inſults and Afflictions, ſome of the neighbouring Colonies have ſuffered; they humbly and heartily pray to God, for the Continuance of that Tranquility they have enjoyed, for the obtaining of which and their own neceſſary Defence, they come with Minds well prepared, and will never be wanting to their Ability.

They entertain with great Concern, the Condition your Excellency mentions of the Revenue, which having formerly amounted to upwards of *Four Thouſand Pounds, Communibus Annis*, (a Sum, far exceeding any Thing other Colonies, tho' of greater Extent of Territority, People and Riches have raiſed) they are very deſirous of being informed, if the State it is reduced to, is to be attributed to the Decay of the Income, or increaſe of the Charge, that on Conſideration of its Circumſtances, due Remedies may be applied.

Her Majeſties amiable Grace and Bounty to her Subjects here, and Care of their Good is ſufficiently ſhewn, in preventing their Requeſts, by her happy Commands to your Excellency, for the Repeal of that unneceſſary Clauſe in that Act of Aſſembly; they believe it the Effects of your Excellency's juſt offering Things to her Majeſty's View, in their proper Light. By this her Majeſty gives the higheſt Demonſtration that the Greatneſs of her Fortune, is ſurpaſſed by the Goodneſs of her Nature. It will be a Means, of putting out of the Power of vile crafty deſigning Men (whom Miſtake may cloath with Power) the Occaſion of venting their own Wicked Paſſions, under the ſpecious Colours of Law and Juſtice.

They heartily thank your Excellency, for putting them in Mind of Unanimity, and will give all poſſible Diſpatch to the Affairs recommended to them.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire to know, when he will pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, with their Addreſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1704.

ACCORDING to Order, A Bill, to repeal the laſt Clauſe in an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province, and for the Eſtabliſhing and Securing their preſent Government, againſt the like Diſorders for the future*; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Sebring*, acquainted the Houſe, that according to Order, they had waited on his Excellency, who informed them, he would receive the Houſe at 11 of the Clock this Morning.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Houſe attended his Excellency in Council, and being returned, acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency, which he received very kindly, and amongſt other Things, his Excellency was pleaſed to expreſs himſelf to this Purpoſe, That he ſhould be very glad, if by any Action of his, he might contribute to the Proſperity of the Country, and that the State of the Revenue ſhould be laid before the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 20, 1704.

CAPT. *Garton* appeared.

Mr. *Lakerman*, preſented to the Houſe a Memorial, that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, for the better laying out, *&c.* publick and common Highways, and building a County Houſe and Priſon, for the County of *Richmond*, which was read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring a Bill, purſuant to the ſaid Memorial.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1704.

THE Bill, to repeal the laſt Clauſe in an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province, and for the better Eſtabliſhing and Securing their Majeſties preſent Government, againſt the like Diſorders for the future*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe taking that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Frontiers into Conſideration, and after ſome Time ſpent therein.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, take that Matter into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

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Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 21, 1704.

THE Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Frontiers; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington*, reported from the ſaid Committee, the Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Fund be raiſed, towards the Maintenance of a competent Number of Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers, for the Year enſuing.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 24, 1704.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the laſt Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province, and for the Eſtabliſhing and Securing their Majeſties preſent Government, againſt the like Diſorders for the future*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt* and Capt. *Banker*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Conſent.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 25, 1704.

MR. *Lakerman*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving publick common Highways, and erecting and Building a County Goal and County Houſe, in the County of *Richmond*; which was read.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 25, 1704.

COL. *Renſſelaer*, brought from his Excellency an Account, entitled, *The Salaries of the Civil Officers in the Province of* New-York *Yearly*. And an Account, entitled, *An Account, of the Produce and Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenue, from the* 31*ſt Day of* July 1703, *to the* 24*th Day of* April 1704, *by Thomas Byerly*, Collector; were ſeverally read; which being conſidered by the Houſe,

Ordered, The ſame be referred to further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 26, 1704.

THE Bill, for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, and erecting and Building a County Goal and County Houſe, in the County of *Richmond*; was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to Col. *Howell*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Major *Willet*, or any Three of them.

Reſolved, The further Conſideration of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Accounts of the Produce and Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenue; be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe. Accordingly the Speaker left the Chair.

And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

And Col. *Howell*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter to them committed, and that they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, do lay before this Houſe, the State of the Salaries of the Civil Officers of this Government, as they were in the Years 1686 and 1694, To-morrow Morning.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 26, 1704.

ALDERMAN *Tothill*, preſented to the Houſe, ſeveral Workmen's Bills, for fitting up a Room in the *City-Hall*, to accommodate the General Aſſembly when they ſit, and a Loby, which were ſeverally read to the Houſe.

Ordered, The Conſideration of the ſame, be committed to Col. *Howell*, Mr *De Lancey*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Van Brunt*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Major *Willet* and Col. *Jackſon*, or any Five of them, and all Members that come to have Voices, and report their Opinion to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Jonathan Hazard* and *William Gleen*, in Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Newtown*, in *Queen's* County; was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining that the Commiſſioners of *King's* County, contrary to an Act of General Aſſembly, (by which they were appointed) entitled, *An* Act, *for the laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, throughout this Colony, have turned the Antient Road that leads from the Ferry to* Newtown, *which appears to be a meaſured Mile, direct forward, further than their antient Road, beſides ſeveral other Inconveniencies; praying the Relief of the Houſe thereof.*

Ordered, That the Petitioners do ſerve the Commiſſioners of *King's* County, with a Copy of the Petition, and the Commiſſioners are deſired to return their Anſwer to the Petition, in Writing to this Houſe, on *Thurſday the* 4*th Day of* May *next*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1704.

THE Clerk of the Council, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a State of the Civil Officers Salaries, as they were in the Year 1694, but for Want of the Council Books, could not produce the State of the Civil Officers Salaries in the Year 1686.

The Houſe, (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries, of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Accounts of the Produce and Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenues; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Howell* reported, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and that they had deſired him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Saturday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take that Matter into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1704.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Collectors of *King's* County, ſhould be ordered to attend this Houſe, upon Complaint made of the great Grievance the Inhabitants of that County ſeem to lye under, concerning the Payment of their Taxes in Arrear.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The ſeveral Collectors of *King's* County, who were to collect the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, laid and raiſed, in and by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Securing the five Nations of* Indians *in their Fidelity to his Majeſty, and for granting unto his Majeſty, the Sum of* One Thouſand Pounds, *for building a Fort, for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, do attend this Houſe *Tueſday* the 2d Day of *May* next, to anſwer ſuch Matter as ſhall be there alledged, relating, to the Collecting of the Taxes of that County, purſuant to the ſaid Act, and that they be reſpectively ſerved with this Order.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1704.

COL. *Howell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, for laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, and erecting and building a County Goal and County Houſe, in the County of *Richmond*, was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 28, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Accounts of the Produce and Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenue; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Howell* reported, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had deſired him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 2, 1704.

THE Houſe being informed, the Collectors of *King*'s County attended (according to Order) were ſeverally called in, and being examined upon the ſubject Matter of the Motion, made in the Houſe *Thurſday* laſt, were ordered to withdraw.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Collectors of *King*'s County ſhould be diſmiſſed.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 3, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 3, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Renſſelaer*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the laſt Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quiting and ſettling the Diſorders that have lately happened within this Province, and for the eſtabliſhing and ſecuring their Majeſties preſent Governm nt againſt the like Diſorders for the future*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will take the Amendments to the ſaid Bill, into Conſideration To-morrow.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Accounts of the Produce of the Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenue; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Howell* reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs in that Matter, and had deſired him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1704.

MR. *Fauconnier* preſented to the Houſe, an Account of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, levied for the raiſing, paying and maintaining 150 Fuzileers, with their proper Officers for five Months, and 30 Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts ſixty-two Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Account of the Produce of the Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenue.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Accounts of the Produce of the Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenue; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Howell*, reported from the ſaid Committe, That they have made ſome further Progreſs in that Matter, and had deſired him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

The Commiſſioners of *King*'s County, for laying out the publick common Highways, in the ſaid County appeared, and informed the Houſe of their Proceedings, in laying out the Roads and Highway; aforeſaid, the Houſe directed them to return their Anſwer in writing.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 4, 1704.

THE Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the laſt Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders that*, &c. and the ſame being read, the Houſe doth agree to the firſt Amendment with this, *viz.* That after the Word *(whereas)* in the 12th Line in the firſt Sheet, all be left out to the Word *(be)* in the 2d Line in the 2d Sheet; the Houſe alſo agreed to the Amendments in the 2d Line, in the 2d Sheet; to the Amendments in the 3d Line in the 2d Sheet, this Houſe doth not agree; but to the laſt Amendment, this Houſe doth alſo agree.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be carried up to the Council for their Concurrence, and that Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Hunt*, do carry up the ſame.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Accounts of the Produce of the Receipt of her Majeſty's Revenue; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Howell*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in that Matter, and had deſired him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Saturday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1704.

THE Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers; after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Reſolved, The Houſe reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe in the Afternoon, to conſider further of that Matter.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 5, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made *Monday* next.

Mr. *Abeel*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the ſaid Committee to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter,

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1704.

THE Commiſſioners of *King*'s County, for laying out, the publick common Highways in ſaid County, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, their Anſwer in writing, to the Petition of *Thomas Stevenſon, Jonathan Hazard*, &c.

The Petition of *David Schuyler* and *Robert Livingſton*, jun. Farmers of her Majeſty's Exciſe, of the City and County

ty of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; complaining of Abuſe relating to the Exciſe of the City and County; and pray Leave of the Houſe to bring in a Bill to prevent the ſame for the future.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries of the civil Officers, yearly, and the Account of the Produce of her Majeſty's Revenue. After ſome Time ſpent therein; Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Howell* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in that Matter; and had directed him to move that they may have leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Wenham*, That they deſire a Conference with this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal the laſt Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, An Act for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders that have lately happened within this Province*, &c. at the Fort in *New-York*, *Tueſday* next, at 11 o'Clock in the Morning.

To which the Houſe agreed.

A Motion was made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for quieting the Inhabitants of *King's* County, in their Arrears of a Thouſand Pounds, granted unto his Majeſty by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing an* Act *of Aſſembly, entitled, An* Act, *for the better ſecuring the Five Nations of* Indians *in their Fidelity to his Majeſty; and for granting u to his Majeſty the Sum of* One Thouſand Pounds, *for building a Fort for the Security of the Five Nations of* Indians.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Monday next, two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 8, 1704.

MR. *Abeel* (according to Order) reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers, the Reſolution which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That a ſupply be granted to her Majeſty, towards the enabling his Excellency the Governor to raiſe and ſend up for the Defence of the Frontiers, for the Year enſuing, 90 Men, their proper Officers included to be in Pay from the 4th Day of *June* next, till the laſt Day of *March* then next following, and 30 Men with their proper Officers, to ſerve as Scouts, from the firſt Day of *January*, till the firſt Day of *March* then next enſuing.

Per Order of the Committee,
J. Abeel, *Chairman*.

Which being read was agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 9, 1704.

THE Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went to the *Fort*, to confer with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the laſt Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province*, &c.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe that he had received from Col. *Smith*, in the Preſence of the Council, in Writing,

The Reaſons offered by her Majeſty's Council for the Province of *New-York*, for the Amendments made by them to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the laſt Clauſe in an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province, and for the Eſtabliſhing and Securing their Majeſties preſent Government, againſt the like Diſorders for the future.*

That the Reaſon of the Councils making the Alteration in the firſt Page of the Bill, was, becauſe they were willing to make Uſe of the ſame Words in the Bill, that her Majeſty had been pleaſed to Uſe in her Inſtruction to his Excellency, relating to the repealing that Clauſe ther of.

That the Council thought fit to inſert the Words *(Advice and)* in Page the 2d, Line the 3d. Becauſe they obſerve them to be Parliamentary Words uſed in Bills in *England*.

The ſame Line, after the Word *(Council)* and before the Word *(and)* inſert *(of this Povince)* the Council were induced to make that Amendment, becauſe the Word Council ſeemed too general, ſeeing it might be doubtful, whether it were meant the Queen's Council for this Province, or her Council learned in the Law, that all Matters of that Nature, ought to appear clear.

The ſame Line, after the Word *(and)* leave out *(this General Aſſembly)* and inſert *(Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly convened, and by the Authority of the ſame)* the Council were induced to make this Amendment, becauſe the Bill is worded, as if the *Houſe of Repreſentatives, underſtood themſelves alone to be the General Aſſembly of this Province; whereas the General Aſſembly, is indeed, a Body compoſed of ſeveral Members, to wit, the Governor, her Majeſty's Council for this Province, and the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province, who together, compoſe the General Aſſembly, who are jointly the Legiſlative Power of this Province; but the Houſe of Repreſentatives alone, can be taken for no more, than one Limb of that Body*; and therefore, they conceive the Amendment they have made to be reaſonable, and the rather becauſe it is Conſonant to the Practice of *England*, where the Houſe of Commons, do not ſtile themſelves the Parliament, but the Commons of *England*, in Parliament aſſembled.

Which was read.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 9, 1704.

MR. Speaker, preſented to this Houſe a Letter, given him by *William Congrave*, by his Excellency's Order, directed to his Excellency, from the Mayor of the City of *Albany*, giving an Account of the Motions of the *French* at *Candaa*, and their *Indians*.

Which was read to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be given to his Excellency for this Intelligence, and that Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Cortlandt*, in the Name of the Houſe do offer his Excellency the ſame.

The Petition of Alderman *John Hutchins*, Adminiſtrator to *Robert Burgeſs*, late of *New York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave, to bring in a Bill, to enable him to ſell the Lands of the ſaid *Burgeſs*, to pay the Debts of ſaid *Burgeſs*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Account of the Produce of her Majeſty's Revenue; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Howell*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Ordered, That this Houſe, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers *Thurſday* next.

Ordered, That his Excellency be addreſſed, to lay before this Houſe, an Account of the *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, raiſed for the Defence of the Frontiers, the laſt Winter. And that Col. *Jackſon* and Mr. *Sebring*, do attend his Excellency, with the Deſire of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

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Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 10, 1704.

MR. *Fauconer*, preſented to the Houſe an Account, entitled, *The Militia raiſed and ſent up to* Albany, *for the Security of the Frontiers for* 170¼, and then withdrew; which was read.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Reaſons to be offered to the Council, why this Houſe cannot concur with the Reaſons ſent by the Council, for their Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to Repeal the laſt Clauſe in an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province*, &c. being read, are agreed to by the Houſe, being as followeth;

An Anſwer by the General Aſſembly of her Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, to the Reaſons offered by her Majeſty's Council for the ſame Colony, for the Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

To the firſt Amendment this Houſe readily concurred, only with this, that the latter Clauſe of that Paragraph, for which the Amendment ſeems intended, and as paſſed by this Houſe, ſhould be omitted, as ſeeming to them, a uſeleſs Tautology, and only a Miſpriſion of the Clerk, and amounting to no more, than what was before expreſſed in the Amendment.

That this Houſe do not concur to inſert the Words *(Advice and)* in Page the 2d, Line the 3d, becauſe in all the Letters Patents from the Crown, wherein there is mention of any Aſſembly *which the Houſe are humbly of Opinion, is the Meaſure of the Powers of this Goverment, and the Rules of the Peoples Obedience)* no Word of Advice is mentioned, but only the Conſent of the Council and Aſſembly, or the major Part of them reſpectively, nor is the Houſe convinced, that the Word *(Advice)* is any Ways proper in that Place.

This Houſe do not agree, after the Word *(Council)* in the ſame Line, to inſert the Words *(of the Province)* in regard the Word *(Council)* taken alone, cannot be thought to be any other than the Council appointed by the Letters Patents; however if the Word Colony, will ſerve inſtead of the Word *(Province)* this Houſe willingly conſents, that Word being uſed in moſt of the Letters Patents, as Synominous with the other, to expreſs the Settlements in the Plantations, and ſo ſtiled in divers Acts of Parliament.

That in the ſame Line, to leave out the Words *(this General Aſſembly)* and to inſert *(Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly)* this Houſe cannot conſent, in Regard all the Letters Patents, given Powers to ſummons and call General Aſſemblies, the Perſons duly elected by the major Part of the Freeholders, are peculiarly directed to be called, and held General Aſſemblies, which being a Stile appointed and given them, in all the Letters Patents from the Crown, for eſtabliſhing the Government here, they cannot depart from it, without neglecting the royal Bounty of her Majeſty and her Predeceſſors, nor without doing Wrong to thoſe, by whom this Houſe are elected and deputed.

Ordered, That Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Banker*, Mr. *Sebring* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any Three of them, be a Committee, to inſpect, examine and ſtate, the Accounts of the Taxes of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, and *One Thouſand, Three Hundred Pounds*, raiſed for the Defence of the Frontiers, and make their Report of the ſame to the Houſe, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 10, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Salaries of the Civil Officers yearly, and the Produce of her Majeſty's Revenue. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Howell*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had fully examined the ſeveral Computations laid before them, and had the ſame under due Conſideration, but for Want of an exact State of the annual Produce of the Revenue, and the Yearly neceſſary Charge of the Government, they could come to no Reſolution on that Matter.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether *David Schuyler* and *Robert Livingſton*, Jun. ſhould have Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe, according to the Prayer of their Petition, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 11, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers; And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, have Leave to go Home for two Days, upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 11, 1704.

COL. *Cortlandt*, acquainted this Houſe, that he and Major *Willet*, had delivered to Col. *Smith*, the Reaſons of this Houſe Yeſterday, according to Order, and this Day in the Afternoon, received the ſame back with the following Order, *viz.*

At a Council held at Fort Anne, *in* New-York, *this* 11*th Day of* May, 1704.

PRESENT,

His Excellency Edward *Viſcount* Cornbury, *&c.*

William Smith, *Peter Schuyler*, *Sampſon Shelton Broughton*, *William Lawrence*, *Gerrard Beekman*. } Eſqrs,

Rip Van Dam, *Caleb Heathcote*, *Thomas Wenham*, *Killian Van Renſſelaer*. } Eſqrs,

"COL. *Smith*, produced at the Board, a Paper delivered to him, by two of the Members of the "Houſe of Repreſentatives, containing the Reaſons, for inſiſting on their Amendments, to the Amendments made by "the Council to the Bill, for repealing the laſt Clauſe in an "Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within "this Province*, &c.

"The Council are of Opinion, that the ſame ought to be "delivered to them at a Conference, and not otherwiſe, and "that Col. *Smith*, be directed to deliver the ſame, to Col. "*Cortlandt*, to return it to the Houſe with that Anſwer."

By Order of his Excellency in Council,
B. Coſens, *Cl. Council.*

Ordered, That when any ſuch Conference is, the Reſolves of this Houſe, ſhall be delivered according to their Opinion.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Saturday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 12, 1704.

MR. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Workmens Bills, for fitting up the Room where the

the General Aſſembly ſits, was referred; That they had examined and conſidered the Workmens Bills for the ſaid Room, and what Work is to be done in the Lobby, and the Furniture of the Aſſembly Chamber and Lobby, as preſented to the Houſe, in Alderman *Totbill*'s Account, and that they had come to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, The Sum of *One Hundred* and *Forty Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, be paid into the Hands of Alderman *Jeremiah Totbill*, to pay the ſeveral Workmens Bills for Work done, according to his Account preſented to the Houſe, and what is to be done in the Lobby, with the Furniture of both Rooms; and *Three Pounds*, to Alderman *Totbill*, to buy him a Pair of Gloves, for his Care and Trouble in the Surveying the Work.

Reſolved, That Alderman *Totbill*, render a particular Account of the Diſburſement of the ſaid Money to this Houſe, next Meeting of the General Aſſembly.

Which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 13, 1704.

THE humble Petition of Capt. *Peter Matthews*, for and on the Behalf, of the Independent Companies in her Majeſty's Pay, poſted in this Colony; praying a Clauſe be inſerted in all Acts of General Aſſembly, hereafter to be made, for the raiſing of Money, whereby they may be exempted from the Payment of Taxes; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, The Petition lie upon the Table.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately.

Reſolved, That *Eleven Hundred* and *Ninety-ſeven Pounds, Ten Shillings*, be raiſed and levied, for the paying and maintaining 90 Men, their Officers included, *viz.* a Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 4 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, a Drum and a Surgeon, to ſerve for the Defence of the Frontiers, from the 5th Day of *June* next, till the laſt Day of *March* following.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Eight Pounds*, be raiſed and levied, for paying and maintaining, a Captain, 2 Lieutenants and 30 Men, to be employed as Scouts, for the Space of 60 Days, towards the Defence of the Frontiers next Winter.

Reſolved, That every of the 90 Men, ſhall have a Blanket over and above their Pay, to be paid out of the Surpluſage of the *Eighteen Hundred Pounds* Tax.

Which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. May 15, 1704.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting ſundry Privileges and Powers, to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *of the Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law eſtabliſhed*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the raiſing, paying and maintaining* 90 *Fuzileers, their Officers included, for ten Months, and* 30 *Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts* 60 *Days for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* John Hutchins, *Eſq*; *to ſell and diſpoſe of the real Eſtate, of* Robert Burgeſs, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed, within this Colony, for the Payment of his Debts*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 16, 1704.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the raiſing, paying and mainta ning,* 90 *Fuzileers, their Officers included, for ten Months, and* 30 *Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts* 60 *Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting ſundry Privileges and Powers, to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *of the Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law eſtabliſhed*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committtted to Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Col. *Howell*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *Abeel*, Col. *Jackſon*, Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Schuyler*, or any Five, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 16, 1704.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Explaining an Act, made in the ſecond Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady* Anne, *by the Grace of God over* England, *&c. Queen*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, in the 12th Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign King* William *the* Third, *for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the Regulating ſome irregular Proceedings, committed in* King's *County, on* Naſſau Iſland, *on the Execution of ſaid* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. May 17, 1704.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to charge the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, with the Payment of their reſpective Proportions of *One Hundred* and *Forty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, to Alderman *Jeremiah Tothill*, according to the Report of the Committee, to whom the Workmens Bills for fitting up, and furniſhing the Room, where the General Aſſembly ſitteth, and the Lobby, was referred.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the raiſing, paying and maintaining* 90 *Fuzileers, their Officers included, for ten Months, and* 30 *Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts* 60 *Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had deſired him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 17, 1704.

THE Petition of *John Bebout*, being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That Capt. *Myndert Schuyler* and Mr. *Dow*, do make enquiry, examine and report to this Houſe, the Damages the Petitioner have ſuſtained upon that Occaſion, in Order that this Houſe may recommend to the City of *Albany*, the ſatisfying the Petitioner the Damages they have ſuſtained.

Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting ſundry Privileges and Powers, to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *of the Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law eſtabliſhed*, was referred; That they have made ſome Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and the ſame were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Explaining an Act, made in the 2d Year of the Reign of our ſovereign Lady* Anne,

by the Grace of God, over England, *&c. Queen*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, in the* 12*th Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign King* William *the* Third, *for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the Regulating ſome irregular Proceedings committed in* King's *County on* Naſſau Iſland, *on the Execution of the ſaid* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *Sebring*, Major *Van Brunt*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Col. *Howell*, Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Dow*, or any Three of them, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to give the Towns (chargeable by the Act) notice thereof; that they may make their Objection to the ſame, if they ſee Cauſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to the Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the raiſing, paying and maintaining* 90 *Fuzileers, their Officers included, for ten Months, and* 30 *Men, with their proper Officers, to be employed as Scouts* 60 *Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, To-morrow in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 19, 1704.

THE Houſe met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1704.

AN engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting ſundry Privileges and Powers, to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *of the Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law eſtabliſhed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Major *Willet*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Conſent.

An engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the raiſing, paying and maintaining*, 90 *Fuzileers for ten Months, and* 30 *Men, with their Officers, to be employed as Scouts* 60 *Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt* and Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Conſent.

Mr. *Banker*, reported from the Committee, appointed to inſpect, examine and ſtate, the Accounts of the Taxes of *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, and *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, raiſed for the Defence of the Frontiers; That they had gone thro' and examined the ſaid Accounts and Vouchers as produced to them, and had directed him to make report thereof to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Report be made immediately.

Which was read; and the ſame being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into further Conſideration by this Houſe *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned until *Monday* next, 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1704.

A Bill, to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties of this Colony, with *One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, for fitting and furniſhing a Room, for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby in the City-Hall of *New-York*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 22, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking into further Conſideration, the Report from the Committee, appointed to inſpect, examine and ſtate, the Accounts of the *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, and *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, raiſed for the Defence of the Frontiers; the ſame was approved by the Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Report of the Committee, appointed to inſpect, examine and ſtate, the Accounts of the Taxes of *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, and *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, raiſed for the Defence of the Frontiers, ſhould be entered in the Journals of this Houſe, it paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The Report be entered accordingly, which is as followeth, *viz.*

An Abſtract of the Accounts of the Militia, for Securing the Frontiers in 1703-4, *as its ſtated by Mr.* Fauconer, *being the* Eighteen Hundred Pounds *Tax.*

Dr. Cr.

	£.	s.	d.	qr.		£.	s.	d.	qr.
To ſundry Officers, for the Pay of them and their Company, and to ſundry Perſons for incidental Charges, as *per* ſaid Account, more particularly appears, —	1371	9	1	½	By ſundry Receipts of Money, by Col. *Wenham*, Mr. *Fauconer* and the Collector,	1800	0	0	
To the *Eighteen Hundred Pounds* Tax, for what the ſaid Militia have been credited for on the other Side, tho' not yet received or ſtill in the Collector's Hand,	117	0	5						
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So there's remaining unpaid and due, to the ſaid Militia's Account, to ballance this, the Sum,	311	10	5	½					
	1800	0	0			1800	0	0	

Was ſigned, *P. Fauconer.*

By

Dr.		Cr.			
		£.	*s.*	*d.*	*qr.*
By Ballance of the above Account,		428	10	10	½
By ſundry Objections made by the Committee, appointed by the General Aſſembly, to inſpect and examine the particular Charges in the above Account, which they humbly offer and ſubmit, to the Opinion of the Houſe, and is as followeth:					
Againſt the Charge of Capt. *Abraham Schuyler*, for himſelf and Officers Service, for 102 Days, the Act of the Government allowing them but 62 Days, ſo there is over charged, that ought to return to the Credit of this Account,		32	0	0	
Againſt the Charge of Col. *Schuyler*, for the full Time of the Detachment, of 64 private Men, from the 16th of *November*, to the 15th of *April* 151 Days, at 8*d.* *per* Day, they having had neither Money nor Proviſions, from him or any other by his Order, but from the 30th of *December*, when the Company embarked with Lieut. *Congrave*, (which he acknowledges) ſo there is to be deducted from his Account, for ſaid Time, being upwards of 40 Days, at 8*s.* *per* Day, for ſaid 64 Men,	85 6 8				
3 Serjeants, at 18*d.* the ſame Time,	9 0 0				
3 Corporals, 12*d.* - -	6 0 0				
1 Drum, - -	2 0 0				
		102	6	8	
Againſt Col. *Schuyler*'s Charge of 5 Servants for himſelf, and 3 Lieuts. being over and above, and not Part of the detached Men (as himſelf acknowledges) nor having done any Duty,		25	6	8	
Againſt Lieut. *Congrave*'s Charge of *£.* 9 6*s.* for Proviſions for his Men, from the *Lower Mills* to the *Fiſh Kills*, at 12*d.* *per* Day, that being made good to Col. *Schuyler*, 5*d.* *per* Day, in the 8*d.* *per* Day, charged by him for the whole Company, from the Time of their Detachment, ſo the 5*d.* is to be deducted.		3	17	6	
He alſo charges 402 Days Proviſions, from the *Fiſh Kills* to *Albany*, at 12*d.* the 5*d.* *per* Day, for the Reaſons aforeſaid, ought to be deducted.		8	7	6	
Againſt his Charge for landing the Men from the Sloop,			9	3	
Againſt his Charge of Cooking their Proviſions,		2	6	4	
Againſt the Charge to *Dirck Weſſells*, as Town Major, as not affecting this Account,		30	4	0	
Againſt the Charge to Mr. *Abeel*, as Paymaſter, at 4*d.* *per* Day, no ſuch Officer being appointed by the Act,		30	0	0	
Againſt the Articles of Powder and Ball for Detachment, 4 of the Men appearing before us denied to have had any, nor any elſe to their Knowledge, but what they themſelves paid for,		34	10	0	
Againſt Mr. *Fauconer*'s Account, amounting to *£.* 68 17*s.* 9*d.* whereof *£.* 9 18*s.* 9*d.* for the Poſt, *£.* 2 8*s.* for bringing down *Baker* a ſick Soldier, that is alſo charged the moſt Part, in Lieut. *Congrave*'s Account, the reſt of the *£.* 68 17*s.* 9*d.* being for Proviſions, Bowls, Cans and Trenchers, for the Accommodation of the Detachment, deſigned to be ſent up in *Vanderburgh*'s Sloop, but they being landed at Mr. *Philipſe* Mill's, are ſaid to be left on board, of which no Account can be come at.		68	17	9	
		766	16	6	½

An Abſtract of the Account of the Militia, for Securing the Frontiers in 1703-4, *as its ſtated by Mr.* Fauconer.

Dr.	*£.*	*s.*	*d.*
April 1. To ſundry Officers, for their and their Companies Service and contingent Charges arifing thereon, Stated upon the Vouchers produced to me, and ſtill in the Hands of the Gentlemen above named. Was ſigned, by *P. Fauconer*.	1387	12	0

Cr.	*£.*	*s.*	*d.*	*qr.*
April 28. By *Thomas Byerly*, Eſq; received by him on the Tax, of *£.* 1300,	717	7	1	¼
By the Province, for what remains ſtill unpaid on the aboveſaid Tax,	582	12	10	¼
	1300	0	0	

By

Dr.

	£.	s.	d.
To amount of Debt brought forward,	1387	12	0
	1387	12	0

Cr.

	£.	s.	d.
By amount of Credit brought forward	1300	0	0
By the Province, for what will be due to the Forces that ſerved this Winter, for the Security of the Frontiers, being what the Tax laid to defray the Service fell ſhort.	87	12	0
	1387	12	0

Dr.

		£.	s.	d.
To Ballance the above Account,		87	12	0
Brought from the other Side,		162	1	0
Againſt Lieut. *Congrave*'s Account on the other Side,	27 18 0			
Againſt his Charge of £. 43, and £. 1 15*s*. 4*d*. for Intereſt thereof, being as he ſaid, laid out for Proviſions for the Detachment to *Eſopus*, and alſo to *Albany*, but in Regard he alledges he cannot give an Account thereof, the Committee are of Opinion, that Col. *Schuyler*, having charged for the whole Victualing from the Time of the Companies firſt Detachment, till their Releaſe, there ought nothing to be allowed Mr. *Congrave*, except the Expences of Sleighs, and other extraordinaries in their Way, for which they allow him £. 5, the reſt to be deducted,	39 15 4			
Againſt two Muſkets, ſaid to be run away with,	4 16 0			
	72	9	4	
	234	10	6	
The Ballance above charged, to be deducted from this Account,	87	12	0	
So there remains due to the Credit of the £. 1300 Tax,	146	18	6	
And there remains to the Credit of £. 1800 Tax, if the Objections are good, which ought to be till the contrary appears,	766	16	6 ½	
And to the Credit of the £. 1300 Tax,	146	18	6	
On both Accounts is due to the Colony.	913	15	0 ½	

Per Order of the Committee,
Evert Banker, *Chairman.*

By ſundry Objections made by the Committee, appointed by the General Aſſembly, to inſpect and examine the particular Charges in the above Account, which they humbly offer and ſubmit to the Opinion of the Houſe, and is, *viz.*	£.	s.	d.
Againſt the Charge in Col. *Schuyler*'s Account, for himſelf and three Lieutenants, and for 5 Servants, being over and above and not Part of the detached Men (as himſelf acknowledgeth) nor having done any Duty, ought to return to the Credit of this Account,	25	6	8
Againſt the Charge to *Dirck Weſſels*, as Town Major, as not affecting this Account,	30	8	0
Againſt Col. *Schuyler*'s Charge for Proviſions and Quarters, for 55 Men in *King's Town*, from *November* 27th, to *December* 7th, he having charged for the whole Victualling, in the 8*d*. *per* Day, to the Company,	13	15	0
Againſt *Ten Pounds* charged, for delivering out Proviſions to the Company, becauſe there being *Twenty Pounds* allowed for Intereſt of *Four Hundred Pounds* taken up, the Men ſhould have received their Money,	10	0	0
Againſt 3 Guns, loſt in the Ice, they being hired for a certain Sum to the Soldiers,	7	4	0
Againſt Capt. *Schuyler*'s Charge of *Thirty Three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *Sixpence*, for Services done in *July* and *Auguſt* laſt, which tho' it may be a reaſonable Charge and juſtly due from the Government, cannot affect this Account,	33	15	6
Againſt Capt. *Schuyler* and his 2 Officers, Lieuts. of the Scouts, having charged for 114 Days, and the Act of Aſſembly appointing but 62 Days, there ought to be deducted,	41	12	0
	162	1	2

		£.	s.	d.
Againſt Lieut. *Congrave*'s Account, wherein he charges for fetching Money from *York*, in ſeveral particular Sums, about *Twelve Pounds*, there being Money taken up at Intereſt by Col. *Schuyler*, *Four Hundred Pounds*, for this Service, ſo an unneceſſary Charge to him.	12 0 0			
Againſt his Charge of Fire, Candle and Lodging, being neither charged by any other Lieutenant, nor paid by him, nor reckoned to him by Mr. *Abeel*, where he had it *Gratis*,	6 18 0			
Againſt his Charge of Powder and Ball, which Part of the Men denies, that any of them had, except what they paid for,	9 0 0			
	27	18	0	

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, that this Houſe deſire a Conference with the Council, upon the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* do go to the Council, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enabled* John Hutchins, *Eſq*; *to ſell and diſpoſe of the real Eſtate of* Robert Burgeſs, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed, within this Colony, for the Payment of his Debts*; was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be committed; it paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, The Bill be rejected.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 23, 1704.

A Bill to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties in this Colony, with *One Hundred, Forty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Ten-pence*; for fitting and furniſhing a Room, for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby, in the City-Hall of New-York; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 23, 1704.

THE Houſe being informed, that *Thomas Stevenſon, Jonathan Hazard* and *William Gleen*, attended in the Lobby, to be heard upon the Anſwer of the Commiſſioners of King's County, for laying out publick common Highways in the ſaid County, were called in and heard what they had to alledge to the ſaid Anſwer, and then withdrew.

Ordered, The Conſideration of that Matter be referred till To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Renſſelaer*, that on reading a Meſſage from this Houſe, deſiring a Conference with the Council, upon the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference; That the Council do conſent to the ſaid Conference, to be held in the Great Room, in the Fort at 6 of the Clock To-Morrow in the Afternoon, with a Committee of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Banker*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to manage that Conference, and that Col. *Cortlandt*, do deliver to the Council, the Anſwer of this Houſe to the Reaſons offered by the Council, to the Amendments of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1704.

CAPT. *Schuyler*, reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining an Act, made in the ſecond Year of the Reign, of her preſent Majeſty*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, in the 12th Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign King* William *the* Third, *of bleſſed Memory, for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the remedying ſome irregular Proceedings committed in* King's *County, in the Execution of the ſaid Act*; that they had gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and the ſame were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties in this Colony, with *One Hundred, Forty-three Pounds, Ten Shilling and Ten-pence*; for fitting and furniſhing a Room for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby in the City-Hall, of *New-York*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 24, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1704.

THE Anſwers made againſt the Reaſons given by the Commiſſioners of *King*'s County, for laying out publick common Highways in ſaid County, againſt the Petition of *Thomas Stevenſon, Jonathan Hazard* and *William Gleen*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel*, do carry up to the Council for their Conſent, the engroſſed Bill, to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties in this Colony, with *One Hundred, Forty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Ten-pence*; for fitting and furniſhing a Room, for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby in the City-Hall of *New-York*.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported that the Committee appointed by this Houſe, had been at the Conference, and delivered to the Council, what the Houſe had directed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining an Act, made in the ſecond Year of her preſent Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, in the* 12th *Year of our late Sovereign King* William *the* Third, *of bleſſed Memory, for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the remedying ſome irregular Proceedings, committed in* King's *County, in the Execution of the ſaid Act*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Conſent.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 25, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ling*, to demand a free Conference with a Committee of this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, at the Fort at 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 26, 1704.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Cortland*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Banker*, be a Committee of this Houſe, appointed to be Managers of the free Conference with the Council, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Managers, that they inſiſt that the Word *(Demand in the Meſſage from the Council to this Houſe Yeſterday be dilated)* and the Word *(deſire)* be inſerted inſtead thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 26, 1704.

CAPT. *Coddrington*, reported the Conference he had with the Council in the Morning, that according to the Inſtructions, the Council had agreed to the Alterations inſiſted on, in the Meſſage Yeſterday from the Council, and that they had agreed to alter all their Amendments, except the Word Advice.

Reſolved, That this Houſe for the avoiding all Delay, will at this Time admit of that Amendment, always ſaving their Rights, this compliance notwithſtanding.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stillwell*, do go up to the Council with this Reſolve.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Wenham*, to deſire that all Papers and Accounts, relating to the making out the Overplus mentioned in the Bill, for levying and collecting the Sum of *One Thouſand, Six Hundred* and *Five Pounds, Ten Shillings*, for the paying 90 Fuzileers, their Officers included, for ten Months, and 30 Men with their Officers, to be employed as Scouts 60 Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers; may be laid before that Board for their Satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do make an extract of the Report of the Committee, appointed by this Houſe to inſpect, examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Taxes of *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, and *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, raiſed for the Defence of the Frontiers; and that Mr. *Abeel*, carry up the ſame to the Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday*, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 29, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 30, 1704.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, that this Houſe humbly addreſs and acquaint his Excellency, they having nothing before them, deſire to know what further Commands his Lordſhip has for them, for the Service of her Majeſty and the Country; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler* and Col. *Cortlandt*, do preſent the Addreſs to his Excellency.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1704.

AN engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit Rents, and other annual Reſervations and Payments, due to her Majeſty, within this her Majeſty's Colony, of* New-York, *in* America, *and the Arrearages thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 31, 1704.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Clerk of the Council, that he was commanded by his Lordſhip, to acquaint this Houſe, that his Excellency required their Attendance, To-morrow Morning at 11 of the Clock in the Fort.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1704.

THE Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency in the Fort.

Being returned, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech, and that (to prevent Miſtakes) he did deſire and had obtained a Copy thereof, which is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I HAVE required your Attendance here this Day, to take Notice to you of ſeveral Innovations lately attempted to be ſet on Foot, by ſome of you never thought of, nor attempted by any of your Predeceſſors, and which can tend to Nothing, but to diſturb that Quiet, which her moſt Sacred Majeſty the Queen, deſires all her Subjects ſhould enjoy, in all the Parts of the World under her Dominion; this can be effectually hindred by nothing, but by the Subjects attempting to invade the Property of the Queen, or aſſuming to themſelves to exerciſe a Power, veſted by the Crown in the Governor alone.

And as theſe are Things, which I ſhall never ſuffer during the Time, her Majeſty will be pleaſed to truſt the Adminiſtration of this Government in my Hands, ſo I ſhall always do my Part in admoniſhing of you, hoping that may bring you to think ſo ſeriouſly, that I may not be forced to exert the Powers veſted in me by the Queen, nor to make Repreſentations to her Majeſty to your Diſadvantage.

The firſt Thing I ſhall take Notice of, is the Stile you have make Uſe of in ſome of your late Bills, in which you inſiſt upon the Title of General Aſſembly, becauſe they are Words uſed in the Letters Patents, which conſtitute me Governor of this Province; and at the ſame Time, you are very unwilling to admit of the word Advice, though contained in the ſame Letters Patents, notwithſtanding, in the Reaſons you delivered to the Gentlemen of her Majeſty's Council, for this Province, at a Conference you ſaid the ſaid Letters Patents, are the Meaſure of the Power of this Government, and the Rules of the People's Obedience; but it ſeems, you think yourſelves the only Interpreters of the Queen's Meaning, which I muſt tell you appertains to me; I muſt further obſerve to you, that in your Votes of the Twenty-ſixth Day of *May*, you have made a Reſolve in theſe Words.

Reſolved, *That this Houſe, for the avoiding all Delay, will at this Time, admit of that Amendment, always ſaving their Rights, this Compliance notwithſtanding.* But you do not think fit to mention what thoſe Rights are, and as I know of none that you have as an Aſſembly, but ſuch as the Queen is pleaſed to allow you, ſo I think it my Duty to require you (which I now do) to lay before me, as ſoon as may be, what thoſe Rights are, which you pretend to ſave in that Vote.

The next Ting, I ſhall take Notice to you of is, that in your Bill, for raiſing *One Thouſand, Six Hundred* and *Five Pounds, Ten Shillings*, for the paying 90 Fuzileers, their Officers included, you take it upon you to direct what Number of Officers, there ſhall be to command thoſe Men, and where they ſhall be poſted; nay, you take it upon you to ſay, that none of the Inhabitants of *Albany*, ſhall be commanded upon that Service, unleſs it be for Out-Scouts; theſe are Powers do in no Manner belong to you; they are veſted ſoly in me, and I will never ſuffer you to meddle with them. I muſt take Notice to you, of another Vote you made, with relation to the *Eighteen Hundred Pounds* Tax, and *Thirteen Hundred Pounds* Tax, and there you have voted, that there is due to the Colony, the Sum of *Nine Hundred* and *Thirteen Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*. It is true, the Queen is pleaſed to command me in her Inſtructions, to permit the Aſſembly from Time to Time, to view and examine the Accounts of Money, or Value of Money diſpoſed, by Virtue of Laws made by them, but you can in no wiſe meddle with that Money. But if you find any Miſapplication of any of that Money, you ought to acquaint me with it, that I may take Care to ſee thoſe Miſtakes rectified, which I ſhall certainly do.

Gentlemen,

Gentlemen,

I cannot conclude, without obſerving to you, that though I recommended to your Conſideration, the State of the Revenue at the beginning of this Seſſion, you have not thought fit to make any Proviſion, for the neceſſary Support of the Government, though it is evident to all Mankind, that the preſent Revenue cannot do it; I muſt ſay, this is not a ſuitable Return to the Queen's Favours.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 1, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, That they agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the paying* 90 *Fuzileers, their Officers included, for ten Months, and* 30 *Men with their Officers to be employed as Scouts* 60 *Days, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read; and the Conſideration thereof referred till To-morrow.

His Excellency's Speech being read, was taken into Conſideration.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, take the ſame into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. June 2, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 ho. P. M. June 2, 1704.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Dow*, have Leave to go Home upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, take his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, take into further Conſideration, the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the levying and collecting the Sum of*, One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the paying* 90 *Fuzileers*, &c. *for the Defence of the Frontiers.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. June 3, 1704.

THE Houſe, according to Order, taking his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe addreſs his Excellency, on the ſubject Matter of his Speech.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be drawn up accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into further Conſideration, the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the levying and collecting the Sum of*, One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the paying* 90 *Fuzileers*, &c. *for the Defence of the Frontiers.*

Ordered, The ſame be referred to further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. June 6, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 6, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ling*, that they have agreed to the Bill, to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony, with *One Hundred, Forty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, for fitting and furniſhing a Room for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby in the City Hall of *New-York*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which were read.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Renſſelaer*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better explaining an Act, made in the ſecond Year of her preſent Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act *to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, in the* 12*th Year of our late Sovereign King* William *the* Third, *of bleſſed Memory, for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the remedying ſome irregular Proceedings committed in* King's *County, in the Execution of the ſaid Act*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 7, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of Clock in the Afternoon.

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THE Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency (according to Order) being preſented to the Houſe, was read; and agreed to.

Ordered, The ſame be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 8, 1704.

THE engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe, to his Excellency, was read, and ſigned.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency by the whole Houſe, which is as followeth, *viz.*

To his Excellency Edward *Viſcount* Cornbury, *Captain General and Governor in Chief of her Majeſty's Colony of* New-York, *and Territories depending thereon in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame.*

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly.

MY LORD,

EVER ſince this Aſſembly have been elected by the Country, next it's true Intereſt, they had nothing ſo much in their Thoughts, as doing ſuch Things as might render them and their Actions agreeable to your Lordſhip, that being in your good Opinion, they might be the better enabled to perform the Services for which they were choſen: It is with great Concern they find they are miſtook, and charged with Innovations; their Endeavours are to conform themſelves to the Letter, as well as to the true Intent (as they underſtand them) of the Commiſſions under the great Seal from the Crown.

They never had, nor can have the leaſt Thought of attempting the Invaſion of her Majeſty's Property, or aſſuming to themſelves any Powers of Government whatſoever, nor do they believe, your Lordſhip will exert any Powers, but what are lawful, nor make any Repreſentations but what are juſt.

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Her Majeſty's royal Favours, ſhall ever have that due Impreſſion on their Hearts, which becomes dutiful, loyal and affectionate Subjects, ſenſible of her matchleſs Juſtice and Bounty, and from whom they queſtion not, that Protection and Support, which will prevent the unavoidable Ruin, that otherwiſe muſt be their Portion.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Garton*, do wait on his Excellency, to know when he will be pleaſed to be attended by the Houſe, with their Addreſs.

The Amendments to the Bill, to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties in the Colony, with *One Hundred* and *Forty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, for fitting and furniſhing a Room, for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby in the City-Hall of *New-York*, being taken into Conſideration, were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe, hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Garton*, acquainted the Houſe, that they had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, who would receive the Houſe To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better laying out, further regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways in this Colony; and for the erecting and building a County Goal, and County Houſe, in the County of* Richmond; was read the third Time, with an Amendment.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stillwell*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Conſent.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1704.

MR. *Speaker with the Houſe, attended his Excellency, and being returned, acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency, to which his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay to this Purpoſe, that he could make preſent Anſwer to ſeveral Heads, but the Addreſs being long, he would take Care to anſwer it ſpeedily.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1704.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit-Rents and other annual Reſervations and Payments, due to her Majeſty, within this her Majeſty's Colony of* New-York, *in* America, *and the Arrearages thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Abeel*, Mr. *Crum* and Mr. *Lakerman*, and all Members that come, to have Voices.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Amendments, made by the Council to the engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the paying* 90 *Fuzileers*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Amendments made by the Council, to the engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the paying* 90 *Fuzileers*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is inconvenient for this Houſe, to admit of any Amendment made by the Council, to a Money Bill.

J. Abeel, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them with the Reſolution of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1704.

THE Houſe met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1704.

COL. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, to whom the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act, for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit-Rents, and other annual Reſervations and Payments, due to her Majeſty, within this her Majeſty's Colony of* New-York, *in* America, *and the Arrearages thereof*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when they will pleaſe to receive the ſame, which are as followeth, *viz.*

That in the 14th Line, Page 1, from the Word *(ſame)* leave all to the Word *(for)* in the 6th Line, in Page the Second.

In the 9th Line, Page 2, leave out all from the Word *(by)* to the Word *(Aſſembly)* in the 11th Line of the ſame Sheet, and inſert inſtead thereof *(the Governor Council and)*

In Page the 3d, Line the 3d, after the Word *(aforeſaid)* and between the Word *(ſhall)* inſert *(in whoſe Hands or Cuſtody, ſuch Grant or Grants, Patent or Patents, do or ſhall remain)*

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In Page the 3d, Line the laſt ſave one, inſert between the Word *(ſame)* and the Word *(before)* *(or a true Copy or Copies thereof, as aforeſaid.)*

In Page the 4th, Line the 6th, obliterate the Words *(one Juſtice)* and inſtead thereof add *(three Juſtices.)*

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Add to the Bill this Proviſo.

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Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Amendments made by the Council, to the engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the paying* 90 *Fuziliers*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Abeel*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is inconvenient for this Houſe, to admit of any Amendment made by the Council, to a Money Bill.

J. Abeel, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them with the Reſolution of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1704.

THE Houſe met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1704.

COL. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, to whom the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit-Rents, and other annual Reſervations and Payments, due to her Majeſty, within this her Majeſty's Colony of* New-York, *in* America, *and the Arrearages thereof*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when they will pleaſe to receive the ſame, which are as followeth, *viz.*

That in the 14th Line, Page 1, from the Word *(ſame)* leave all to the Word *(for)* in the 6th Line, in Page the Second.

In the 9th Line, Page 2, leave out all from the Word *(by)* to the Word *(Aſſembly)* in the 11th Line of the ſame Sheet, and inſert inſtead thereof *(the Governor Council and)*

In Page the 3d, Line the 3d, after the Word *(aforeſaid)* and between the Word *(ſhall)* inſert *(in whoſe Hands or Cuſtody, ſuch Grant or Grants, Patent or Patents, do or ſhall remain)*

In Page the 3d, Line the 9th, between the Word *(Patents)* and the Word *(thereof)* inſert *(or a true Copy)* and after the Word *(thereof)* inſert the Words *(to be examined by ſuch Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners, and)*

In Page the 3d, Line the laſt ſave one, inſert between the Word *(ſame)* and the Word *(before)* *(or a true Copy or Copies thereof, as aforeſaid.)*

In Page the 4th, Line the 6th, obliterate the Words *(one Juſtice)* and inſtead thereof add *(three Juſtices.)*

In Page the 4th, Line the 8th, after the Word *(aforeſaid)* leave out all to the Word *(provided)* in the 4th Line, and inſtead thereof, inſert *(by the Oaths of two credible Witneſſes at leaſt.)*

In Page the 4th, in the 20th Line, after the Word *(by)* and before the Word *(ſuch)* inſert *(or leave ſuch true Copy or Copies as aforeſaid.)*

In Page the 5th, Line the 5th, after the Word *(aforeſaid)* leave out all to the Word *(make)* in the 7th Line.

In Page the 6th, Line the 14th, after the Word *(aforeſaid)* and before the Word *(ſhall)* in the next Line, inſert *(having firſt accepted of the ſaid Office of Commiſſioner,)*

In Page the 6th, Line the 20th, and in Page the 7th, Line the 2d; inſtead of the Word *(Ten)* inſert the Word *(Five.)*

Add to the Bill this Proviſo.

Provided always, And it is the true Intent and Meaning of

this Act, That where any Perſon or Perſons, hath, or have taken out, ſeveral Patents of Confirmation for the ſame Lands, ſhall only be charged with the Quit-Rent, reſerved by the laſt Patent of Confirmation only, nor ſhall be conſtrued or intended to alter any Tenure, or to charge or burthen any Perſon or Perſons further, or in any other Manner than by Law they do now hold or are chargeable, this Act, or any Clauſe, Matter or Thing, therein contained, to the contrary, thereof notwithſtanding.

By Order of the Committee,
Henry Beekman, *Chairman.*

Which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

And the Bill being read the third Time,

Reſolved, The Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Willet,* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe has agreed to the ſame, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 13, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 14, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 14, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Renſſelaer,* That the Council deſire a Conference with this Houſe, on a Reſolution, that it was inconvenient for this Houſe, to admit of any Amendments to a Money Bill, at the Fort, To-morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock, to which the Houſe agreed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. June 15, 1704.

THE Speaker with the Houſe, went to the Conference, with the Council at the Fort, and being returned, reported, that Reaſons had been there offered to the Council, for ſuſtaining the Reſolution of this Houſe, made *Saturday* laſt.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 15, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 16, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ling,* to deſire a Conference with this Houſe, this Morning at 9 of the Clock in the Fort, on the ſubject Matter, of the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the engroſſed Bill from the Council, for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit-Rents, and other annual Reſervations and Payments, due to her Majeſty, within this her Majeſty's Colony of *New-York,* in *America,* and the Arrearages thereof.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey,* Capt. *Garton,* Mr. *Sebring,* Capt. *Schuyler,* Mr. *Banker,* Capt. *Coddrington,* Mr. *Abtel,* Col. *Beekman,* Mr. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Lakerman,* be a Committee of this Houſe, to manage the Conference with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments to the ſaid Bill; the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Capt. *Garton,* reported the Conference, which is as followeth, *viz.*

Reaſons offered by the Council, for their not agreeing to ſome of the Amendments, made by the Aſſembly to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit-Rents, and other annual Reſervations and Payments, due to her Majeſty, within this her Majeſty's Colony of* New-York, *in* America, *and the Arrearages thereof,* viz.

That the Council are not induced to agree to the Amendment, in Page the 1ſt, Line the 14th, of the ſaid Bill, to leave out from the Word *(ſame)* to the Word *(for)* in the 6th Line, of Page the 2d, for that it is apparently manifeſt, that notwithſtanding, divers Proclamations have iſſued, as well in the preſent as in the former Governor's Times, for the bringing in of the Patents, by which Means a true Eſtate of the Quit-Rents, might be found out and diſcovered; yet the ſaid Perſons, have generally refuſed to pay Obedience thereto, which ſeems to us, to be a Combination wholly to make uſeleſs that Branch of her Majeſty's Revenue, towards the Support of the Government.

The Council do not agree to the Amendments, in Page the 3d, Line the 9th, and in Page the 3d, Line the laſt ſave one, for the Uncertainty thereof.

The Council cannot agree to the Amendment, in Page the 4th, Line the 6th, by Reaſon the Trouble and Charge that will be occaſioned thereby, will render the Execution of the ſaid Act more difficult.

The Council do not agree to the Amendment, in Page the 4th, Line the 8th, becauſe they are of Opinion, that one material Witneſs on Oath, will be ſufficient for the Ends and Purpoſes of the ſaid Act; whereas, two Witneſſes will render the Execution of this Act, more difficult and leſs effectual.

The Council do diſagree to the Amendment, in Page the 4th, Line the 20th, for the Incertainty thereof, as aforeſaid.

The Council do not conſent to the Amendment, in Page the 6th, Line the 14th, they being of Opinion, that the ſaid Commiſſioners take their Office, by Virtue of the Act, and not by the Nomination of his Excellency, and therefore, are obliged to obey the ſame, as much as any Officer whatſoever, appointed by Act of Aſſembly.

The Council doth not agree to the adding to the Bill, the Proviſo mentioned in the Amendments of the Aſſembly to the ſaid Bill, becauſe the ſame as they conceive, is wholy uſeleſs and unneceſſary, there being nothing in the ſaid Bill, that can alter any Tenure or Charge, or burthen any Perſon, or enforce the Payment of any Rent, its End and Deſign, being wholly to find out and diſcover ſuch Terms and Rents, that the Government may know certain what to demand, and Perſons not to be charged and burthened, with uncertain or unneſſary Claims or Actions.

Ordered, That a Conference be deſired with the Council, upon the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Purdy,* do go to the Council, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 16, 1704.

REASONS to be offered by the Aſſembly, at a Conference for their inſiſting on their Amendments, to the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit-Rents,* &c. diſagreed unto by the Council, as followeth:

On the firſt Amendment, diſagreed to by the Council, the Aſſembly do inſiſt.

Becauſe they ſhould otherwiſe, without Evidence, condemn Perſons whom they have no Knowledge of, without hearing of Parties.

On the ſecond Amendment, diſagreed to by the Council, the Aſſembly do inſiſt.

Becauſe delivering in to the Commiſſioners, a true Copy of each Grant or Patent, to be perſonally examined by the Commiſſioners, is more eaſy and equivalent, than any Inſpection or Extract, the Commiſſioners themſelves can make, and to prevent that Loſs and Diſtinction of Patents, Deeds and Evidences, for Lands which formerly has happened to divers of the Inhabitants in theſe Parts, on ſuch like Occaſions.

On the 3d and 4th Amendment, diſagreed to, as aforeſaid, the Aſſembly do inſiſt.

Becauſe they otherwiſe would conſent, to alter the common and uſual Courſe of Juſtice, and thereby make a Preſident of ſuch evil Conſequence, the Aſſembly is unwilling to think on, nor can they apprehend the Trouble or Charge occaſioned thereby, will obſtruct the Execution of the Act, ſince the Weight of the Penalty, will make amends for the Labour and Expence of the Proſecution.

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On the 5th Amendment, diſagreed to as aforeſaid, the Aſſembly do inſiſt.

For the Reaſon expreſſed for the 2d Amendment, above mentioned.

On the 6th Amendment, diſagreed to as aforeſaid, the Aſſembly do inſiſt.

Becauſe, the Reaſon offered by the Council, is againſt the expreſs Words, as they conceive of the Act itſelf, as it came to this Houſe and ſtill remains, which is that thoſe Commiſſioners, ſhould be nominated and appointed by his Excellency, who thoſe Officers will be, the Aſſembly is wholly Ignorant, but think it highly equitable, that as the Puniſhment ſhould bare proportionably to the Reward, ſo no Man againſt his Conſent, ſhould be burthened with a new Office, for which its probable he may not be fitted.

On the Proviſo, diſagreed to as aforeſaid, the Aſſembly do inſiſt.

Becauſe, if as the Council ſeem to conceive, their is nothing in the Bill, that can alter the Tenure, Charge or Burthen any Perſon, the Proviſo, is declarative hurtful to none, and to prevent and avoid all Miſconſtructions and Diſputes, but if the contrary, the Proviſo is abſolutely uſeful, neceſſary, and to the Purpoſe its intended.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, to acquaint this Houſe, the Council do agree to a Conference, at Eleven of the Clock this Morning, at the Fort.

Ordered, That the Committee, that managed the laſt Conference, do manage this Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Capt. *Garton* reported, that he had (according to Order) carried their Reaſons, for their inſiſting on their Amendments, ſent up to the Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, to deſire a free Conference with this Houſe, at the Fort, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, on *Thurſday* Morning at 11 of the Clock.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That the Committee that managed the laſt Conference, do manage this Conference.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Thurſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1704.

THE Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Capt. *Garton*, reported the free Conference.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 22, 1704.

A Motion being made, that the Houſe conſent, to alter the Amendment of 3 Juſtices of the Peace to 2, in the 6th Amendment, made by this Houſe to the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act, for the better and more effectual Diſcovery and Payment of Quit-Rents*, &c.

To this the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abeel*, do acquaint the Council thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 23, 1704.

A Motion being made, that this Houſe having no publick Buſineſs before them, adjourn till *September* next.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1704.

A Meſſage by Mr. Attorney General, that he was commanded by his Excellency, to require this Houſe to attend his Excellency, *Tueſday* Morning next, at 10 of the Clock in the Fort.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1704.

THE Speaker, with the Houſe, attended his Excellency in the Fort, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent, to theſe Bills following:

1. *An Act, to repeal the laſt Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for the quieting and ſettling the Diſorders, that have lately happened within this Province, and for the eſtabliſhing and ſecuring their Majeſties preſent Government for the future.*
2. *An Act, granting ſundry Privileges and Powers, to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *of the Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law eſtabliſhed.*
3. *An Act, to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties of this Colony, with* One Hundred *and* Forty Three Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Ten-pence, *for fitting and furniſhing a Room, for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby in the City-Hall of* New-York.
4. *An Act, for the better laying out, further regulating, clearing and preſerving publick common Highways in this Colony, and for the erecting and building a County Goal and County Houſe, in the County of* Richmond.
5. *An Act, for the better explaining an Act, made in the ſecond Year of her preſent Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act to oblige Perſons to pay their Arrears of* One Thouſand Pounds *Tax, granted by Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, in the 12th Year of our late Sovereign King* William *the* Third, *of bleſſed Memory, for building a Fort at* Onondaga, *for the Security of the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the remedying ſome irregular Proceedings committed in* King's *County, in the Execution of ſaid Act.*

And afterwards his Excellency made a Speech, and adjourned the General Aſſembly, to the ſecond Day of *October* next.

A Proclamation dated the 2d of *September* 1704, iſſued by Order of her Majeſty's Council, to adjourn the General Aſſembly until *Friday* next, being the 6th of *October*.

Die Veneris, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1704.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Proclamation, Mr. Speaker, three of the Members for the City and County of *New-York*; Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Abeel* and Mr. *Banker*, three Members, for the City and County of *Albany*; two Members, for *King's* County; Mr. *Lakerman*, for the County of *Richmond* appeared; and Mr. Speaker commanded the Clerk of this Houſe, to acquaint his Excellency, there was not a Quorum of the Houſe in Town, accordingly the Clerk waited on his Lordſhip, being returned, informed the Speaker, that his Excellency had commanded him to tell the Speaker, he would adjourn the General Aſſembly till *Thurſday* next.

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Die Jovis, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1704.

THIS Day, appeared Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Hunt*.

The Speaker, ordered the Clerk of this Houſe, to attend his Excellency and acquaint him, there was a Quorum of the Houſe met, and the Clerk returned and informed the Speaker, his Excellency would ſend to them immediately.

A Meſſage from his Lordſhip, by the Clerk of the Council, to acquaint the Speaker, his Lordſhip expected the Attendance of the Houſe at the Fort immediately; accordingly the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to the Fort, and being returned, Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to make his Speech, which he obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE *Aſſembly of* New-Jerſey, *having detained me ſome Days longer than at firſt I intended, and the Seaſon of the Year being ſo far advanced, are the Reaſons which induce me to recommend to your Conſiderations for this Seſſions, as few Things as may be, and indeed the two chief Things, which I moſt earneſtly recommend to you, to be provided for at this Time, are the low Condition of the Revenue, and the Defence of the Frontiers; I did in June laſt, recommend to you Gentlemen, of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to lay an additional Duty, on certain Commodities, which had been granted by a former Aſſembly of this Province, but expired, when I recommended that to you, I did it, as a Thing, which in my Judgement, would in ſome Meaſure help the Revenue, without any Burthen upon the People. Some Gentlemen, were then of Opinion, that ſuch an additional Duty, would be a Clogg upon the Trade of this Place; if they have taken the Pains to enquire into that Matter, I do not queſtion but they will be of another Mind; for my Part, I did enquire of ſome of the moſt conſiderable Merchants of this City, who told me, that ſuch a Duty, would have been rather a Help, than a Hindrance or Clogg to the Trade of this Place, being well perſuaded, that thoſe Gentlemen were right in their Opinions, I once more recommend the Conſideration of ſuch a Duty to you, or elſe, that you will conſider of ſome other Method, to enable her moſt Sacred Majeſty the Queen, to ſupport the neceſſary Charges of the Government, which the preſent Revenue will not do; the next Thing, is the Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, in order to that, I did in* July *laſt, order a Detachment of* 100 *Men, out of the Militia for that Service, the greateſt Part of that Number did go up to Albany, and have been poſted in the Places moſt convenient for the Defence of the Country, which has kept us quiet this Summer. I think they ought to be kept there till the laſt Day of* March *next at leaſt, and that ſome Out-Scouts, ſhould be raiſed for this Winter; I therefore recommend it to you, Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to prepare ſuch a Bill, as may raiſe a Sum ſufficient, for the paying the Men that have been ſent up, and for the Out-Scouts, with ſuch contingent Charges, as may be neceſſary for their going to* Albany, *and returning home again, if there is any Thing, elſe that may be reaſonable to be Enacted at this Time, you ſhall find me ready to embrace all Occaſions of doing ſuch Things as may be for the Good of her Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony; I have nothing further to recommend to you at this Time, but Unanimity in your Conſultations, and Diſpatch in the Matters before you.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 13, 1704.

THIS Day appeared Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Crum* and Mr. *Dow*.

The Houſe met, and adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1704.

THIS Day appeared Capt. *Stillwell* and Col. *Jackſon*.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the additional Duty,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred until To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That no Members now in Town, do fail to appear from Time to Time, according to Adjournment, upon Pain of Diſpleaſure of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Member to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for *Queen*'s County, in the Room of Major *Daniel Whitehead* deceaſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1704.

THIS Day, appeared Col. *Beekman*, and Capt. *Garton*.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, relating to the additional Duty; And,

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether an additional Duty of 10 *per Cent.* be laid on all *European* Goods, imported into this Colony, from any Place, except the Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed* directly.

It was carried in the Negative.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That a ſufficient Sum of Money be raiſed, to be employed for the Support of a Force, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1704.

THE Speaker this Afternoon, ſigned a Warrant for the Clerk of the Crown, to iſſue her Majeſty's Writ, for the Election of a Member for *Queen*'s County, to ſit in General Aſſemby, in lieu of Major *Whitehead*, deceaſed, which the Clerk did in the Night.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Sum to be raiſed, for the Support of a Force for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1704.

CAPT. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Dow*, (according to Order) reported, that they had made Inquiry into the Damages the Petitioner *John Bebout*, hath ſuſtained, in pulling down ſeveral Houſes, near the Stockadoes of the City of *Albany*, by Order of Commiſſioners appointed by Capt. *Leiſler*, that they cannot find, all the Petitioner's Damages to amount to above *Twenty Five Pounds*, which they humbly ſubmit to the honourable Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Sum, to be raiſed, for the Support of a Force for the Defence of the Frontiers; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately.

Reſolved, That *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed, for the Support of a Force, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

By Order of the Committee,
John Jackſon, *Chairman*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1704.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time, To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for enabling

bling the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*, to raiſe Money, to pay their Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1704.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Defence of the Frontiers*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The ſame be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Defence of the Frontiers*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do not deliver the Keys of the Aſſembly Chamber and the Lobby, nor any Thing therein, to any Perſon without Conſent and Direction of the Houſe.

The Petitions of the Clerk, Printer and Doorkeeper to this Houſe, were read; complaining the Revenue being in a low Condition, is not capable to Support the neceſſary Charges of the Government, therefore cannot receive their Salaries, praying that the Houſe would conſider of ſome Way, ſo that their Salaries may be duly paid them.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for paying the Salaries of the Officers of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Printer lay before this Houſe, an Account of his Salary due to him, for his Services done by him for this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1704.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Defence of the Frontiers*, was read the third Time, and a Debate ariſing thereupon, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe adjourn till To-morrow Morning; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1704.

A Bill for the raiſing the Allowance or Wages of the Burgeſs, for the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*, was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The ſame be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1704.

THE Houſe reſumed the Debate on the engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Defence of the Frontiers*.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon* and Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1704.

THE Bill, for raiſing the Allowance or Wages, of the Burgeſs, for the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Purdy*, Capt. *Banker* and Col. *Beekman*, and all that come to have Voices.

Mr. *Jonathan Whitehead*, produced an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for *Queen*'s County, inſtead of Major *Daniel Whitehead*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Garton*, do wait on his Excellency and Council, with Mr. *Whitehead*, to ſee him take the Oath, and ſubſcribe the Teſt and Abjuration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1704.

MR. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Garton*, acquainted the Houſe, that they did ſee Mr. *Whitehead* take the Oath, ſign the Teſt and Abjuration.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitehead* take his Place in this Houſe accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the effectual Paying the Salaries and Services, of the Officers of the General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1704.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the effectual Paying the Salaries and Services of the Officers of the General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time and rejected.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho: A. M. Oct.* 28, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1704.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1704.

COL. *Renſſelaer*, delivered to the Houſe, a Report of the Council, on the Account of the Charge of Col. *Schuyler*'s Journey to *Onondaga*, and of another Account of *Two Hundred* and *Thirty-two Pounds*, *Two Shillings* and *Four-pence Halfpenny*, for the Out-Scouts, who were ſent to the *Lake*, by Order of the Commiſſioners at *Albany*, appointed for the Management of the *Indian* Affairs, and another Account of *Twenty-ſeven Pounds*, for building of a Stockaded Fort, in the *Mohawk's* Country, and an Order of Council on the ſaid Report, that the ſame be laid before the General Aſſembly now ſitting, that ſome Expedient may be found, for the Payment thereof, and the Account of the Charge of Col. *Schuyler*'s Journey to *Onondaga*; and an Account of ſundries diſburſed upon Account of Out-Scouts, &c.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1704.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration, the Account of the Charge of Col. *Schuyler*'s Journey to *Onondaga*, &c. laid before the Houſe by Col. *Renſſelaer* Yeſterday; after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the Seaſon of the Year not allowing Time ſufficient for a proper Examination, the further Conſideration of the ſame, is referred to the next Meeting of this Houſe, when it is the humble Deſire of this Houſe, his Excellency will pleaſe to give his Command, that an exact State and an Account of the preſent Revenue may be laid before them, that they may inform themſelves of the Reaſons, why it is become abſolutely impoſſible, that theſe Charges cannot be paid out of that Fund, as well as the Occaſion of the Decreaſe of the ſame Revenue.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1704.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Renſſelaer*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Defence of the Frontiers*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Banker* and Mr. *Abeel*, do return the Bill, for the Defence of the Frontiers to the Council, and acquaint them with the Reſolve of this Houſe made laſt Meeting, That it is Inconvenient for this Houſe, to admit of any Amendment, made by the Council, to a Money Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Memorandum, *The ſame Day, after the Adjournment, his Lordſhip was pleaſed to ſend for the Houſe, and the Speaker with ſeveral Members, attended at the Fort, where his Excellency diſſolved the General Aſſembly.*

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of *NEW-YORK.*

A LIST of Repreſentatives, returned to ſerve in *General-Aſſembly*, for the Colony of *New-York*, viz.

For the City and County of *New-York.*

Mr. *De Lancey*,
Capt. *Coddrington*,
Col. *Cortlandt*,
Mr. *French.*

City and County of *Albany.*

Capt. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Cuyler*,
Mr. *Van Bruggen.*

Ulſter County.

Col. *Beekman*,
Capt. *Garton.*

King's County.

Mr. *Sebring*,
Mr. *Van Brunt.*

Richmond County.

Mr. *Lakerman*,
Capt. *Stillwell.*

Weſtcheſter County.

Major *Willet*,
Mr. *Ward.*

Queen's County.

Col. *Jackſon*,
Mr. *Whitehead.*

Suffolk County.

Mr. *Nicoll*,
Capt. *Mulford.*

Orange County.

Mr. *Crum.*

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck.*

Mr. *Hendrick Renſſelaer.*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*

Mr. *Joſiah Hunt.*

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 7, 1705.

PURSUANT to his Lordſhip's Proclamation, for adjourning the Aſſembly to this Day, there appeared for the City and County of *New-York*, Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Coddrington*. City and County of *Albany*, Capt. *Myndert Schuyler*, Mr. *Johannis Cuyler* and Mr. *Van Bruggen*. County of *Ulſter*, Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Garton*. *King*'s County, Mr. *Van Brunt*. *Orange* County, Mr. *Crum*. *Renſſelaer Wyck*, Mr. *Hendrick Renſſelaer*.

His Excellency was pleaſed by his Proclamation this Day, to adjourn the Aſſembly till *Saturday* next.

Die Sabatii, 11 *ho. A. M, June* 9, 1705.

THIS Day appeared Mr. *French*, one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*; and Mr. *Sebring*, one for *King*'s County; there not being a Quorum, the Clerk attended his Excellency, who was pleaſed to Order him to tell the Repreſentatives, he would adjourn them by Proclamation till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 11, 1705.

THIS Day appeared, Mr. *Abraham Lakerman* and Capt. *John Stillwell*, Repreſentatives for the County of *Richmond*; Major *Willet* and Mr. *Edmund Ward*, Repreſentatives for the County of *Weſtcheſter*; and Mr. *Joſiah Hunt*, Repreſentative for the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*; Col. *Cortlandt*, one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*; Col. *John Jackſon* and Mr. *Jonathan Whitehead*, Repreſentatives for *Queen*'s County; and the Clerk was ordered to attend his Excellency, who returned and acquainted the Gentlemen, that his Lordſhip would Summon the Council, and ſend the Clerk to them.

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The Clerk of the Council acquainted the Repreſentatives, his Excellency had commanded their Attendance at the Fort, who, accordingly waited on his Excellency in Council, who informed them, he had ſent for them at that Time, that they might be a Houſe, and deſired they would chuſe their Speaker, and preſent him at 11 of the Clock To-morrow; and if they could not agree to ſignify it to him, and he would give them longer Time.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1705.

THE Repreſentatives met, and ordered the Clerk to attend his Lordſhip, and deſire a further Day, Mr. *Nicolls* being not come to Town; the Clerk returned, and acquainted them, his Lordſhip adjourned them till To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 11 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1705.

THE Repreſentatives met, and ordered the Clerk to acquaint his Lordſhip, Mr. *Nicoll* was coming to Town, and therefore deſired to be adjourned to a further Time, who returned and informed them, his Lordſhip adjourned them, till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1705.

THIS Day, appeared Mr. *William Nicoll,* and was choſe Speaker by the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Lordſhip, by the Clerk of the Council, acquainting this Houſe, that his Lordſhip required their immediate Attendance at the Fort.

And accordingly the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe waited on his Lordſhip, where they preſented Mr. *William Nicoll,* for their Speaker, whom his Lordſhip was pleaſed to approve of.

When the Speaker, with the Houſe and their Clerk, took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took the Abjuration, which they ſigned and the Teſt. After this, his Lordſhip was pleaſed to make his Speech.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech, which he obtained a Copy of, and was read in the Houſe, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

"*I Am ſorry the Queen's Service in the neighbouring Province, and the ill Weather we have lately had, has hindred me from Meeting this Aſſembly, ſo ſoon as I at firſt intended; however, I hope you ſtill will have Time enough, to diſpatch ſuch Things as may be neceſſary to be provided for at this Time, thoſe which I ſhall more particularly recommend to the Care of you Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, are theſe: Firſt, That a Sum may be provided, ſufficient to pay* 100 *Fuzileers and* 50 *Out-Scouts, with their proper Officers, to be ſent to* Albany, *and Places adjacent, for the Defence of the Frontiers for one Year, and likewiſe that Proviſion may be made, for their going up to, and returning from* Albany; *and likewiſe for Bedding for them while they are there. This is of abſolute Neceſſity at this Time, becauſe I have received an Account, of a Deſign of the* Waghana Indians, *with ſeveral other Nations in Amity with the* French, *to attack our five Nations, who, if they ſee that we are not willing, or not able to ſupport and defend them, againſt their Enemies, will the more eaſily be perſuaded to go over to the* French, *the ill Conſequences whereof are ſo well known, that I need not mention them to you, nor will I now trouble you with any particulars of this News, becauſe I had it from thoſe Gentlemen, who are choſen to ſerve in this Aſſembly, for the County of* Albany, *and who are well able to inform you of the Truth of that Matter.*

"*The next Thing, I recommend to your Care is, the providing ſuch a Sum, as may be ſufficient to pay and defray the Charges of the Detachment ſent up to* Albany, *for the* Defence *of the Frontiers laſt Fall; an Account whereof ſhall be laid before you. I muſt take Notice to you, that the Bill, ſettling the Militia, which was paſſed in the Year* 1702, *is expired by its own Limitation. I think 'tis very neceſſary that the ſame ſhould be revived.*

"The Difficulties which ſome very worthy Miniſters of the Church of *England,* have met with, in the getting the Maintenance ſettled upon them, by Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the Year 1693, moves me to recommend to you, the paſſing an Act, explanatory of the above-mentioned Act, that thoſe worthy good Men, who have ventured to come ſo far, for the Service of God and his Church, and the Good and Edification of the People, to the Salvation of their Souls; may not for the future be vexed, as ſome of them have been, but may enjoy in Quiet that Maintenance, which was by a Law provided for them. I further recommend to you, the paſſing an Act, to provide for the Maintenance of ſome Miniſters in ſome of the Towns, at the Eaſt End of *Long-Iſland,* where I do not find any Proviſion, has been yet made, for the propagating Religion.

"The next Thing, which I think does very highly deſerve your ſerious Thoughts are, the laying a Duty upon all *European* Goods, imported into this Colony, from any of the neighbouring Provinces; whereas now, thoſe Goods pay no greater Duties, than thoſe which come directly from *England.* I did recommend this Matter, to the laſt Aſſembly, and I am afraid the not doing of it at that Time, has been a conſiderable Prejudice to the Trade of the Province; and I am perſuaded that unleſs effectual Care, be now taken in that Matter, the Trade of this Place, will not only become precarious, but our Navigation will be intirely ruined. I am of Opinion, it would be very proper to lay a Duty up all Rum and other Spirits, imported from any Place whatſoever, except *England* and her Majeſty's Iſlands, in the *Weſt-Indies*; I therefore earneſtly recommend to your Care, the preparing ſuch a Bill, as may effectually anſwer the Ends propoſed.

"I further recommend to your Conſideration, whether the paſſing an Act, to diſcourage the Exportation of Corn, and to encourage the Exportation of Flour from this Province, would not be of good Advantage to the Trade.

"I obſerve, that during the late War, at a Time when much greater Sums were given for the Defence of the Frontiers, than have ever been demanded ſince the Beginning of this, the Aſſemblies in thoſe Times, thought fit to grant ſeveral Sums of Money, towards the Diſcharging the Debts of the Province, whether it is not as reaſonable to take the ſame Methods now, to diſcharge the Debts which were contracted before my coming to this Government, I leave to your Conſiderations, only I think it a Duty incumbent on me, to put you in Mind of it, that the People to whom thoſe Debts are due, may not think themſelves neglected.

"*I am of Opinion, it will be neceſſary to paſs an Act, to prevent the Clipping and Defacing the foreign Coin, which has Currency in this Province, and another for the more effectual ſuppreſſing of ſcandalous Women, from coming from the neighbouring Provinces, to live in this; and another to puniſh Negro, Indian and Mulatto Slaves, and to prevent their running away from their Maſters.*

"*Theſe Gentlemen, are the Things I thought fit to propoſe to your Conſideration at this Time. I muſt now acquaint you, that her moſt Sacred Majeſty the Queen, has been pleaſed to Order, that for the future no Governor, Lieut. Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, ſhall receive any Gift or Preſent from the Country; which Order, you will find entered in your Journals. All the Returns the Queen expects, for eaſing you from the Burthen of thoſe Preſents is, that you contribute more freely to the Defence of the Country.*

"*I have nothing more to offer to you, at this Time, only Unanimity in your Conſultations, and Diſpatch in the Matters before you.*

"*If any Thing occurs to you, which you think may be for the Service of the Queen, and the Good of the Country, you ſhall always find me ready, not only to hear it, but to join heartily with you, to promote any Thing that is reaſonable.*"

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

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Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) took his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, and ſome Time being ſpent therein;

Reſolved, That this Houſe do raiſe a Sum, for the Payment of a Force, for the Defence of the Frontiers, for the Year enſuing.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will at 3 of the Clock this Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Sum to be raiſed, for the Payment of a Force, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 15, 1705.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Sum to be raiſed, for the Payment of a Force, for the Defence of the Frontiers; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington*, acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and the ſame being read, were approved of, and are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That *Three Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed for maintaining Spies for this Summer Seaſon.

Reſolved, That *Four Hundred* and *Thirty-three Pounds, Twelve Shillings*, be raiſed for Out-Scouts for the Winter Seaſon.

Reſolved, That *Six Hundred* and *Eighty-three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, be raiſed for maintaining 100 Fuzileers, their Officers included.

Reſolved, That *One Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed for Bedding for the Fuzileers.

Reſolved, That *Sixty Pounds*, be raiſed for their Tranſportation and Return.

Reſolved, That *Thirty two Pounds, Thirteen Shillings*, be raiſed for their Firewood and Candles.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1705.

MR. Attorney General, (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the levying and collecting the Sum of* Pounds, *for the paying* 100 *Fuzileers, their Officers included*; *and for the paying and maintaining Spies and Out-Scouts for the neceſſary Defence of the Frontiers, and for the paying all neceſſary Charges for their Tranſportation and Return*; which was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Captain *Myndert Schuyler*, preſented to the Houſe an Account of Out-Scouts upon Service laſt Winter, amounting to *One Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Seven Pence*; which was read.

Ordered, That the ſame Account be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1705.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1705.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act for the levying and collecting the Sum of* Pounds, *for the paying* 100 *Fuzileers, their Officers included*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The ſame be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Captain *Coddrington* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them refered, and had deſired him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committe of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the levying and collecting the Sum of £. for the paying* 100 *Fuzileers, their proper Officers included*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and had deſired him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Six Hundred and Ten Pounds, *for the paying* 100 *Fuzileers, their Officers included*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, if this Houſe ſhould appoint a Treaſurer for receiving and paying the publick Monies to be raiſed by this Houſe; and it was paſſed in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this Houſe do appoint a Treaſurer, for the receiving and paying the publick Monies to be raiſed by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1705.

CAPT. *Coddrington*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Explaining, and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, An Act for ſettling a Miniſtry, and raiſing a Maintenance for them in the City of* New-York, *County of* Richmond, Weſtcheſter *and* Queen's *County*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand Six Hundred and Ten Pounds, *for the paying* 100 *Fuzileers*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 21, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 22, 1705.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Pounds, *&c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington* reported from the said Committee, That they had made a further Progress in that Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Explaining, and more effectual putting in Execution, an* Act *of the General Assembly, entitled, An* Act *for settling a Ministry*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *French*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Stillwell*, and Mr. *De Lancey*, or any Five of them, and all that come to have Voices.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for Allowance to the Burgesses of the Borough of* Westchester, *and Manor of* Rensselaer Wyck; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, for enforcing and continuing the Act for encouraging a Post Office in this Province of *New-York*, for Years, from the Month of *October*, which was in the Year 1704; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till *Wednesday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P.M. June 27, 1705.

THIS Day appeared Mr. *Samuel Mulford*, elected Representative for the County of *Suffolk*.

Ordered, That Capt, *Garton*, and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait on his Lordship with Mr. *Mulford*, to see him take the Oath appointed by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, *&c.* to qualify him to sit as a Member of this House.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Pounds, *&c.*

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. June 28, 1705.

CAPT. *Schuyler* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the running away of* Negroe *Slaves out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French, *in* Canada; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Schuyler* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of* Albany, *to raise the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for repairing or rebuilding of a common Goal, and City and County Hall, over and above the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *they were enabled to raise by an* Act *of General Assembly, made in the second Year of her Majesty's Reign, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of* Albany, *to repair or to rebuild a common Goal and City Hall, for the said City and County; and to pay the Arrears of their publick Charge*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill for enforcing and continuing the Act, for encouraging a Post-Office in this Province of *New-York*, for Years, from the Month of *October*, which was in the Year 1704; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *Rensselaer*, Capt. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Coddrington*, or any Three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Burgess of the Borough of* Westchester, *and Representative of the Manor of* Rensselaer Wyck, was read the second Time, and committed to Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *De Lancey*, or any Three of them.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable him to sell Lands of *John Dewsbury*, late of *Oyster-Bay* in *Queen's* County, on *Nassau-Island*, deceased, to pay himself and others, the just Debts of said *Dewsbury*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Garton* and Mr. *Sebring* returned, and acquainted the House, that Mr. *Mulford* had taken the Oath, appointed by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, *&c.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Mulford*, take his Place in this House accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 28, 1705.

CAPT. *Garton* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *regulating the Allowance of the Representatives*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Whitehead* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for settling a Ministry*, &c. was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thousand, Six Hundred *and* Ten Pounds, *&c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington* reported from the said Committee, that they had made a further Progress in that Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. June 29, 1705.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thousand, Six Hundred *and* Ten Pounds, *&c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Capt. *Coddrington* reported from the said Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, The Report be made in the Afternoon.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 29, 1705.

CAPT. *Coddrington* (according to Order) reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thousand, Six Hundred *and* Ten Pounds, *&c.* was committed; That they had made several Amendments to the Bill, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, for encouraging and continuing the Act, for encouraging a Post-Office, *&c.* was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, for the City and County of* Albany, *to raise the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for the repairing or re-building a Common Goal*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Van Bruge*, Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Rensselaer*, or any Three of them, and all that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the running away of Negro Slaves*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to the said Committee.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preservation of Deer*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. June 30, 1705.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace*,

Peace, for the City and County of Albany, *to raiſe the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for the repairing or re-building a Common Goal*, &c. and to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the running away of Negro Slaves*, &c. was referred; That they had gone through the Bills, and made ſeveral Amendments to each of them, which they directed him to report to the Houſe, which were ſeverally read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and neceſſary Charge in the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Ward* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any Three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *regulating the Allowance of the Repreſentatives*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Mulford*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Crum*, Mr. *Hunt* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Salary of the Door Keeper to the General Aſſembly*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho.* P. M. *July* 2, 1705.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and neceſſary Charge in the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Schuyler*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Garton* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, or any Three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Salary of the Door Keeper to the General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Lakerman* and Mr. *Ward*, or any Three of them, and all that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 11 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Seven Hundred Pounds, *to be applied for the Defence of the Frontiers*, was read the third Time, and ſeveral Clauſes were offered, read and agreed to be made, Part of the Bill.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Brugen*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Col. *Jackſon*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Bradford, *to ſell the Eſtate of* John Dewſbury, *deceaſed, for the Payment of Debts*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 3, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling a Miniſtry*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enforcing and continuing the Act, for encouraging a Poſt-Office, in this Province of* New-York, *for three Years, from the Month of* October, *which was in the Year* 1704, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the running away of Negro Slaves, out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, for the City and County of* Albany, *to raiſe the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for the repairing or re-building a common Goal*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

A Motion being made, that a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for ſettling the Militia of this Province.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That an additional Duty be laid on all *European* Goods, imported into this Province, from any neighbouring Province; it paſſed in the Negative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 4, 1705.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for the paying of Capt.* Johannis Brat, *and his Company, who were ſent out from the City of* Albany *laſt Winter, by the Commiſſioners for the* Indian *Affairs, as Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, and ſundry incidental Charges*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 4, 1705.

COL. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer*, was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and neceſſary Charge in the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *&c.* was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1705.

THE Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that Mr. *Anderſon*, Deputy Secretary, had attended him from his Excellency, with an Account of the Pay and Charges of the Detachment of Militia, ſent up to *Albany*, under the Command of Capt. *Thomas Higby*, with his Lordſhip's Directions, That the ſame ſhould be laid before this Houſe, which he did accordingly, and the ſame being read;

Ordered, That this Houſe do take the ſaid Account into Conſideration in the Afternoon.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for the paying of Capt.* Johannis Brat, *and his Company*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Hunt* and Mr. *Van Brunt*, or any Five of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 5, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) having under Conſideration the Account of the Pay and Charges of the Detachment of Militia, ſent up to *Albany*, under the Command of Capt. *Thomas Higby*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

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Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 6, 1705.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for the repealing of all former Acts, heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton* have Leave to go Home for three Weeks.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Account of the Pay and Charges of the Detachment of Militia, ſent up to *Albany*, under the Command of Capt. *Thomas Higby*, *&c.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Mulford* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 7, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and neceſſary Charge in the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Bradford, *to ſell the Eſtate of* John Dewſbury, *deceaſed, for the Payment of Debts*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Mulford*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Capt. *Schuyler* and Mr. *De Lancey*, or any Three of them.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, that the Inhabitants of *Oyſter Bay*, in *Queen*'s County, have Notice of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 10, 1705.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 11, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Philipſe*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the running away of Negro Slaves, out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Council have alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, of the City and County of* Albany, *to raiſe the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for the repairing or re-building of a common Goal, and City and County Hall, over and above the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *&c.* without any Amendment.

The Council have alſo agreed to the Bill, *for enforcing and continuing the Act, for encouraging a Poſt-Office in this Province of* New-York, *&c.* without any Amendment.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitehead*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the running away of Negro Slaves, out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada, and the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, the Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Capt. *Schuyler*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for the Paying of Capt.* Johannis Brat, *and his Company*, &c. was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was referred; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectually putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling a Miniſtry*, &c. with Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 12, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for the paying of Capt.* Johannis Brat, *and his Company, ſent out as Scouts to attend the Motion of the Enemy, and for defraying the incidental Charges*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling a Miniſtry*, &c.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the further Conſideration of this Houſe, till the Members for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, appear in the Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was referred; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *French*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 13, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Militia*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, that the Council had paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain the Exportation of all Wheat in Grain, and Meal unbolted, out of this Province*; and alſo, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing two ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, expired by their own Limitation, made in the firſt and ſecond Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for the better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Province*;

Province; to both which, they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 14, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Heathcote*, that the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Seven Hundred Pounds, *for the Defence of the Frontiers*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

That they have alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the defraying the common and neceſſary Charge, of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany, without any Amendment.

And that the Council have alſo paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the preſerving and encouraging the Trade and Navigation of this Province, by laying an additional Duty, on all* European *Commodities, which ſhall be imported from any other Place, than directly from* England; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; as alſo that

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer*, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Brunt* and Col. *Beekman*, do return the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Seven Hundred Pounds, *for the Defence of the Frontiers*, to the Council, and acquaint them, with the reſolve of this Houſe, That it is inconvenient for this Houſe, to admit of any Amendment, made by the Council, to a Money Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reviving and collecting an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick and common Highways in this Province, three Years longer.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 16, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mulford*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain the Exportation of all Wheat in Grain, and Meal unbolted, out of this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. July* 17, 1705.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing and Act, for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Burgeſs of the Borough of* Weſtcheſter, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he reported to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, have Leave to go Home for three Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. July* 18, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Burgeſs of* Weſtcheſter, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crum*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, "An Act, for continuing an "Act, for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerv-"ing, publick common Highways, in this Colony;" was read the third Time, and an Amendment made to the Bill.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain the Exportation of all Wheat in Grain, and Meal unbolted, out of this Province*; was read the ſecond Time. And,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the ſaid Bill be committed.—It paſſed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.—It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. July* 19, 1705.

MR. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Bradford, *of the City of* New-York, *Printer, to ſell and diſpoſe of the real Eſtate, of* John Dewſbury, *late of* Oyſter-Bay, *in* Queen's *County, within this Colony, deceaſed*, &c. That they had gone though the Bill, without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual puting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling a Miniſtry*, &c. and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe agree to the Amendments made by the Council.---It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ward*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, the Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Van Brugen*, have Leave to go Home for three Weeks, upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. July* 20, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning. 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 21, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Bradford, *of the City of* New-York, *Printer, to ſell and diſpoſe of the real Eſtate, of* John Dewſbury, *of* Oyſter-Bay, *&c.* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

Then the House adjourned till *Wednesday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 25, 1705.

THE engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act, for the preserving and encouraging the Trade and Navigation of this Province, by laying an additional Duty on all* European *Commodities, which shall be imported from any other Place, than directly from* England; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Motion was made, That the Clerk of this House, receive a reasonable Fee, for passing a private Bill.

Ordered, That its thought reasonable the Clerk of this House, do receive and take the Sum of *Three Pounds*, and *Seventeen Shillings*, as his Fees, due for reading and other Service on passing the Bill, for enforcing and continuing the Act, for encouraging a Post-Office, in this Province of *New-York*, for three Years, from the Month of *October*, which was in the Year 1704.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 25, 1705.

THE House met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 26, 1705.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Ward*, have Leave to go Home for some Days, upon extraordinary Occasions.

A Message from his Lordship, by the Deputy Secretary, to acquaint the Speaker, his Lordship expected the immediate Attendance of this House at *Fort Anne*.

Thereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, waited on his Lordship, where his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech; after which the Speaker returned with the House, resumed the Chair, and acquainted them, that not trusting to his Memory, to prevent Omission or Mistake, he had obtained a Copy of his Excellency's Speech; which he read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE Occasion of my requiring your Attendance at this Time, is to acquaint you, that upon a French *Privateers coming upon this Coast, and even to the very Mouth of the Harbour, the Gentlemen of her Majesty's Council for this Colony, were of Opinion with me, that all proper Ways and Means, ought to be used, to take, destroy or drive away, the said Privateer from this Coast, in Order to the effecting whereof, I did Order several Vessels to be fitted for that Service, but the People being generally unwilling to go upon that Service, without some Encouragement, I was advised to issue a Proclamation, promissing a Reward of* Two Thousand, Five Hundred Pieces of Eight, *to be divided amongst all such Persons, as should voluntarily engage in that Service; provided the said Privateer were taken, or otherwise destroyed. The Vessels were manned with about* 350 *Men, were victualed for ten Days, and sailed to the* Whore Kills, *in search of the Privateer, but had not the good Fortune to meet with him; the Revenue being so low, that it will not answer the necessary Charges of the Government, is intirely unable to defray this necessary Charge. I therefore, thought it proper to acquaint you with it, and lay before you an Account, of what this Expedition has amounted unto, which I have in my Hand, and I leave it to you to consider, whether it will not be reasonable, that some Reward be given to the Officers and Men, who have been in that Service.*

Gentlemen,

I am commanded by her most Sacred Majesty the Queen, to acquaint you with several Acts of Parliament, lately passed in England, *which are these:* First, *An Act to encourage the Importing of Naval Stores from her Majesty Plantations in* Americа; *this Act is chiefly contrived for the Good of these Parts of the World. I hope, the People of this Colony, will apply themselves heartily to the promoting that Trade, as much as possible, which will be of very great Advantage to them, as well as to the Kingdom of* England. *The Queen is likewise pleased to command me to recommend to you, the passing such Acts of Assembly, as may make the said Act of Parliament most useful and effectual. The other two Acts are, an Act for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with* France. *And an Act, to prevent all traterous Correspondence with her Majesty's Enemies; to which her Majesty expects a punctual Compliance from all her Subjects.*

I am further commanded by the Queen, to move this Assembly, to raise a Fund, for the purchasing of Military Stores, and for the supplying other Uses, as the Defence of the Province may require: I hope, you will comply with her Majesty's Expectations, that the Government may be in a Condition to defend itself against any Insult of the Enemy.

I must farther acquaint you, that I have lately received a Letter from the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, in which they express themselves thus. (We conceive no Reason, why the Council should not have a Right to amend all Bills, sent to them by the Assembly, even those relating to Money.) *This I hope, will put an End to the Differences, which has arisen of late between this Board and the House of Representatives. If you are desirous to have a Copy of the whole Clause in the Letter, you shall have it.*

He delivered in also, an Account at the same Time, he received from his Excellency, and mentioned in his Lordship's Speech; which was likewise read, and

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 27, 1705.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 28, 1705.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Burgess of the Borough of* Westchester, with some Amendments; as also, that they have passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preserving, publick common Highways, in this Province*; with some Amendments.

To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Which being read, were agreed to by this House.

Ordered, That Major *Willet*, do carry up the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Burgess of the Borough of* Westchester, to the Council, and acquaint them, the House hath agreed to the Amendment.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for the laying out*, &c. and acquaint them the House hath agreed to the Amendment.

Mr. *Barbarie*, also acquainted the House, That the Council do not insist on the Amendments, made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling a Ministry*, &c.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received from his Lordship, a Copy of two Clauses, in a Letter from the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, which were read, and are in these Words, (to Wit.)

As to what you write concerning the Demeanour of the Assembly, and of your having thereupon adjourned and afterwards dissolved them, that they might have Time to consider better of their Duty, We very much approve of your Lordship's Care in preserving her Majesty's Prerogative and the Rights of Government; and we hope, your Endeavour, will

will prove effectual, to bring them to that Moderation and Obedience, that may moſt tend to the publick Good.

We conceive no Reaſon, why the Council ſhould not have a Right to amend all Bills ſent up by the Aſſembly, even thoſe relating to Money.

We are obliged to inform your Lordſhip, that her Majeſty expects you ſhould move the next Aſſembly, That they raiſe a Fund for purchaſing Military Stores, and for the ſupplying other Uſes, as the Defence of the Province may require.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, his Excellency's Speech, to this Houſe on *Thurſday* laſt, with the Account then alſo delivered, ſome Debate ariſing thereupon, and near one Half of the Members being abſent,

Reſolved, That the Conſideration of that Matter be adjourned, until there can be a full Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho.* *A. M*, *July* 30, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Militia*, with ſome Amendments; That they have likewiſe agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for the paying Capt.* Johannis Brat, *and his Company*, &c. with ſeveral Amendments: That they have alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating of Slaves*; with one Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho.* *P. M.* *July* 30, 1705.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Militia*; this Houſe do agree to the 2d, 4th, and 7th Amendments; but to the 1ſt, 3d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th Amendments, made to that Bill, this Houſe doth diſagree.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do return the Bill, and ſignify the ſame to the Council.

Then the Houſe alſo took into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves*; To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, do return the Bill to the Council, and ſignify to them, the Houſe hath agreed to the Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 *ho.* *A. M.* *July* 31, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho.* *A. M.* *Aug.* 1, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho.* *A. M.* *Aug.* 2, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barbarie*, That the Council have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring the Illegality of the Proceedings*, *againſt Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *for pretended High Treaſon*, *and for reverſing and making null and void the ſaid Judgments*, *and all Proceedings thereon*; To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

He alſo acquainted the Houſe, the Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Bradford, *of the City of* New-York, *Printer*, *to ſell and diſpoſe of the real Eſtate of* John Dewſbury, *&c.* without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho.* *A. M.* *Aug.* 3, 1704.

THE engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring the Illegality of the Proceedings againſt Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *for pretended High Treaſon*, *and for reverſing and making null and void the ſaid Judgments*, *and all Proceedings thereon*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third Time.

The Bill being read a third Time,

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Wilſet*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe hath paſſed the Bill, without Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho.* *A. M.* *Aug.* 4, 1705.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, That his Lordſhip expected the immediate Attendance of this Houſe at *Fort Anne*; thereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, waited on his Excellency, where his Lordſhip was pleaſed to give his Aſſent, to the Bills following, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution an Act*, entitled, *an Act for ſettling a Miniſtry*, &c.
2. *An* Act, *for enforcing and continuing a Poſt-Office*, *in this Province.*
3. *An* Act, *to prevent the running away of Negro Slaves out of the County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada.
4. *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace*, *for the City and County of* Albany, *to raiſe* One Hundred Pounds, *for the repairing a common Goal and City-Hall.*
5. *An* Act, *for defraying the common neceſſary Charge in the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *&c.*
6. *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer.*
7. *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves.*
8. *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Burgeſs of* Weſtcheſter.
9. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, *for laying out*, *regulating and clearing*, *common Highways in this Colony.*
10. *An* Act, *to enable* William Bradford, *of the City of* New-York, *Printer*, *to ſell and diſpoſe of the real Eſtate of* John Dewſbury, *deceaſed*, *for the Payment of Debts.*
11. *An* Act, *declaring the Illegality of the Proceedings againſt Col.* Nicholas Bayard *and Alderman* John Hutchins, *for pretended High Treaſon*, *and for reverſing the ſaid Judgments*, *and all Proceedings thereon.*

Then his Excellency was pleaſed to inform the

the Houſe, that he was ſorry he could not aſſent to ſome Bills in Regard they contained Clauſes, not agreeable to his Lordſhip's Inſtructions from the Crown.

And afterwards adjourned the Houſe, to the 10th Day of *September* next.

His Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 6th of *September* 1705, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly; to the 19th of *September* Inſtant.

Die Martis, 5 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 19, 1705.

HIS Excellency, ſent for the Clerk to this Houſe, who informed his Lordſhip, there was not a Quorum in Town; his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe, till To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 11 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1705.

HIS Lordſhip adjourned the Houſe, till To-morrow, 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1705.

THERE not being a Quorum, his Lordſhip adjourned the Houſe till *Tueſday* next, 11 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 25, 1705.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 25, 1705.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 26, 1705.

A Meſſage from his Lordſhip, by Mr. *Clarke*, the Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency deſires this Houſe, to attend him at the Council Chamber immediately.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Houſe, attended his Lordſhip, and being returned, acquainted the Houſe, his Lordſhip had made a Speech, which he had obtained a Copy of, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE Seaſon of the Year being ſo far advanced, I ſhall not trouble you at this Time, with any Thing, but what I think of abſolute Neceſſity to be provided for; that is, the Defence of the Frontiers; 100 Fuzileers and 50 Out-Scouts, will be neceſſary for that Service. I hope you will prepare ſuch a Bill, for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer that Charge, as I may give my Aſſent to, without breaking the Inſtructions her moſt Sacred Majeſty the Queen, has been pleaſed to honour me with.

This Gentlemen, is all I ſhall recommend to your Conſideration at this preſent, and to which I intreat you, to give all poſſible Diſpatch. I had almoſt forgot to put you in Mind of the Sea Expedition this laſt Summer, which I think ought to be diſcharged, ſeveral Debts having been contracted upon that Occaſion.

Which being taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That this Houſe, do in the Afternoon, take the ſame into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 26, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) took that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Defence of the Frontiers into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in, for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers, Spies and Out Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1705.

CAPT. *Schuyler*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers, Spies and Out-Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 28, 1705.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers, Spies and Out-Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 28, 1705.

THE Houſe, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient, to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Beekman*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 7 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Beekman*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were ſeverally read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe taking that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, relating to the Sea Expedition laſt Summer,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on *Tueſday* next, take the ſame into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 2, 1705.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Sea Expedition laſt Summer.

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1705.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient, to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers and Out-*

Out-Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Sea Expedition laſt Summer;

Ordered, That the ſeveral Perſons, who have given Credit on the Sea Expedition laſt Summer, do bring in their ſeveral Accounts and Demands, to the Clerk of this Houſe, that the Houſe may be enabled to proceed further in that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 4, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; That the Council deſire a Conference with this Houſe, at the Coffee-Houſe; To-morrow Morning 9 a Clock, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient, to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers and Out-Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *French*, Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Mulford*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Cuyler*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 11 ho. A. M. Oct. 5, 1705.

MR. *Cuyler* reported, That purſuant to the Order of this Houſe Yeſterday, the Committee appointed, met at a Conference with the Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers and Out-Scouts*, &c. and deſired the Council, would put in Writing, what they had to offer on that Occaſion, to which was replied, that they would return to Council, in Regard they had not received Directions ſo to do.

Per Order of the Committee,
Johannis Cuyler, *Chairman.*

Which was read and approved.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 ho. P. M. Oct. 5, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, to deſire a Conference with this Houſe, at the Coffee-Houſe, at 4 a Clock this Afternoon, upon the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference.

To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That the Committee of the laſt Conference be the Managers of this Conference, that it be an Inſtruction to them, that what is offered upon the ſubject Matter of the Conference, ſhall be received in writing.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 6, 1705.

MR. *Cuyler*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, reported that they had met the Council, at a Conference on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum ſufficient, to anſwer the Charge*, &c. had received in writing, the Reaſons of her Majeſty's Council for the Province of *New-York*; (appointed to meet the Houſe of Repreſentatives, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, which was on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers*, &c.) againſt ſome Clauſes in the ſaid Bill.

Which he preſented to the Houſe, and was received, and read as followeth, *viz.*

Reaſons offered by her Majeſty's Council for the Province of *New-York*, appointed to meet the Houſe of Repreſentatives, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, which was on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum ſufficient, for to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers and Out-Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; againſt ſome Clauſes in the ſaid Bill.

Firſt, That by the firſt Clauſe of the ſaid Bill, the Sum to be raiſed, is granted to her Majeſty only, and not to her Majeſty, her Heirs and Succeſſors, which is contrary to her Majeſty's royal Inſtructions to his Excellency the Governor, which has theſe Words, *viz.* "You are to take Care, that in all Acts or Orders, to be paſſed within your Province, in caſe for levying Money, or impoſing Fines and Penalties, expreſs mention be made, that the ſame is granted and reſerved to us, our Heirs and Succeſſors; for the public Uſes of that our Province, and the Support of the Government thereof, as by the ſaid Act or Acts, ſhall be directed."

Secondly, That in Folio 3, Clauſe the 6th of that Bill, it is ſaid, that the Treaſurer (as he is there termed) ſhall give ſufficient Security to her Majeſty, to be accountable to the General Aſſembly, for the Time being, for the Sum of Money by this Act, to be committed to his Charge, which is likewiſe contrary to another of her Majeſty's Inſtructions, to his ſaid Excellency the Governor, which follows in theſe Words, *(viz.)* "You are not to permit any Clauſe whatſoever, to be inſerted in any Law, for levying Money or the Value of Money, whereby the ſame ſhall not be made liable to be accounted for, to us here in *England*, and to our High Treaſurer, of our Commiſſioners of our Treaſury for the Time being."

Thirdly, That in Fol. 10, Clauſe the 18th, of the ſaid Bill, *it is Enacted*, That a Certificate under the Hand of the Col. and Chief Officer or Capt. in the County or Precinct, where any Man or Men ſhall be detached, and a Certificate from the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *Albany*, or the major Part of them, ſhall be a ſufficient Warrant and Authority to the Treaſurer aforeſaid; to pay and ſatisfy the Pay and Monies by this Act, ſo paſſed and levied for ſuch Service, and ſhall be to him a ſufficient Diſcharge for the ſame, which is directly contrary to her ſacred Majeſty's poſitive Commands to his ſaid Excellency the Governor, in another Inſtruſtion, which is in theſe Words *(viz.)* "You are not to ſuffer any publick Money whatſoever, to be iſſued or diſpoſed of, otherwiſe than by Warrant under your Hand, by and with the Advice and Conſent of our ſaid Council, but the Aſſembly may be nevertheleſs permitted from Time to Time, to view and examine the Accounts of Money or Value of Money diſpoſed by Virtue of Laws, made by them, which you are to ſignify unto them, as there ſhall be Occaſion."

Ordered, That the Committee for the laſt Conference, be a Committee of this Houſe, to draw up an Anſwer to the ſaid Reaſons, and to offer Reaſons to the Council, why they inſiſt upon the Clauſes in the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1705.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee for the laſt Conference, appointed a Committee of this Houſe, to draw up an Anſwer to the Reaſons offered by the Council, at the ſaid Conference, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum ſufficient, to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers*, &c. and to offer Reaſons to the Council, at the Conference, why this Houſe inſiſts on the Clauſes in the ſaid Bill, that they have drawn up the ſame accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he delivered the ſame in at the Table, which was read, and approved by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

The Anſwer of the General Aſſembly, to Reaſons offered by her Majeſty's Council, at a Conference on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum ſufficient to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers*, &c. and Reaſons offered why the Aſſembly inſiſt on the Clauſes in the ſaid Bill.

In anſwer to the firſt Reaſon, they ſay; that although the Aſſembly hath hardly ever ſo much as named, in any of their Acts for Money, granted for the Defence of the Frontiers, either (his) or her Majeſty, (his) or her Heirs and Succeſſors, yet having directed the Uſes, for which thoſe Monies have been raiſed, by Virtue of their Acts, agreeable to the main Scope and Meaning of her Majeſty's Inſtructions to the Governor, they have not only paſſed with the preſent Governor and thoſe preceeding him, but many of them have met with Confirmation and Acceptance from the Crown at Home.

To the 2d, they ſay, That although the Clauſe in the Bill, *that is to ſay*, That the Treaſurer therein named, ſhall give ſufficient Security to her Majeſty, to be accountable to the General Aſſembly; yet its not reſtrictive, but that he alſo be accountable, when commanded to her Majeſty, the Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners for the Treaſury in *England*, for the Time being, which he may do of Courſe and with great Eaſe, having iſſued the Money received by him, according to the Directions and Uſes in the Laws by which it was raiſed.

To the 3d Reaſon, againſt Clauſe the 10th, in the ſaid Bill, *viz. Its Enacted*, That a Certificate under the Hand of the Col. or Chief Officer, *&c.* in the County where any Man or Men ſhall be detached, and a Certificate from the Mayor of *Albany*, and the major Part of the Aldermen, ſhall be a ſufficient Warrant and Authority to the Treaſurer, to pay and ſatisfy the Pay and Monies, by this Act ſo raiſed and levied for ſuch Service, and ſhall be to him a ſufficient Diſcharge, to which the Gentlemen of the Council oppoſing an Inſtruction to the Governor, from her Majeſty, in theſe Words, *viz.*

You are not to ſuffer any publick Money whatſoever, to iſſue or be diſpoſed of, otherwiſe than by Warrant under your Hand, by and with the Conſent of our ſaid Council; but the Aſſembly may nevertheleſs, be permitted from Time to Time, to view and examine the Accounts of Monies, diſpoſed by Virtue of Laws made by them, which you are to ſignify to them, as there ſhall be Occaſion.

To this its anſwered, That taking it for granted, as it cannot be otherwiſe, that it's her Majeſty's Inſtruction, that the Act or Law made by the Aſſembly, ſhall direct and appoint the ſaid Uſes, of all Monies raiſed by them; and that its her Majeſty's Directions to the Governor, that the Aſſembly ſhall be permitted from Time to Time, to view and examine the Accounts of Monies, diſpoſed by Virtue of Laws made by them; its natural to conclude, that her Majeſty's Intent is, that the Aſſembly ſhould be ſatisfied and duly informed, that the Money granted and raiſed, ſhould be applied to the Uſes for which it was appointed; and they alſo ſay; that the ſame Inſtruction has been generally taken as a Reſtriction on the Governors from Time to Time, not to diſpoſe of any public Monies, allotted for the general Support of Government, without the Approbation of the Council, and is underſtood as a Voucher for the due Diſpoſition of ſuch Monies, according to the Exigences and Neceſſities of the Colony, and ſo the Aſſembly apprehend it, and not otherwiſe; and as Reaſons for their inſiſting on the ſeveral Clauſes in the Bill, they further offer and ſay,

Firſt, That they have experienced ſuch an uninterrupted Animoſity and Miſunderſtanding between the ſeveral Governors, and all the Receivers appointed immediately by the Crown, that not one of them as yet has been able to avoid a Suſpenſion, which having hitherto been ſucceeded by a total Excluſion, all poſſibility of rendring any Account to, or viewing or examining any Account by Aſſemblies, has been illuded, and the Diſpoſition of all publick Monies left in the Dark.

Secondly, The ſeveral Receivers loſing their Offices, and being Strangers in theſe Parts, the removal from thence (without return) has been a neceſſary Conſequence, and is one principal Reaſon, that the Aſſembly are wholly excluded from all Manner of Knowledge, of the Riſe or Fall of the ſeveral Branches of the uſual Revenue, the Application of that, or any extraordinary Taxes, and all other Matters that may give a ſatisfactory Inſight, into the raiſing and paying of Monies, granted and levied by General Aſſembly.

Thirdly, Though conſiderable Sums have been raiſed, and duly paid in for the Defence of *Albany*, the Frontier, which is a common Barrier and Bulwark, not only to this and the adja-

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cent Colonies, but alſo for the Perſervation of *Virginia* and *Maryland* (valuable Jewels to the Crown) which would be in inevitable Danger of being loſt, ſhould *Albany* and the *Indians* there, fall into the Hands of the *French*, yet it appears that ſeveral Hundred Pounds raiſed for that End, has not ſo much as been pretended to be applied to that Uſe. Some conſiderable Sums pretended to have been paid to Men for that Defence, long before they had any Being there, or were concerned in that Service.

Other valuable Sums, charged to have been paid for the Accommodation of detached Soldiers, which are yet due and unpaid, and that many of the pretended detached Fuzileers were never there and on Duty.

Fourthly, Since her Majeſty hath required her gracious Letter, to be entered in the Regiſter of the Aſſembly, as well as with her Council of *New-York*; wherein is Direction and an Inſtruction, that the Aſſembly do take Care, that the Monies raiſed by them, be not only as ample, but alſo as effectual as may be to the common Defence, and the Aſſembly having compoſed this Bill, in the beſt Manner they could, to anſwer thoſe Purpoſes; they therefore, earneſtly deſire your Honour's Concurrence to the ſaid Bill, that his Excellency the Governor may be enabled to paſs it into a Law, whereby the Honour and Intereſt of the Crown may be promoted, and the Colony effectually defended.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do go to the Council, and deſire the ſaid Conference.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Renſſelaer*, that they have agreed to a Conference with this Houſe, immediately at the *Coffee-Houſe*, and then withdrew, to which the Houſe agreed.

Col. *Renſſelaer*, being called in, was acquainted therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee for the laſt Conference, be a Committee of this Houſe, to manage the Conference with the Council.

The Petition of *Johannis Brat*, (late Capt. of the Scouts, who ſerved the laſt Winter) was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for raiſing a certain Sum ſufficient, to defray the Charge due for the Service of the Scouts aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Van Brugen*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum of Money for diſcharging the Pay and incidental Expences of the Out-Scouts, who performed that Service, the laſt Winter*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond reading.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and delivered to the Council the Anſwer to the Reaſons of the Council the laſt Conference, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum ſufficient, to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 11, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1705.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Caleb Heathcote*, Eſq; that they have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum ſufficent to anſwer the Charge of Fuzileers and Out-Scouts, for the Defence of the Frontiers*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee for managing the laſt Conference, do immediately withdraw, and conſider of an Anſwer to be ſent to the Council on this Matter, who being returned, Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had drawn up an Anſwer, which being read, was agreed to, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as followeth:

The Aſſembly cannot receive the Meſſage this Day ſent from the Council, but with the greateſt Surpriſe imaginable, they having often been acquainted with the conſtant Reſolution of this Houſe, relating to Amendments to Money Bills.

This Houſe having taken all reaſonable Meaſures, to make effectual Proviſions for the Defence of the Frontiers, and have given your Honours ſuch firm and undeniable Reaſons, for your inſiſting on the Clauſes in their Bill, (to which the Council have not thought fit as yet, to vouchſafe any Anſwer) that they never could have expected ſo unſuitable a Return.

Therefore they pray the Gentlemen of the Council, will ſeriouſly conſider if any ill Conſequence ſhould happen (which they hope God will prevent) from theſe Methods, to whoſe Advices ſuch Conſequences will naturally be attributed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ward*, do carry up the Anſwer to the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Sum of Money, for diſcharging the Pay and incidental Expence, of the Out-Scouts, who performed the Service laſt Winter*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Van Brugen*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Major *Willet* and Mr. *Ward*, or any Five of them, and all that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1705.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till *Tueſday* 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Memorandum,

Memorandum, I (the Clerk) was informed by Col. *Wenham*, one of the Council, that his Lordſhip was pleaſed, the ſame Day in the Afternoon, to prorogue the General Aſſembly, to the firſt Day in *May* next.

Memorandum, the 26th of *November*, 1705, Mr. *Philip French*, came to my (the Clerk's) Houſe, and deſired to examine ſome Papers he then had in his Hand, with the Journal of the General Aſſembly, that I might ſign them as a true Copy, on which I deſired to inform his Lordſhip thereof, and promiſed to return his Lordſhip's anſwer to him; the next Day, being the 27th Inſtant, I waited on his Lordſhip accordingly, who was pleaſed to command me, to tell ſaid Mr. *French*, that I had informed his Lordſhip, of what had paſſed between Mr. *French* and me, and that if Mr. *French*, had had the Manners to have applied to him for a Copy of the Journal, he would have given him an Anſwer, and this Anſwer his Lordſhip commanded me to make a Memorandum of.

His Lordſhip was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated the 23d of *April* 1706, to prorogue the General Aſſembly, unto *Thurſday* the 12th of next *September*.

The following Paragraph, is croſſed through in the original Manuſcript; but as it gives the Reaſon why the Aſſembly were called before the Time they ſtood prorogued to; it was thought proper to print it.

The General Aſſembly, was by a Proclamation, iſſued by his Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice of her Majeſty's Council, prorogued unto the 12th Day of *September* next. But as the late unhappy Depredations of the *French*, upon the Iſlands of *Nevis*, St. *Chriſtophers* and *Montſerat*, in the *Weſt-Indies*, may encourage them to carry their Deſigns to this and other her Majeſty's Colonies on the Continent. As from the late Advices from St. *Thomas*'s and other Parts of the *Weſt-Indies*, there is but too juſt Reaſon to fear. His Lordſhip hath therefore, that no Means might be left untried, for the Safety and Preſervation of her Majeſty's Subjects, and for the Defence and Security of this Colony, in this Exigence; thought fit by and with the Advice of her Majeſty's Council for this Province, by Proclamation dated the 14th Day of *May* 1706, to call the General Aſſembly, to meet at the City of *New-York*, the 24th Day of this Inſtant *May*.

Die Veneris, P. M. *May* 24, 1706.

HIS Lordſhip was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 11 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1706.

HIS Lordſhip was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till *Tueſday* next, 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 28, 1706.

THERE not being a Quorum, his Excellency adjourned the Houſe till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 29, 1706.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*. Mr. Speaker, his Excellency commands this Houſe, to attend him at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker with the Houſe, immediately attended his Excellency in Council, at *Fort Anne*, and being returned, Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, his Lordſhip had made his Speech, which he received a Copy of, and was read, as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE Service of her moſt Sacred Majeſty the Queen, in the neighbouring Colony, having obliged me to prorogue this Aſſembly to the Month of September *next, I ſhould not have given you the Trouble of Meeting till that Time, were I not forced to it, by an indiſpenſible Neceſſity. The repeated Advices our Merchants here, have received from their Correſpondents in the* Weſt-Indies, *of the Deſign the* French *have of attempting this Colony, has made me think it of abſolute Neceſſity to call you together at this Time, that all proper Meaſures may be taken, for the Defence of this Place, which as yet lies very open, naked and defenceleſs. There are two Things therefore, which I ſhall chiefly recommend to your Care, one is the providing a Fund, for the fortifying this City, the other is the providing a Fund, for the repairing this her Majeſty's Fort, which is extreamly out of Order, and for mounting the Guns, moſt of the Carriages being rotten and unſerviceable; theſe two Things are of abſolute Neceſſity, and without which it is to be feared, this Place will become a Prey to a powerful Enemy, who can deſign no leſs than to lay it waſte and deſtroy it, as they have done the Iſlands of* Nevis *and St.* Chriſtophers, *whoſe Misfortunes, I hope, will be an Inducement to you, to make effectual Proviſion for the Defence of this Colony, and you may be ſure; that whatever you ſhall think fit to give, ſhall be applied to the Uſes for which you give it, and to no other.*

Gentlemen,

I muſt take notice to you, that the laſt Aſſembly, did paſs an Act, for the raiſing the Sum of One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, *towards the erecting Batteries at the* Narrows, *which would have been of very great Uſe at this Time, had that Money been collected, but it has not: I am ſenſible, that ſome Malicious ill minded People have reported, That I had taken that Money into my Hands: That the Truth thereof may be known, and I juſtified, I recommend it to you, Gentlemen, of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, to make a ſtrict Enquiry into that Tax. I think it proper to recommend to you, the reviving the Militia Act, which expired by its own Limitation in the Year* 1704. *And I am the rather induced, to do it at this Time, becauſe in this Time of Danger, if there is not ſome Law paſt, to keep the People to their Duty, I ſhall be forced to put martial Law in Practice, which I am ſure will fall heavier than an Act of Aſſembly will do: I cannot conclude, without putting you in Mind of the Neceſſity of making Proviſion for Out-Scouts, this next Winter, to be ſent from* Albany. *Theſe are the Things I thought proper to recommend to you, and which I hope you will provide for, with all poſſible Diſpatch, becauſe I think the Nature of the Thing requires it. If you can think of any Thing elſe, that may require the Aid of an Act of Aſſembly at this Time, you ſhall always find me ready, to do any Thing, which ſhall be propoſed to me, for the Queen's Service, and the Good of the Country.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 29, 1706.

THE Houſe met, according to Adjournment, and a Debate ariſing concerning the preſent Affairs, ſome Time being ſpent therein, the Houſe thought fit to adjourn, till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1706.

THE Houſe being met, and a Debate ariſing, concerning the Legality of the preſent Meeting of the General Aſſembly, which ſtands prorogued till the 12th of *September* next,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That in Regard of the indiſpenſible Neceſſity mentioned in his Lordſhip's Speech, of which this Houſe is deeply ſenſible, they will ſit and proceed to give the beſt Aſſiſtance, toward the neceſſary Defence of this Colony.

Reſolved, That the City of *New-York*, be immediately fortified.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will raiſe a Fund, towards the defraying the Charge of the Fortifications of the City of *New-York*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, for the raiſing a Fund, for the defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Garton* and Mr. *Van Brunt*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to inſpect and examine what Sum of Money has been raiſed and paid in by Virtue of a late Act of General Aſſembly, for raiſing *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting Batteries at the *Narrows*, and make their Report thereof to this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to revive the Militia Act, lately expired by its own Limitation.

Reſolved, That a Fund be raiſed for the Payment of Scouts for the Frontiers at *Albany*, for the Year enſuing.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be forthwith printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1706.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, for the raiſing a Fund, for defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter to them referred; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had directed him to move, a Committee may be appointed, to confer with the Managers for the Fortifications of the City of *New-York*, concerning the Eſtimate of the Charge of the ſame, and make Report thereof to the Houſe; as alſo, that the Secretary lay before the Houſe, an Extract of the Number of Inhabitants of this Colony, laſt returned into his Office.

Capt. *Garton*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the ſaid Committee, to move they may have Leave to ſit again, which was read and approved.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for the raiſing a Fund, for defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Mr. *Van Brugen*, be a Committee of this Houſe, appointed to confer with the Managers, for the Fortifications of the City of *New-York*, concerning the Eſtimate of the Charge for the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1706.

Ordered,

THAT the Committee appointed to inſpect and examine, what Money has been raiſed and paid, by Virtue of a late Act of General Aſſembly, for raiſing *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting Batteries at the *Narrows*; have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, appointed to confer with the Managers for the Fortifications of the City of *New-York*, concerning the Eſtimate of the Charge of the ſame, that they had met the Managers, who informed them, that their Eſtimate of the Fortifications would amount to *Four Thouſand Pounds*, at the leaſt.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether the Houſe do now reſolve, what Sum to raiſe for fortifying the City of *New-York*.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, be raiſed, towards the Fortifications of the City of *New-York*.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for the raiſing a Fund, for defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Monday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committe of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Member for the County of *Orange*, in the Room of Mr. *Floris Crum*, deceaſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1706.

PETER *Fauconier*, Eſq; Commiſſioner of her Majeſty's Cuſtoms, preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, An Account of *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds* Tax, in Col. *Thomas Wenham* and *Peter Fauconier* the Commiſſioners Hands; as alſo, an Account, entitled, An Account of the *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds* Tax, in *Thomas Byerly*, Eſqrs, Hands.

Ordered, The ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee, appointed to inſpect and examine what Sum of Money has been paid in by Virtue of the late Act of General Aſſembly, for raiſing *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, towards erecting Batteries at the *Narrows*.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, for raiſing a Fund for defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt *Garton*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1706.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof for the Space of one Year*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, for the raiſing a Fund for defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when they will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made immediately.

Reſolved, That *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed by a Poll Tax, and other Ways and Means, further to be conſidered of.

Reſolved, That *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed by the uſual Way of Aſſeſment, on Eſtates real and perſonal in this Colony; which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Capt. *Garton*, alſo moved, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1706.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling*

the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, for the Space of one Year; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, for raiſing a Fund for defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Captain *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 5, 1706.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Scouts, for the Frontiers at* Albany, *for the Year enſuing*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, for the raiſing a Fund for defraying the Charge of fortifying the City of *New-York*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made immediately.

Reſolved, That the City and County of *New-York*, pay *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, the one Moiety of the *Three Thouſand Pounds*, to be raiſed for fortifying the ſaid City, and *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, the other Moiety thereof, by the reſt of the Colony, to be raiſed on real and perſonal Eſtates.

Which was read, and approved.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Houſe, will this Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. *for the Space of one Year*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Scouts, for the Frontiers at* Albany, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1706.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, for the Space of one Year*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Petition of *Sophia Horton*, Wife of *Thomas Horton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to paſs an Act, to enable her to ſell a ſmall Tract of Land, for the Suſtenance of her diſtreſſed Huſband, Self and Children, or provide ſuch a Maintenance for them, as the Houſe ſhould think fit.

Ordered, The Petition lie upon the Table.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Scouts, for the Frontiers at* Albany; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 7, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Scouts, for the Frontiers of* Albany; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 7 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1706.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing, levying and collecting the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *to be applied towards the Charge of fortifying the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Brugen*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Scouts, for the Frontiers of* Albany; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, *Tueſday* Morning next.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1706.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Scouts, for the Frontiers of* Albany, *for the Year enſuing*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelear*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing, levying and collecting, the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *to be applied towards the Charge of fortifying the City of* New-York, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe: Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Beekman*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Johannis Sanderſe Glen and *Adam Vrooman*, Eſqrs, Juſtices of the Peace for *Schenectady*, preſented a Petition to this Houſe, which was read; praying Leave to bring in a Bill, that the Town of *Schenectady*, and adjacent Places, may be enabled to raiſe *Twenty Five Pounds*, for repairing the Gates and Guard Houſe, of the ſaid Town, and find the Guards with Firewood.

Ordered,

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing, levying and collecting, the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *to be applied towards the Charge of fortifying the City of* New-York; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Beekman*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1706.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing, levying and collecting, the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *to be applied towards the Charge of fortifying the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hunt*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Houſe being informed, that one *Francis Winne*, has uttered ſeveral falſe and ſcandalous Words, highly reflecting on the Juſtice of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Francis Winne*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

A Complaint being made to this Houſe of a certain Paper, ſigned by ſeveral Inhabitants of the City and County of *Albany*, containing ſeveral falſe Reproaches and Reflections, againſt the Juſtice and Integrity of thisHouſe;

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the ſame is falſe, ſcandalous and ſeditious.

Reſolved, That *Andries Coejemans*, *Ryer Schermerhorn*, *Jan Wemp*, *Johannis Teller*, *Barent Wemp*, *Iſaac Swits*, *Jillis Legrange*, *Johannis Luykaſſe and Francis Winne*, are guilty of framing, promoting and ſigning the Paper.

Ordered, That *Andries Coejemans*, for the ſaid Offence, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That *Ryer Schermerhorn*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, Than *Jan Wemp*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That *Johannis Teller*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That *Barent Wemp*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Swits*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That *Jillis Legrange*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That *Johannis Luykaſſe*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That *Francis Winne*, be for the ſaid Offence, taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho: A. M. June* 14, 1706.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 14, 1706.

THE Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City of *New-York*, convened in Common Council, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for the better fortifying the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Cortlandt*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, for the better fortifying the City of *New-York*; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 7 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 7 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1706.

THE Bill, for the better fortifying the City of *New-York*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe: Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Myndert Schuyler*, prayed Leave of the Houſe to go Home on extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, have Leave to go Home accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1706.

THE Houſe met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1706.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, of the City of* New-York, *to carry on the Fortifications of the ſaid City*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1706.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Cuyler*, have Leave to go Home upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1706.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Philipſe,* that the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly,* entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, for one Year*; with Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer,* do carry up the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 21, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 2 o'Clock, in the Afternoon *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1706.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie,* that the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, of the City of* New-York, *to carry on the Fortifications of the ſaid City,* with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and the ſame being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey,* do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clarke,* to require this Houſe to attend him at the Council Chamber, To-morrow Morning at 11 o'Clock.

Capt. *Garton,* reported from the Committee, appointed to inſpect and examine what Money, has been raiſed and paid, by Virtue of an Act of General Aſſembly, for raiſing *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds,* towards erecting Batteries at the *Narrows*; That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter to them committed, but for Want of Time, to examine into the Accounts and Receipts of the ſeveral Collectors, they could not come to any certain Reſolution in that Affair.

That by the Accounts produced, they only find, that *Three Hundred* and *Ninety-eight Pounds, Nine Shillings* and *Eight-pence Farthing,* has been received of that Tax, of which Sum Deductions being made, on Pretence of Receiving, there remains *Three Hundred* and *Forty-nine Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Three-pence,* in the Hands of Mr. *Fauconier,* and *Seven Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Two-pence Farthing,* in the Hands of Col. *Wenham*; which was read, and approved by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Collectors in this Colony, do at the next Meeting of Aſſembly lay before this Houſe, a true and exact Account of the ſeveral Sums of Money, by them received and paid in by Virtue of that Act.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and the Speaker acquainted them, he underſtood from his Excellency, that he was willing the Houſe would adjourn till To-morrow; they thereupon adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock, and they adjourned accordingly.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1706.

THE Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Lordſhip in *Fort Anne*; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to theſe Bills following, viz.

An Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly,* entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, for the Space of one Year.*

An Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, of the City of* New-York, *to carry on the Fortifications of the ſaid City.*

And then his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Speech, which he read, and ordered to be entered after the Houſe was adjourned, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have required your Attendance at this Time, becauſe I intend to put an End to this Seſſions. I wiſh the Neceſſity of proceeding for the Defence of this Country, in this Time of eminent Danger, could have prevailed with you to have paſſed the Money Bills, in the ſame Method which has been always uſed in this Province till very lately, becauſe then I could have aſſented to them, which you know now I cannot do, without manifeſt Breach of the poſitive Commands her moſt Sacred Majeſty the Queen, hath been pleaſed to honour me with, in her Royal Inſtructions to me. This I ſay, you know to be true, becauſe you have had Copies of theſe Inſtructions, every Seſſion, ſince you have thought fit to inſiſt upon theſe Innovations, which your Predeceſſors never thought of, and, which I believe, would not have been attempted at all, were it not for ſome unquiet Spirits among you, who can never be content to ſee the Service of the Queen, and the true Intereſt and Good of the Country, go Hand in Hand, as they ought to do. I am ſorry to ſee thoſe few (and I am ſatisfied they are but few) have ſo much Influence upon the reſt of the Houſe, as to prevail with them to inſiſt upon thoſe Clauſes, which you know, I could not agree to; but ſince it is ſo, I take God and the World to Witneſs, that whatever Misfortune may befall this Province, for Want of Money intended to be raiſed by thoſe Bills, muſt lie at your Doors, I ſhall do my Duty to the utmoſt, but being under Oaths for the faithful Diſcharge of my Duty to the Queen, I will upon no Terms break them, and I believe no reaſonable Man would deſire it.

Gentlemen,

I cannot help taking Notice to you, how much I am ſurpriſed to ſee, that you take no manner of Care for repairing this her Majeſty's Fort, which wants it ſo much, how good a Return this is to the Queen, for all her Favours

vours to this Province, let the World judge. I did at the Beginning of this Seſſion, deſire you to inquire into the *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds* Tax. I think it very hard Uſage to me, that you did not think fit to examine that Matter thoroughly, ſince you had Time enough for it, and the rather, becauſe that ſcandalous Report, of my having applied the Money to my Uſe, was raiſed by ſome of the Members of your Houſe.

Gentlemen,

I ſhall trouble you no further, only to acquaint you, that having Writ to *England*, a conſiderable Time ago, to acquaint her Majeſty the Queen, with the *Innovations* you have lately inſiſted upon, and not having yet received her Majeſty's Commands thereupon, I ſhall not entirely reject theſe two Bills at this Time, but let them remain as they are, 'til your next Meeting, hoping that before that Time, I ſhall be honoured with the Queen's Commands, that if poſſible, the Country may have the Benefit of them. Therefore, I do think fit, to adjourn this Aſſembly to the 12th Day of *September* next, and this Aſſembly is adjourned to the 12th Day of *September* next.

His Excellency, by Proclamation the 30th of *Auguſt* 1706, adjourned the General Aſſembly, to the 24th Inſtant *September*.

Die Martis, Sept. 24, 1706.

HIS Lordſhip by Proclamation adjourned the General Aſſembly till *Friday* next.

Die Veneris, 11 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1706.

THE Houſe being met.

A Meſſage from his Lordſhip by Mr. Secretary *Clarke*, That his Excellency deſired this Houſe, to attend him immediately at the Council Chamber.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Lordſhip accordingly, and being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech; which he obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

WHEN I diſmiſt you at the End of the laſt Seſſions, in *June* laſt, I acquainted you, that though I could not aſſent to the Bill you tendered to me, for the raiſing the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, towards the fortifying this City, yet I could not reject it, hoping that I might receive ſuch Directions from *England*, as might make that Matter more eaſy: I am very glad, I can now acquaint you, that my Expectations are anſwered; I have received Letters from the Rt. Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, containing her moſt Sacred Majeſty's Commands to me, to permit the General Aſſembly of this Province, *to name their own Treaſurer*, when they raiſe extraordinary Supplies for particular Uſes, and which are no Part of her Majeſty's ſtanding and conſtant Revenue; but the Treaſurer ſo nominated, muſt be accountable to the Governor, Council and Aſſembly; Warrants may be iſſued by the Colonels, Captains or other Perſons, as the Act ſhall direct, but the Governor muſt always be informed of the Occaſion of iſſuing ſuch Warrants, and all Perſons concerned in the iſſuing and diſpoſing of ſuch Monies, muſt be made accountable to the Governor, Council and Aſſembly. Thus Gentlemen, I have acquainted you with her Majeſty's Pleaſure, relating to the paſſing of Bills for the raiſing Monies for extraordinary Supplies.

Gentlemen,

I am commanded, by the Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, to acquaint you, that her Majeſty's Council for this Province, have undoubtedly, as much to do in forming of Bills for the granting and raiſing of Money, as the Aſſembly, and conſequently have a Right to alter or amend any ſuch Money Bills, as well as the Aſſembly.

Their Lordſhips likewiſe obſerve, That in the Preamble of the *One Thouſand, Seven Hundred Pounds* Bill, there is an Error, in not granting the Money, thereby intended to be raiſed to the Queen, which need not hinder the Aſſembly, from appropriating the Money to be granted, to ſuch Uſes as are found requiſite.

Their Lordſhips further obſerve, That the Penalty in the laſt Clauſe in the *One Thouſand, Seven Hundred Pounds* Bill, is of an extraordinary Nature, ſuch as no Aſſembly any where elſe ever attempted before; and they ſay, it is highly preſumptuous in the Aſſembly to pretend to propoſe or paſs any Clauſe, whereby her Majeſty is reſtrained in her Royal Prorogative of Pardon or Reprieving her Subjects, whenever ſhe ſees it reaſonable and convenient; and they command me to acquaint the Aſſembly with theſe Matters, that the like Errors may be avoided for the future.

I am further to acquaint you, That their Lordſhips are of Opinion, that the Province of *New-York*, ought to provide towards its own Security, by giving ſuch neceſſary Funds (as is done in other Plantations) for furniſhing the Inhabitants with Arms, as there may be Occaſion; and this their Lordſhips command me likewiſe to repreſent to you.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have acquainted you with thoſe Things, I had in Charge from *England*. I ſhall now mention to you thoſe Things, which in my Opinion, ought now to be provided for; and *Firſt*, I deſire you to obſerve, That by the Directions I have now

received, it is impoſſible for me to paſs the *Three Thouſand Pounds* Bill, in the Terms it is now conceived, therefore, I intreat you to prepare another Bill for that Service, according to the Methods above mentioned.

I muſt likewiſe recommend to your Conſideration, the providing a Fund for the paying the Detachment ſent up, under Capt. *Higby*'s Command, for the Defence of the Frontiers in the Year 1704, and the Out-Scouts under the Command of Capt. *Brat*, and ſince that Time, and likewiſe for defraying the Charge of Col. *Schuyler*'s Journey to the *Onondaga* Country, at a Time when we were in great Danger of having the five Nations debauched, from their Allegiance to the Crown of *England*, which was prevented by his going. This was ſo good a Service, that I hope you will think it reaſonable that Charge ſhould be anſwered.

I muſt likewiſe acquaint you, That by Accident very lately, the Guard-Room in the Fort at *Schenectady* was burnt down, with a great Quantity of Firewood, which had been provided for this Winter now coming on. I ſhould be glad that might be repaired before the cold Weather comes, elſe it will be impoſſible for the Men to keep Guard in that Place, which lies the moſt expoſed of all our Frontiers; I will direct an Eſtimate to be laid before you for that Purpoſe.

I muſt again recommend to you, the providing a Fund for the repairing and maintaining her Majeſty's Fort in this City, which yet wants ſeveral Things, to put it in a Poſture to reſiſt an Enemy, if we ſhould be attacked, which we very narrowly eſcaped this Summer; whether you will not think fit *to fortify the Narrows*, to prevent any Attempt of the like Nature for the future, I leave to your Conſiderations, but in my Judgment, I look upon that to be the beſt Way to cover this City, from any Attempt the *French* may intend to make upon us; and I choſe to mention it to you, at this Time, the rather, becauſe Capt. *Redknap*, whom the Queen has been pleaſed to appoint to be her Engineer in theſe Parts, is now here, and will, if you deſire it, give you an Account of what he thinks proper to be done to anſwer that End.

The laſt Thing I ſhall trouble you with at this Time, is the providing a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers, at and about *Albany*, this Winter, 100 Men and 25 Out-Scouts, will in my Opinion, be ſufficient to anſwer that Service.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have offered to you, what I think neceſſary to be provided for; if any other Things occur to your Thoughts, which may be neceſſary to be provided for by a Law, you ſhall always find me ready to conſent to any Thing, that may conduce to the Service of her moſt Sacred Majeſty the Queen, and the Good and Welfare of the Country.

The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, and great Part of the Members being abſent,

Reſolved, That the Houſe will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, The Clerk of this Houſe, give Notice to the abſent Members to attend the Service of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 11 o'Clock *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 11 *ho. A. M*, *Sept.* 30, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee had ſat, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter, and come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the Act, for reviving a former Act, for the ſettling of the Militia in this Plantation, provides for furniſhing the Inhabitants with Arms, towards its Security.

Mr. *Cuyler*, alſo reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *De Lancey*, do attend his Excellency, for a return of the *Three Thouſand Pounds* Bill, in order to the preparing another Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1706.

MR. *De Lancey* and Col. *Cortlandt*, acquainted the Houſe, that according to Order, they had attended his Excellency and received the *Three Thouſand Pounds* Bill, which they preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for raiſing the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of *New-York*, and that Col. *Cortlandt*, and Mr. *De Lancey*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

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Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1706.

COL. *Cortlandt* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of* New-York; which was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 11 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1706.

THE Clerk of this Houſe, by the Direction of the Members waited upon his Excellency, and acquainted the Governor, the Speaker was not arrived and deſired to know his Pleaſure. His Excellency ordered the Clerk to adjourn the Houſe, till To-morrow Morning 11 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1706.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of* New-York, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do attend his Excellency for a Return of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Scouts for the Frontiers at* Albany, *for the Year enſuing*; in order to the preparing another Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1706.

THE Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of* New-York; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committe of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 7 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 7 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of* New-York; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Barbary De Wit*, Relict and Executrix of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Tierk De Witt*, deceaſed, late of *King's* Town, in the County of *Ulſter*, was preſented to Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to ſell Lands of her late Huſbands to pay his Debts.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1706.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Renſſelaer* and Capt. *Schuyler*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Uſes.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1706.

COL. *Beekman*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Baptizing of Negro, Indian and Mulatto Slaves*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Coddrington*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, for the Time being, to raiſe Money upon the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof, for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charges annually, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 11, 1706.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1706.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *De Lancey*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Baptizing of Negro, Indian and Mulatto Slaves*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till next *Monday*, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct* 14, 1706.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1706.

MR. *Cuyler*, (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe a Bill, for a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Baptizing of Negro, Indian and Mulatto Slaves*, was committed, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Schuyler*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the inner Fences of Land, in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die

Die Martis, 2 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1706.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Baptizing of Negro, Indian and Mulatto Slaves,* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman,* do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1706.

THE Bill for a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

An Act, for regulating inner Fences of Land in the County of *Albany*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Renſſelaer,* Capt. *Schuyler,* Mr. *Van Brugh,* Mr. *Cuyler,* and Capt. *Garton,* or any Three of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Mr. *Renſſelear,* preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better defraying of the common and neceſſary Charges which now are, and from Time to Time do ariſe, within the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Cuyler,* preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to furniſh the Town Guards at* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *with Firewood, and to repair the Guard Houſe, and Gates of that Town*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, for a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Mulford,* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1706.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, for a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Mulford,* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cuyler,* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *Albany,* for the Time being, to raiſe Money, for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charges annually, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1706.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Cuyler,* do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

Capt. *Garton,* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating inner Fences of Land, in the County of* Albany, was committed; that they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better defraying of the common and neceſſary Charges, which now are, and from Time to Time do ariſe, within the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany, was read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to furniſh the Town Guards at* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany *with Firewood, and to repair the Guard Houſe and Gates of that Town*; was read the ſecond Time.

And the Bill, to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany,* for the Time being, to raiſe Monies, for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charges annually, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman,* Capt. *Schuyler,* Mr. *Cuyler,* Mr. *Van Brugh* and Mr. *Renſſelaer,* or any Three of them, and all that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1706.

COL. *Beekman,* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to furniſh the Town Guards at* Schenectady, *with Firewood,* &c. And the Bill, to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany,* to raiſe Monies for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charges annually was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bills, which were ſeverally read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The ſaid Bills with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Beekman,* alſo reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better defraying of the common and neceſſary Charges which now are, and from Time to Time do ariſe, within the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1706.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe,* That they had paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of* New-York.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better raiſing, levying and defraying, the neceſſary Charge of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer,* do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to furniſh the Town Guards at* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany *with Firewood, and to repair the Guard Houſe and Gates of that Town*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Brugh,* do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany,* for the Time being, to raiſe Monies, for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charges annually; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler,* do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating inner Fences of Land, in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler,* do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The humble Petition of *Derrick Benſon,* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in his Account, for ferrying over the Militia of *Long-Iſland,* to a general Training, about the latter End of laſt *June,* and allow him the ſame.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1706.

THE humble Petition of the Officers of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth their Arrears for their Services and Salaries, praying their Caſe may be taken into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, do humbly addreſs and earneſtly requeſt his Excellency, that effectual Care may be taken, the Clerk of this Houſe, the Printer and Door Keeper, may receive ſuch Part of their Salaries, towards their Support this Winter,

Winter, as their Neceſſities require, and may be an Encouragement to a further Diſcharge of their reſpective Duties.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Garton* and Capt. *Van Brugh*, do preſent the Addreſs of this Houſe, to his Excellency.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *John Barbarie*, Eſq; to acquaint this Houſe, that the Council, have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Baptizing of Negro, Indian and Mulatto Slaves*, with one Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ward*, do return the Bill and acquaint the Council, the Houſe doth not inſiſt upon the ſaid Clauſe, and that they have agreed to the Amendment.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Henry Renſſelear*, have Leave to go Home upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1706.

THERE not being a Houſe his Lordſhip was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly, till 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1706.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; that they had paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes*; and alſo a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *for the Time being, to raiſe Money for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charge annually.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the inner Fences of Land in the County of* Albany.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better raiſing, levying and defraying the neceſſary Charge of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany; and a Bill entitled, *An* Act, *to furniſh the Town Guards at* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany *with Firewood, and to repair the Guard Houſe and Gates of that Town*, without Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Clark*, that his Excellency had commanded this Houſe, to attend him at the Council Chamber immediately. Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Lordſhip, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence, of fortifying the City of* New-York.
2. *An* Act, *to encourage the Baptizing of Negro, Indian and Mulatto Slaves.*
3. *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes.*
4. *An* Act, *for the better raiſing, levying and defraying the neceſſary Charge of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *in the County of* Albany.
5. *An* Act, *to furniſh the Town Guards at* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany *with Firewood, and to repair the Guard Houſe and Gates of that Town.*
6. *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *for the Time being, to raiſe Monies for defraying their publick and neceſſary Charges annually.*
7. *An* Act, *for regulating inner Fences of Land, in the County of* Albany.

Then his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly till the 20th Day of *May* next 1707.

Memorandum, *His Excellency by Proclamation, dated at* BURLINGTON, *the* 15*th of* May, *in the ſixth Year of her Majeſty's Reign* 1707, *diſſolved the ſaid General Aſſembly.*

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of *NEW-YORK.*

A LIST of the Repreſentatives, choſe to ſit in *General-Aſſembly.*

City and County of *New-York.*

Mr. *De Lancey,*
Col. *Cortlandt,*
Capt. *Read,*
Capt. *Coddrington.*

City and County of *Albany.*

Mr. *Cuyler,*
Mr. *Hanſen,*
Mr. *Schuyler.*

County of *Ulſter.*

Col. *Henry Beekman,*
Capt. *Garton.*

County of *Suffolk.*

Mr. *William Nicoll,*
Mr. *Samuel Mulford.*

Queen's County.

Mr. *Jonathan Whitehead,*
Col. *John Jackſon.*

King's County.

Mr. *Cornelius Sebring,*
Mr. *Cornelius Van Brunt.*

County of *Richmond.*

Capt. *John Stillwell,*
Mr. *Abraham Lakerman.*

County of *Weſtcheſter.*

Major *Willet,*
Mr. *Edmund Ward.*

County of *Orange.*

Mr. *Michael Hawdin.*

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck.*

Mr. *Hendrick Renſſelaer.*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*

Mr. *Joſiah Hunt.*

Die Mercurij, Auguſt 18, 1708.

THE Clerk acquainted his Lordſhip, ſeveral Gentlemen were met, and his Excellency was pleaſed to command the Clerk, to enter an Adjournment, until To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 11 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 19, 1708.

A Meſſage from his Lordſhip, by Mr. Secretary. Gentlemen, His Lordſhip expects your Attendance immediately at *Fort Anne*; whereupon they attended accordingly, and his Excellency was pleaſed to direct them to chuſe their Speaker, and to preſent him there To-morrow Morning at 11 of the Clock. Being returned to the Houſe, they unanimouſly made choice of Mr. *William Nicoll,* for their Speaker, who was placed in the Chair accordingly. And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 20, 1708.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Gentlemen, his Excellency expects this Houſe to attend him immediately. Then the Speaker with the Houſe, waited on his Excellency, and preſented Mr. *William Nicoll,* their Speaker, who was accepted and approved; then the Speaker in the Name of the Houſe, demanded the following Privileges, and prayed his Lordſhip's Confirmation of them, viz.

The Freedom of Debate and Speech in their Houſe.

Freedom of Acceſs to his Lordſhip upon all Occaſions, relating to their preſent Service.

Freedom from Arreſts for themſelves and Servants during the Seſſion.

A favourable and candid Conſtruction of their Words, with all other the antient Privileges, Uſages and Cuſtoms, of this Houſe.

Which his Lordſhip granted and confirmed accordingly.

Then the Speaker and the Houſe, took the Oaths and ſigned the Teſt and Aſſociation according to Law.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, his

his Excellency had made his Speech, which he obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Am glad to ſee ſo full an Appearance ſo early, eſpecially at this Time, when the Country ſtands in the greateſt Need of your Aſſiſtance.

The chief Things I have to recommend to the Conſideration of you, Gentlemen, of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, at this Time, are theſe. Firſt, *I am in Duty to the Queen, obliged to put you in Mind, that her Majeſty's Revenue in this Province, expires in* May *next: I don't doubt, but you will always take Care to provide for the Support of the Government. The Militia Act is already expired: I think it is abſolutely neceſſary, to revive that Act, elſe it will be difficult to bring ſome People to do their Duty, in Caſe the Enemy ſhould attempt any Thing againſt this Province.*

In the Year 1703, *Capt.* Higby *was ſent up to* Albany, *with a Detachment for the Defence of the Frontiers, at a Time, when if that Care had not been taken, moſt, if not all the Out-Farms had broke up and retired into the Town. There was a Contract made with Mr.* Hendrick Hanſen, *for ſubſiſting thoſe Men; he performed his Part; it is reaſonable he ſhould be paid; the Revenue is not able to bear it, and I hope, you will not leave that Burthen upon me.*

In the Year 1705, *the* French *Privateers ſo infeſted this Coaſt, that the Gentlemen of her Majeſty's Council, were of Opinion with me, that ſome Veſſels ought to be fitted out, to endeavour to take the Privateer, who had done the Miſchief, and accordingly a Ship, a Brigantine and two Sloops, were fitted out, under the Command of Col.* Peartree; *ſeveral of the Merchants of this City, furniſhed Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for that Expedition, who are not yet paid, and ſince the Safety of the Country and the Preſervation of the Trade of this Province, were the only Cauſes of that Expence, I hope this Aſſembly, will think fit to raiſe a Fund to diſcharge that Debt.*

The next Thing, which I moſt earneſtly recommend, to the moſt ſerious Thoughts of you, Gentlemen, of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, is the Caſe of the Indians *of the five Nations. The firſt Year I came into this Province, I gave the five Nations a large Preſent; ſince that Time, having received nothing from* England *for that Purpoſe, I have not been able to make them any Preſents, and ſtill expecting Preſents from* England *for them, I avoided troubling the Aſſembly on this Subject; but now being well aſſured, that unleſs ſome Preſents are given this Fall, we are in manifeſt Danger of loſing ſome, if not all thoſe five Nations, by the unwearied Endeavours of the* French, *who are continually making them Preſents, and uſing of other Endeavours to debauch them from us. I thought it an indiſpenſable Duty upon me, to lay this before you, as a Thing of the greateſt Conſequence; I need not tell you, what unhappy Circumſtances this and the neighbouring Provinces will labour under, if one of thoſe five Nations of* Indians, *ſhould leave the Intereſt of* England *and turn to the* French; *you are very good Judges of that Matter, therefore, I ſhall not enlarge further upon this Subject, only deſire you will provide ſuch a Sum, as you think proper to be laid out in Preſents, for the five Nations, and the* Schackock Indians.

I can't omit putting you in Mind, that the Act for encouraging a Poſt Office is expired; that is of ſo general Advantage, that I hope you will revive it.

I muſt obſerve to you, that in the Act for clearing and preſerving publick common Highways, there is no Penalty upon the Overſeers of the Highways, if they don't ſee them made according to the Directions of the Commiſſioners. I think an Act for that Purpoſe would be of good Uſe, and without it, I am afraid the Highways will never be laid out and made, as it was intended by the Act of Aſſembly they ſhould.

Theſe are the Things, I thought proper to recommend to your Conſideration at this Time; if there is any Thing elſe, which you think ought to be provided for by a Law, you ſhall always find me ready to conſent to any Thing, which may be for the Service of the Queen and the Good of the Country.

I think it proper to acquaint you, that Col. Redknap, *her Majeſty's Engineer, has been up at* Albany *with me, and has viewed the Frontiers; he has given me a Memorial of what he thinks abſolutely neceſſary to be provided for at preſent, which Memorial, ſhall be laid before you for your Conſideration.*

There is one Thing I had almoſt forgot to mention, which is the Condition of a poor Soldier of this Garriſon, whoſe name is Richard Davis; *who loſt his Arm on board the* Triton's *Prize; he has a Family of Children, and nothing to maintain them but his Pay; when he had his Limbs, he got ſomething by his Work, but now he is not able to Work; if the Country would ſettle ſomething upon him, it would be a very good Encouragement, to other People to venture their Lives and Limbs, in the Service of the Country, as often as Occaſion ſhould require.*

I have nothing more to add at preſent, but to recommend to you Unanimity in your Proceedings, and Diſpatch of ſuch Matters before you, as you ſhall think fit to proceed upon.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, take into Conſideration his Excellency's Speech to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 21, 1708.

Reſolved,

THAT the Act for ſettling the Militia be revived for one Year.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, do bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Merchants of this City, who furniſhed Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Expedition under Col. *Peartree*, do lay before this Houſe, each their particular Accounts of that Charge.

That Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to Preſents to the five Nations of *Indians*, being under the Conſideration of the Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred. The Members for the County of *Albany*, not yet appearing,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to encourage the Poſt-Office, the former Acts for that Purpoſe being expired.

Ordered, That this Houſe do on *Wedneſday* next, take into Conſideration, the Acts for clearing and preſerving Highways.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 23, 1708.

COL. *Jackſon* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 24, 1708.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Read*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Schuyler*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the preventing Slaves conſpiring againſt their Maſters and Families.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug* 24, 1708.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Mulford*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Read*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Whitehead*, or any Five of them, be a Committee of Grievances, to meet at ſuch Times and Places they ſhall appoint.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 25, 1708.

MR. *Sebring*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Poſt Houſe within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the further clearing and preſerving the Highways, and that Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 25, 1708.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

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Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 26, 1708.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Poſt Houſe, within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Read*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Capt. *Mulford* and Mr. *Ward*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

That Part of his Lordſhip's Speech, relating to Preſents to be made to the five Nations of *Indians*, being under the Conſideration of this Houſe;

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanſen* and Col. *Cortlandt*, attend his Excellency and deſire his Lordſhip, that an Account may be laid before the Houſe, what the ſaid Preſents are to conſiſt of.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 26, 1708.

MR. *Hanſen*, informed the Houſe, he had attended his Excellency, according to the Order of the Houſe, who told him, he would To-morrow, anſwer their Deſire.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 27, 1708.

THE Memorial of the Clerk of this Houſe, of his Salary unpaid, and the Printer's Account of Salary and for Services done, were preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Reſolved, The Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration.

Ordered, That *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; her Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General, do exhibit to this Houſe, a diſtinct and ſeparate Account, of the Receipts and Payments of the Money, raiſed by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, *towards erecting two Batteries at the* Narrows *or Paſſage between* Staten-Iſland *and the Iſland of* Naſſau, *(it being the ſpecial Directions of that Act)* and that the Clerk of the Houſe do ſerve him with this Order.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 27, 1708.

CAPT. *Schuyler*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes to the ſame, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with thoſe Clauſes be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 28, 1708.

THE Clerk of this Houſe acquainted the Houſe, that he had ſerved *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; the Collector and Receiver General, with the Order of this Houſe.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency expects the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe waited on his Lordſhip, and being returned, acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency made a Speech, which he obtained a Copy of, and being read, is as followeth:

Gentlemen,

ON Thurſday *laſt, I received a Meſſage from the Houſe, by Mr.* Hanſen *and Col.* Cortlandt, *by which the Houſe ſignified their Deſire, that an Account might be laid before them, what the Preſents to the five Nations were to conſiſt of. I would have ſent you an Anſwer immediately, but I was not willing to truſt to my own Judgment, in a Matter of that Moment, but was willing to be informed by thoſe, who underſtood thoſe People better than I can pretend to do, and by the beſt Account I can have, the following Liſt is what ſeems proper and neceſſary for the ſaid Preſents to each Nation.*

50 *Yards of Duffles, at* 6s.	-	£. 16	17 6
One Piece of Strouds,	- -	15	0 0
One Piece of Blankets,	- -	13	10 0
Brought forward,	- -	45	7 6
One Barrel of Powder,	- -	12	10 0
One Hundred weight of Lead,	-	8	0 0
50 *Shirts,*	- - -	15	0 0
10 *Rolls of Tobacco and Pipes,*	-	4	10 0
Rum, 40 *Gallons and the Keggs,*	-	8	10 0
Bread,	- - - -	3	0 0
For ſmall Things and Charges,	- -	3	2 6
	£.	100	0 0

So that the Preſents to one Nation, amounting to One Hundred Pounds, *the whole to the five Nations and the* Schackock Indians, *will amount to* Six Hundred Pounds. *I would not have given you the Trouble of coming hither, for this Anſwer to your Meſſage, were it not that I have received a Remonſtrance from the Magiſtrates, &c. of* Albany, *which I think abſolutely neceſſary to be communicated to you.*

I have likewiſe had ſome Memorandums ſent me by ſome of the Inhabitants there, particularly, I am informed, that after the Six Hundred Pounds, *directed to be levied by an Act*, entitled, An *Act* for raiſing a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Uſes, *was expended, that not being ſufficient for the Services to be performed, ſome of the Commiſſioners for* Indian *Affairs, and other Perſons, did advance the farther Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, Six Shillings *and* Two-pence Farthing *for the like Services. I think it my Duty to recommend to you, the raiſing a Sum ſufficient to reimburſe thoſe Perſons, who have ſo freely advanced their Money, for the Service of the Publick.*

The next Thing I am earneſtly preſſed to recommend to you, is the raiſing a Fund for maintaining 150 Men, *with their proper Officers, for the Year enſuing; I am afraid if ſome ſuch Proviſion is not made, all the Out-Farms will break up.*

I am likewiſe deſired to recommend to your Conſiderations, the providing a Fund for Out-Scouts, Spies, and other incidental Charges at the Frontiers. Very frequently Indians *are ſent of Meſſages from the Sachems, to the Commiſſioners for* Indian *Affairs; theſe Meſſages always create ſome Charges more or leſs, and there is no Fund to ſupport that, or the like Charges.*

I cannot conclude, without recommending to your Conſideration, the Caſe of Col. Schuyler, *who by being very well known to all the Indians, is put to great Charges by their coming to his Houſe, which they uſe as freely as if it were their own. I ſhould be very glad if the Aſſembly would think fit, to make him ſome Allowance for thoſe Charges: This, Gentlemen, is all I have to trouble you with at this Time.*

At the ſame Time, his Lordſhip delivered to the Speaker, the Remonſtrance of the Magiſtrates, Commiſſioners for the Management of the *Indian* Affairs, and other principal Inhabitants of *Albany*; which was alſo read, and the Conſideration thereof referred.

Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the encouraging a Poſt Houſe, within this Province*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock *Tueſday* next, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 31, 1708.

THE Speaker not being in Town, his Lordſhip was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe, till a 11 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 11 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1708.

THE Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that after the Houſe was adjourned on *Saturday*, he had the Honour of a Letter from his Lordſhip, importing the Hardſhip Capt. *Norbury*, the Commander of her Majeſty's Ship the *Triton*'s Prize, lies under by being not paid for the Proviſions of thoſe Men, that went voluntary on Board of him, when he went his Cruize in the Spring, againſt a Privateer on this Coaſt, which Men, on his return he diſcharged according to his Promiſe, recommending to this Houſe the Payment thereof.

Ordered, That Capt. *Norbury*, do lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of thoſe Men, when they came on board him, and when they were diſcharged.

Mr. *Byerley* (according to Order) attended the Houſe, and being called in, preſented to the Houſe ſeveral Writings relating to his Accounts, and then withdrew; ſome whereof being read and examined,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Peter Fauconier*, do bring into this Houſe, next *Friday* Morning, a certain Book of Account, of what Money was received on the *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds* Tax, by *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; Collector; and that the Clerk of this Houſe, do ſerve him with this Order.

Mr. *Hawden*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for ſuppreſſing of Immoralty, within the Province of* New-York, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Major *Willet*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *De Lancey*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, to defray the publick and neceſſary Charge of the ſaid City annually; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 1, 1708.

THE Houſe, taking that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, relating to the Frontiers, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame; And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1708.

THE Petition of Col. *Schuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying the Houſe will take into Conſideration, the extraordinary Charges and Neceſſity of his Services, and make ſome effectual Proviſion for the Payment thereof.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to which that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Frontiers was committed.

The Petition of divers of the principal Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Queen's* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Repairing or New Building the County-Hall, and common Goal in the ſame County.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof be referred till *Monday* next.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, wild Cats and other Vermin*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Cortlandt*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *Ward*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Hunt*, or any 3 of them.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of this Province, in Behalf of themſelves and ſeveral others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Collector, *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; be obliged to render to the Houſe, a true and full Account of every individual Sum of Money received by him at any Time, and to produce Vouchers for what he has really paid.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and that he lay before this Houſe *Monday* next, a true and full Account, of every individual Sum of Money, received by him at any Time, and to produce Vouchers for what he has really paid.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 2, 1708.

THE Clerk informed the Houſe, he had ſerved Mr. *Fauconier*, with the Order of this Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Frontiers; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported that they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1708.

THE Clerk informed the Houſe, he had ſerved Mr. *Byerley*, with a Copy of a Petition, preſented to this Houſe, complaining of him, and an Order of the Houſe, for his Appearance before the Houſe next *Monday*.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *of General Aſſembly, for the Encouragement of the Poſt-Office*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanſen*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, to defray the publick and neceſſary Charge of the ſaid City annually, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Read*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Hunt*, or any 5 of them.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Frontiers; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report, and is as followeth:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that at this Juncture of Time, the Sachems of the *Indians* attending at *Albany*, and his Excellency not having received any Thing from *England*, to make them Preſents as uſual, and according to his Expectation;

That the Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, be raiſed to be applied to the making a Preſent to thoſe *Indians*.

Which was read, and approved by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 3, 1708.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats, and other Vermin*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Jackſon*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Mulford*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Major *Willet*, Mr. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Ward*, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, a Clauſe be added, not to burn the Woods.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Suppreſſing of Immorality within this Province of* New-York, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Hawden*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Read*, Mr. *Hunt*, and Mr. *Hanſen*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 4, 1708.

MAJOR *Willet*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County and the County of* Richmond, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Jackſon*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of*

Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats, and other Vermin, was committed, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

That Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Support of the Government being taken into Conſideration by the Houſe;

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will always be ready and willing, to take Care for the Support of her Majeſty's Government, according to the beſt of their Abilities.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, next *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1708.

MR. *Byerley* (according to the Order of this Houſe) appeared and preſented an Account, entitled, *An Account of Warrants paid and Payments made, by* Thomas Byerley, *Eſq; Collector and Receiver General of this Province, from the firſt of* February 1706-7, *to the fourth of* September Anno 1708, and then withdrew. After ſome Time, being called in again,

He preſented to the Houſe, her Majeſty's Letters Patents, to conſtitute him Collector and Receiver General of this Province, which were read.

He at the ſame Time preſented his Petition, praying the Houſe to enquire into the Pretences *Lancaſter Symes, Ebenezer Wilſon, Rip Van Dam, Peter Schuyler* and *James Weemes*, have to complain againſt him, and that they may make good the Allegations in their ſaid Petition contained (if they can) the Petitioner being preſent, or the Petitioner cleared from thoſe Aſperſions, then withdrew. The ſaid Mr. *Byerley*, being again called in, preſented to the Houſe a Copy of the additional Eſtabliſhment, relating to the four Companies in this Province, and the Copy of a Letter from the Honourable Mr. Blathwyte, to Col. *Caleb Heathcote*, from Whitehall, dated the 10th *December* 1707, which he left to the Conſideration of this Houſe, and then withdrew.

Capt. *Norbury*, attending in the Lobby, was called in and acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented to his Lordſhip, a Liſt of what Men he took on board, and diſcharged at his Return from the Cruiſe laſt Spring, and then withdrew.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 6, 1708.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration, the Petition of divers of the principal Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Queen's* County;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then Mr. *Whitehead*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to repair or to re-build a County Hall and common Goal, for the ſaid County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe having under their Conſideration, the Money received on the *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds* Tax, towards erecting two Batteries at the *Narrows*, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. *Byerley* and Mr. *Fauconier*, do appear before this Houſe *Wedneſday* Morning next, at 10 o'Clock, to give further Information of that Matter to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 7, 1708.

THE Clerk acquainted the Houſe, he had ſerved Mr. *Byerley*, with an Order of this Houſe, to appear To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Willet*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Settlement, and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Col. *De Peyſter*, the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the *Six Hundred Pounds*, raiſed by "An Act, entitled, An Act for raiſing "a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes;" the Perſons to whom, for what Service, what Goods, Proviſions, Materials or Neceſſaries, it is paid, and the Warrants for iſſuing of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 7, 1708.

COL. *De Peyſter* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *Paid on Account of the* Six Hundred Pounds, *included in the Act of* Nine Hundred *and* Eighty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Uſes; and Warrants as Vouchers for Payment of* Five Hundred *and* Ninety-ſeven Pounds, Six Shillings; and alſo another Account, entitled, *as aforementioned, with Warrants as Vouchers for Payment thereof, expreſſing to whom and when paid*, which were peruſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Sep.* 8, 1708.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Encouragement of Whalling*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Cortlandt*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, and Mr. *Whitehead*, or any Five of them, and all that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to repair or to re-build a County Hall, or common Goal for the ſaid County*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Major *Willet*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Mulford*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any Five of them.

Mr. *Byerley* and Mr. *Fauconier* (according to Order) appeared to render an Account of the Money raiſed by an Act, entitled, *An* Act *for raiſing* One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, *towards erecting two Batteries at the* Narrows, &c. After ſeveral Allegations by both Parties, Mr. *Fauconier* preſented to the Houſe an Account, entitled, *An Account of her Majeſty's Revenue of Cuſtoms, in the Province of* New-York, *commencing the 25th of* March 1705, *and ending the 17th Day of* April *next following, under the Adminiſtration of* Thomas Byerley, *Collector and Receiver General of the ſame*, and then they withdrew.

The Houſe having under Conſideration, the Defence of the Frontiers, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Matter; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſome Reſolutions in that Matter, and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Fund be raiſed by this Houſe, to maintain 60 Men, with their proper Officers, for the Defence of the Frontiers, from the 20th Day of *October*, to the 20th Day of *March* next.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed forEncouragement of Spies and Incidentals relating thereunto; and had alſo directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 8, 1708.

THE Petition of *Gerardus Beekman*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining he ſtands bound for *Five Hundred Pounds* borrowed, and Intereſt thereof, on the Credit of the following Act, is yet unpaid, praying, an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and collecting the Sum of* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *&c. to be put in Execution as was intended, and the Perſons who have received that Money for that Uſe, to perform their Duty and grant ſeaſonable Relief to the Petitioner.*

Ordered, That Col. *Wenham* and Mr. *Fauconier*, attend this Houſe *Friday* Morning next at 10 o'Clock, and lay before

fore them an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Money raiſed by that Act.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1708.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for Encouragement of Whale Fiſhing*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Mulford*, Mr. *Sebring* and Col. *Cortlandt*.

Mr. *Hawden*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſuppreſſing of Immorality*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and approved by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr *Sebring*, acquainting the Houſe of ſeveral Complaints, that Embezelments have been made, of the Books and Papers of Mr. *Bogardus*, late Notary Publick in this City, to the Prejudice of many Perſons, in their Titles;

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Mr. *Sebring*, taking to their Aſſiſtance ſuch Perſons as they think fit, to be a Committee, to examine into that Matter, and make Report to the Houſe, what may be convenient to be done about the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 9, 1708.

COL. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read.

Ordered, The Bill be re-committed.

Mr. *Hanſen*, preſented to the Houſe, his Indenture, with his Excellency the Lord *Cornbury*, and his Account for Victualling Capt. *Higby*'s Company in her Majeſty's Service at *Albany* in 1704, which were ſeverally read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſuppreſſing of Immorality*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawden*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Col. *Cortlandt*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the beeter Inforcing certain Covenants, relating to the Ferry to* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Garton*, preſented to the Houſe an Account, entitled, *The Province of* New-York *Debtor to ſeveral Perſons of* Ulſter *County detached, by Col.* Henry Beekman, *on the Service of her Majeſty's Frontiers at* Albany, *amounting to* One Hundred *and* Eighty-nine Pounds.

Capt. *Read*, preſented to the Houſe an Account, entitled, *An Account of Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, put on board the Veſſels, under the Command of Col.* William Peartree, *amounting to* Seven Hundred, Forty-eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings *and* Five-pence Farthing, which being under the Conſideration of this Houſe,

Ordered, The ſaid Accounts be referred to further Conſideration.

Mr. *Fauconier* (according to Order) attended the Houſe, and being called in, was deſired to attend at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, Col. *Wenham* being obliged to be in Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 10, 1708.

CAPT. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for Encouragement of Whaling*, was committed; that they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and approved by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Poſt-Office*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Roger Mompeſon*, Eſq; That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia*, &c. with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

He alſo, acquainted the Houſe, that the Council had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages done by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *&c.* without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves*, &c. without any Amendment.

Col. *Wenham* and Mr. *Fauconier* (according to Order) attended the Houſe, and being called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted them, the Houſe deſired an Account of the *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds* Tax.

Mr *Fauconier*, thereupon preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *General Account of the Money received on the* Eighteen Hundred Pounds *Tax, accounted for with her Majeſty*; then they withdrew.

Ordered, The ſaid Account be committed to Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Read*, or any Three of them, to examine that Account, and Vouchers, and make Report to the Houſe, if that Tax hath been applied to the Uſes intended by that Act, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 11, 1708.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee of Grievances, That they had received many Complaints and Informations, which they have had under their Conſideration, and that they have come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they are ready to preſent to the Houſe, when they will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made immediately, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the appointing *Coroners* in this Colony, without their being choſen by the People, is a Grievance and contrary to Law.

Reſolved, That it is, and always has been, the unqueſtionable Right of every Freeman in this Colony, that he hath a perfect and entire Property in his Goods and Eſtate.

Reſolved, That the Impoſing and Levying of any Monies, upon her Majeſty's Subjects of this Colony, under any Pretence or Colour whatſoever, without Conſent in General

neral Assembly, is a Grievance and a Violation of the Peoples Property.

Resolved, That for any Officer whatsoever, to extort from the People extravagant and unlimitted Fees, or any Monies whatsoever, not positively established and regulated, by Consent in General Assembly, is unreasonable and unlawful, a great Grievance, and tending to the utter Destruction of all Property in this Plantation.

Resolved, That the erecting a Court of Equity, without Consent in General Assembly is contrary to Law, without Precedent, and of dangerous Consequence to the Liberty and Properties of the Subjects.

Resolved, That the raising of any Monies, for the Support of Government or other necessary Charge, by any Tax, Impost or Burthen on Goods imported or exported, or any Clog or Hindrance on Traffick or Commerce, is found by sad Experience, to be to the Expulsion of many, and the Impoverishing of the rest of the Planters, Freeholders and Inhabitants of this Colony, of most pernicious Consequence, which if continued will unavoidably prove the Destruction of the Colony.

Resolved, That the excessive Sums of Money received from Masters of Vessels trading here, under the Notion of Port Charges, visiting the said Vessels by supernumerary Officers, and taking extraordinary Fees, is the great Discouragement of Trade and Strangers coming amongst us, beyond the Precedent of any other Port, and without Colour of Law.

Resolved, That the compelling any Man, cleared upon Trial by a Jury or otherwise, to pay any Fees for his Prosecution or any Thing whatsoever, unless the Fees of the Officers who he employs for his necessary Defence, is a great Grievance and contrary to Justice.

By Order of the Committee.

Thomas Garton, *Chairman.*

Which was unanimously agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this House, according to the said Report.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enforcing certain Covenants, relating to the Ferry to* New-York, was read the second Time, and committed to Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Read*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Jackson*, Mr. *Hawden* and Col. *Beekman*, or any Five of them.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better settling the Militia*, &c. and the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Post-Office, within this Province.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Rensselaer*, do carry back the Bill, to Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better settling the Militia*, &c. and acquaint them, the House cannot agree to the Amendment made to the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawden*, do return the Bill to the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Post-Office within this Province*, and acquaint them, that the House have agreed to all their Amendments made to the said Bill, except the last, which they cannot agree too.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for laying out, regulating, clearing and preserving, publick common Highways throughout this Colony*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That a Fund be raised upon real and personal Estates in this Colony, for discharging the Expence of Presents, to be made to the *Indians*, and to provide for the Defence of the Frontiers the Year ensuing.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackson*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M, Sept.* 13, 1708.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Pounds *for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Uses*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preserving, publick common Highways throughout this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Mulford*, Col. *Jackson*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Whitehead* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any 3 of them, and all that come to have Voices.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 14, 1708.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for raising a Fund, for Presents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising a Fund, for Presents to the five Nations of Indians, and for the Defence of the Frontiers*; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the said Committee, that they had made some Progress in that Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the House, to consider further of that Matter.

A Message from the Council, by *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; That they do not insist on the last Amendment made by them, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Encouragement of the Post House.*

And then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 14, 1708.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising a Fund for Presents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the Defence of the Frontiers*; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the said Committee, That they had made a further Progress in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve Irregularities and Extortions*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *New-York*, was read,

Praying they may be heard, before the House by their Council, touching the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better enforcing, certain Covenants*

Covenants, relating to the Ferry to New-York.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, may be heard by their Council, before the Committee, to whom the Bill is committed, or the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 15, 1708.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the Defence of the Frontiers*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Mompeſon*, from the Council, to acquaint this Houſe, that they do not inſiſt on the Amendment made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve this Colony from divers Irregularities and Extortions*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Peter Schuyler*, *Rip Van Dam*, *Ebenezer Wilſon* and *Lancaſter Symes*, was preſentend to the Houſe and read, praying they may have Liberty and Recourſe to the Quarterly Accounts, of *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; now laid before the Houſe, in Order to make good their Allegations, and prove the Wrongs done to themſelves and others, by ſaid Mr. *Byerley*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve the ſaid *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; with a Copy of the Petition of *Peter Schuyler*, *Rip Van Dam*, &c. to ſhew Cauſe why the Petitioners may not have Liberty and Recourſe to his ſaid Quarterly Accounts, as oft as they ſhall think fit, when the Houſe is not ſitting.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1708.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving of an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An Act againſt Forging, Counterfeiting and Clipping of Foreign Coin, which is currant Money in the Colony of* New-York; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve this Colony from divers Irregularities and Extortions*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had agreed to the Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for raiſing a Fund for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for the Defence of the Frontiers*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Capt. *Garton*, do attend his Excellency, and deſire a Conferrence with him, upon the ſubject Matter of the Currency of Money in this Colony.

Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to repair or to re-build the County Hall and common Goal for the ſaid County*, was committed, That they had conſidered the Bill, and are humbly of Opinion, the ſame be referred to the next Seſſions of this Houſe, and had directed him to Report the ſame to the Houſe, which was read, to which the Houſe diſagreed.

Ordered, The Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Capt. *Garton*, informed the Houſe, his Excellency deſired him to acquaint the Houſe, he had appointed a Committee of the Council, to confer with a Committee of this Houſe, about regulating the Currency of Coin in this Colony.

Ordered, That Capt. *Read*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Mulford*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to confer with a Committee of the Council, upon the ſubject Matter of the Currency of Money in this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 16, 1708.

THE Clerk acquainted the Houſe, he had ſerved Mr. *Byerley*, with a Copy of Col. *Schuyler*'s, &c. Petition.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, that he acquaint this Houſe, the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Encouragement of Whaling*, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſuppreſſing Immorality*, without any Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 17, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve this Colony, from divers Irregularities and Extortions*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee of this Houſe, who was appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, upon the ſubject Matter of the Currency of Money in this Colony;

That it is their Opinion, that by an Act of General Aſſembly, all Money uſually paſſing in Payments within this Colony, ſhall be declared Currant, at the Rates hereafter mentioned, *that is to ſay*,

Spaniſh Half Ryals, that are fair and not clipt, and no Manner of Way defac'd, at

Four-pence Halfpenny each; *Spaniſh* whole Ryalls or the eight Part of a Piece of Eight, if fair, unclipt and undefaced, at *Nine-pence* each.

Double *Spaniſh* Ryalls or the forth Part of a Piece of Eight, if fair, unclipt and no Manner of Way defaced, at *Eighteen-pence* each.

All other of the ſeveral Pieces above-mentioned, that are clipt or defaced, as alſo, all whole and half Pieces of Eight, Pillar, *Mexico* and *Seville*, ſhall be Currant at *Eight Shillings* an Ounce, and ſo in Proportion.

All *Peru* whole and half Pieces of Eight, at *Six Shillings* and *Eight-pence* an Ounce, and ſo in Proportion.

Lyon Dollars that are good, and no Manner of Way defaced, at *Five Shillings* and *Six-pence* each, and Half ones, at *Two Shillings* and *Nine-pence*, *per* Piece.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought according to the ſaid Report.

Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways throughout the Colony*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the Examination of the Account of the *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds* Tax, and Vouchers are committed, do make their Report thereof, *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That the Account of the Expedition, under Col. *Peartree*;

The Account of the Detachment from *Ulſter* County to *Albany*;

The Account of Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, for victualling Capt. *Higby*'s Company at *Albany*;

The Account of Mr. *John Cuyler*, for the County of *Albany*, and any other Accounts for Relief before this Houſe, be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 17, 1708.

THE Petition of *Thomas Byerley*, Collector and Receiver General of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining, That Col. *Peter Schuyler*, *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; and Mr. *Lancaſter Symes*, inſtead of proving the Allegations of their Petition, have petitioned to have recourſe to the quarterly Accounts the Petitioner hath laid before the Houſe, and prays their pretended Complaints, may be declared groundleſs and malicious, they not being able to prove the ſame, and that they may have no recourſe to his quarterly Accounts laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petitioners, Col. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Wilſon*, Capt. *Symes*, &c. do make their Appearance before this Houſe, *Tueſday* Morning next at 8 o'Clock, in Order to make good their Allegations againſt Mr. *Byerley*, where if there be Occaſion, they may have recourſe to any Thing that lies before this Houſe; and that the Petitioners and Mr. *Byerley*, have Notice thereof.

Col. *Cortlandt*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Provice*, entitled, *An Act againſt Forging, Counterfaiting and Clipping of Foreign Coin, which is currant Money, in this Colony of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 18, 1708.

THE Clerk acquainted the Houſe, he had ſerved their Order on the Petitioners Col. *Schuyler*, &c. for their Appearance, and ſerved the ſaid Order on Mr. *Byerley*.

A Meſſage from his Lordſhip, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency expects the Attendance of this Houſe, immediately at the Council Chamber.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Lordſhip accordingly.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted them, his Excellency had paſſed the ſeveral Acts following, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, wild Cats and other Vermin.*
2. *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter.
3. *An* Act *of General Aſſembly, for the Encouragement of the Poſt-Office.*
4. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province.*
5. *An* Act *for Encouragement of Whaling.*
6. *An* Act, *for ſuppreſſing of Immorality, in this Province.*
7. *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and the Defence of the Frontiers.*

After which his Lordſhip was pleaſed to deſire the Houſe, to make all convenient Diſpatch of the Buſineſs before them, and in particular, put the Houſe in Mind of the Monies due to Mr. *Hanſen* and Col. *Schuyler*.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Supervisors of* Queen's *County, to repair or re-build a County Hall or common Goal*, &c. be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe, and taken into Conſideration *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 20, 1708.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, The Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration *Wedneſday* next.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways throughout this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Willet*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An Act againſt Forging, Counterfeiting and Clipping of foreign Coin, which is currant Money in the Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Supervisors of* Queen's *County, to repair or to re-build a County Hall or common Goal*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Whitehead*, reported from the ſaid Committee, They had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered, The Report be made To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 21, 1708.

MR. *Van Dam*, Capt. *Wilſon* and Capt. *Symes*, made their Appearance (according to Order) and preſented to the Houſe, their Anſwer to the Petitions preſented to this Honourable Houſe, by *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; Collector, *&c.* was read; complaining of his Ruſuſal to pay ſundry Warrants of the Petitioners, and praying Leave to compare the firſt Account, Mr. *Byerley* hath laid before this Houſe, with his quarterly Accounts, now alſo before this Houſe, and that he may render to the Houſe, a full Account of his Receipts as he has done of his Payments, and then withdrew.

Mr. *Byerley* being preſent, deſired a Copy of the ſaid Anſwer, then withdrew.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, deliver to Mr. *Byerley*, a Copy of the Anſwer to the Petitions, preſented to this Honourable Houſe, by *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; Collector, *&c.* and that he make his Reply to the ſame, *Thurſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Byerley*, do lay before this Houſe on *Friday* next, a particular Account of all Receipts and Payments of the Revenue, till the 24th of this Inſtant *September*.

Ordered, That the Petitioners Mr. *Van Dam*, Capt. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Symes*, have recourſe to Mr. *Byerley*'s quarterly Accounts, laid before this Houſe.

The Petition of *Thomas Whitehead*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to cut off the Entail of a certain Tract of Land, ſituate in *Queen*'s County, to enable him the better to improve his Eſtate; was rejected.

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enforcing certain Covenants, relating to the Ferry to* New-York, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill lie upon the Table, till the Petitioners againſt the ſaid Bill be heard by their Council.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, do appoint To-morrow Morning, for Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, to be heard by his Council, againſt ſaid Bill, alſo the Parties for the Bill to be heard by their Council.

Mr. *Whitehead*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to repair or to re-build a County Hall and common Goal*, &c. was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Account of Col. *Peartree*'s Expedition;

The Account of the Detachment from *Ulſter* County to *Albany*;

The Account of Mr. *Hanſen*;

And Mr. *Cuyler*'s Account, and all other Accounts be referred till To-morrow.

Capt. *Coddrington*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Account of the *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds*, entitled, *General Account of the Money received on the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax, accounted for with her Majeſty*, was committed; That they have examined that Account, and that they are humbly of Opinion, That there is in the Hands of Mr. *Fauconier*, the Sum of *Four Hundred Sixty-Six Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Five-pence*; and in the Hands of Col. *Thomas Wenham*, the Sum of *Three Hundred Twenty-Six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *Two-pence Halfpenny*; that hath not been applied to the Uſes intended by that Act, which is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe, which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1708.

THE Queſtion being put, whether the Houſe ſhould take into Conſideration the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin.* It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſome Reſolutions, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of all Accounts be referred till To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 7 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 7 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 23, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to repair or to re-build a County Hall, and common Goal for the ſaid County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitehead*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſ'd.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Byerley*, attending without, was called in, and (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, the humble Reply of *Thomas Byerley*, Collector and Receiver General of the Province of *New-York*, to the Anſwer of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; *Ebenezer Wilſon*, Eſq; and Mr. *Lancaſter Symes*, on the ſeveral Petitions now lying before this Honourable Houſe, which was read.

He alſo, preſented to the Houſe at the

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ſame Time, Mr. *Blaithwait*'s Obſervations on Mr *Byerley*'s Accounts, received *Auguſt* 25, 1705. And he preſented to the Houſe, Mr. *Blathwait*'s Obſervations, on the Commiſſioners Account of the Revenue, received *Auguſt* 25, 1705, which was read; and then withdrew.

Mr. *Cuyler*, preſented to the Houſe, *An* Act, for refunding, *Seven Hundred, Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Five-pence*, miſapplied in the *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds* Tax, which was read the firſt Time, and order to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. Sept. 22, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Mr. *Lakerman*, preſented to the Houſe, the Petition of the Freemen, Citizens and Inhabitants called Boatmen, within this City of *New-York*, praying they may be *releaſed from paying Dockage*, when they only make Uſe of thoſe Docks, Wharfs and Slips, that belongs to her Majeſty, which was read; and committed to the Committee of Grievances.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Accounts of Col. *Peartree*'s Expedition, the Account of the Detachment from *Ulſter* County; Col. *Schuyler*'s Accounts, Mr. *Hanſen*'s and Mr. *Cuyler*'s Accounts, and all other Accounts;

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, Major *Willet*, Major *Van Brunt*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Ward*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Lakerman* and Mr. *Hawden*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee, to examine the ſaid Accounts, and make their Report thereof, to this Houſe *Saturday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 24, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 25, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, to acquaint this Houſe, they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An Act, againſt Forging, Counterfeiting and Clipping of Foreign Coin, which is currant Money, in the Colony of* New-York, without any Amendment.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Account of Col. *Peartree*, Mr. *Hanſen*, and other Accounts were referred; That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have Leave to ſit again, and make their Report to this Houſe of their Proceedings *Tueſday* next.

The Petition of *Myndert Harmenſe*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining that being ſeized of ſundry Tracts of Land in *Dutcheſs* County, which were heretofore laid out by a Rod of 12 Feet and an Inch, ſome of the ſaid Inhabitants pretend, the ſame ought to be laid out, by a Rod of 16 Feet and a Half; and prays, it may be declared by ſome Act, what Manner the Lands in the ſaid County, ought to be meaſured, and their Bounds ſettled.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Hanſen*, be a Committee, to examine the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, and make Report thereof, to this Houſe.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, attending without, was called in, and heard by his Council againſt the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enforcing certain Covenants relating to the Ferry to* New-York; and the Parties for the Bill were alſo heard, by their Council, and then withdrew.

Ordered, That the Bill with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings and Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to aCommittee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday*, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 27, 1708.

"A Meſſage by Mr. *Van Dam*, from his Excellency in Council, in Regard neither of her Majeſty's "Men of War attending this Province, are now fit to pro-"ceed to Sea,

"It is, *Ordered*, That he acquaint this Houſe therewith, "and how neceſſary it is at this Time, ſome Veſſels ſhould "be ſent in Purſuit of the Privateer on this Coaſt, and pro-"poſe to the Houſe, that they will paſs a Vote for the Pay-"ment of the Hire of two Sloops (which now lie clean in "the Port) to be ſent on that Service, and alſo that the Own-"ers may be ſecured of Payment of the ſaid Veſſels, in Caſe "they be loſt, or for what Damages may be done on board "them."

The Neceſſity thereof appearing to the Houſe;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That this Houſe will agree to raiſe ſuch Sums of Money, as is neceſſary to defray the Hire and Riſque of thoſe two Sloops for this Cruiſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 28, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the enforcing certain Covenants, relating to the Ferry to* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawden*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred, Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hanſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had conſidered the Bill, and made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 28, 1708.

COL. *Cortlandt*, reports from the Committee, appointed to inſpect the Books and Papers of *William Bogardus*, late public Notary of the City of *New-York*, That in Purſuance to ſaid Order, they have ſurveyed the ſaid Books and Papers, and found them in an old Cheſt, in a Loft among ſeveral odd Things, and are humbly of Opinion, they ought to be truſted with ſome careful Perſon for their Preſervation, which is humbly ſubmitted to this honourable Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Account of Col. *Peartree*, Mr. *Hanſen* and all Accounts were referred; That they had made further Progreſs, in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That they have Leave to ſit from Day to Day, till they have concluded the ſame.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Hanſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had conſidered the Bill, and made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands, in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*. And Mr. *Hanſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Allegations of Captain *Wilſon*, Mr. *Symes*, &c. againſt Mr. *Byerley*, may be heard To-morrow Morning before this Houſe, of which the Parties have Notice.

And then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1708.

THEN the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1708.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Diviſion of Lands in joint Tennancy or in Common*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Van Dam*, Capt. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Symes* and Mr. *Byerley* (according to Order) attended, and being called in, it was objected Mr. *Byerley*, had not ſigned his Accounts he laid before the Houſe; and then the Parties withdrew; being again called in, the Speaker told them, that Mr. *Byerley* having delivered and owned them as ſuch, they muſt be underſtood to be his Accounts. Then Capt. *Wilſon*, preſented to the Houſe, the humble Anſwer of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, *Rip Van Dam*, *Lancaſter Symes* and *Ebenezer Wilſon*, to the Reply of *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; Collector, *&c.* to Reaſons by them offered to this honourable Houſe, to prove the Allegations by them made in their former Petition, and the Equity of their Complaints againſt ſaid Mr. *Byerley*. And an Account, entitled, Thomas Byerley, *Eſq*; *her Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General of this Province*; Dr. *and* Cr.

The Affidavit of *John Shepherd*, that his Wife had paid Mr. *Byerley*, *Twenty Five Pounds*, to her Majeſty's Uſe, in Part of Reht for her Majeſty's Houſe, formerly leaſed to Col. *William Merret*, which were read.

And at the ſame Time, they preſented to the Houſe, ſome Minutes of the Court of Admiralty held in this Province, of the Sloop *Proſperity's* be condemned, appraiſed, ordered to be, and was ſold; and a quarter Caſk of Brandy condemned, never appraiſed, and one Bag and a Barrel of Indigo, condemned and not appraiſed, nor Value returned to that Court, for what ſold.

At the ſame Time was preſented to the Houſe, an Account endorſed, Account of the Quit-Rents of the County of *Albany*.

After ſundry Arguments and Allegations, offered by both Parties, Mr. *Byerley* prayed he might have a Copy of the Complainants Anſwer, and a Copy of their Account delivered this Day to the Houſe; then the Parties withdrew.

After ſome Time, both Parties being called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted Mr. *Byerley*, he might have the Copies he deſired, and to expedite the Matter depending before the Houſe, directed Mr. *Byerley*, if he thought fit to make any Anſwer in Writing, to deliver Mr. *Van Dam*, Capt. *Wilſon*, &c. a Copy of ſuch Anſwer on *Monday* Morning, in order to a final hearing on *Tueſday* next.

Capt. *Garton*, reports from the Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of the Freemen, Citizens and Inhabitants, called Boatmen, within the City of *New-York*, was committed; That they had conſidered the Complaints ſet forth therein, and are humbly of Opinion, the Petitioners are very much impoſed on and unjuſtly grieved, and

therefore, ought to be relieved and ſpeedily redreſſed.

Ordered, The Report be re-committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracies of Slaves*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for refunding* Six Hundred Forty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings *and* Four-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawden*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Mr. *Sebring*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preſerving ſundry antient* Dutch *Wills, Contracts and other Writings*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tennancy, or in Common*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*. After ſome Time, Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and defired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill.

Capt. *Read*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, to raiſe the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*, in two Years, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being taken into Conſideration,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Houſe do agree to the Amendments, made by the Council to the ſaid Bill. It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitehead*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Six Hundred Pounds, *in two Years, for the Uſes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Read*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Capt. *Read*, preſented to the Houſe, the Petition of the Commiſſioners named in the Act, for raiſing the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of *New-York*, which was read; praying the Opinion and Advice of this honourable Houſe, if the Petitioners are authorized to draw upon the Treaſurer, for paying themſelves for their Pains and Expence, and for paying Capt. *Matthews* and Capt. *Provoſt* the Overſeers, ſuch Sum as the Petitioners ſhall think reaſonable, or that this Houſe will gratify the Petitioners.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Major *Van Brunt*, reports from the Committee, to whom all Accounts were referred; That they are humbly of Opinion, the Perſons who have advanced Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Expedition under Col. *Peartree*, out to be paid, the Total thereof, amounting to *Two Hundred Twenty Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and that a Bill be brought in accordingly; he alſo, reported, That it was their Opinion, the Account of Mr. *Hanſen*, amounting to *Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, ought to be paid, and that Mr. *John Cuyler*, ought to have *One Hundred Pounds* of his Account allowed, *but to be no Precedent*; and that a Bill be brought in accordingly; which was read and approved.

Ordered, That two Bills be brought in purſuant thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 4, 1708.

THERE not being a Quorum in Town, his Lordſhip was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 5, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve this Colony from divers Irregularities and Extortions*, with Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which were read, and the Houſe agreed to the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, the Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Superviſors of* Queen's *County to repair or to re-build a County Hall and common Goal, for the ſaid County*, without any Amendment.

And that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining an Act, for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving the publick common Highways, thoughout the Colony*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for defraying the Charges of the Frontiers, and other Uſes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Byerley* and Mr. *Van Dam*, Capt. *Wilſon* and Mr. *Symes*, (according to Order) attending without, were called in, and both Parties being heard by their Council, and Mr. *Byerley*, preſented to the Houſe, a Copy of the Lord Treaſurer's Letter to the Lord *Cornbury*.

An Order of Council to take off Mr. *Byerley*'s Suſpenſion, and reſtore him to his Office.

A Copy of an Order from the Commiſſioners of her Majeſty's Cuſtoms to Col. *Quary*.

And his Letters Patents, to conſtitute him Collector and Receiver General of this Province; which were all read.

Capt. *Wilſon*, preſented to the Houſe, Mr. *Shepherd*'s Affidavit.

He alſo preſented to the Houſe, a Copy of Mr. *Blaithwait*'s Patent, to be Auditor General

General of the Plantations, by which he is allowed *One Hundred Pounds per Ann.* from *Virginia*; *One Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* from the *Leeward* Iſlands; *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* from *Barbados*; and *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* from *Jamaica*, being in all *Five Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* which were read; the Parties being heard by their Council, Capt. *Wilſon*, deſired in Regard Mr. *Byerley* objected, they had not ſufficiently proved their Allegations againſt him, they might have further Time allowed to make Good their ſaid Allegations, and then the Parties withdrew.

Being called in again, Mr. Speaker informed Capt. *Wilſon*, the Houſe had directed him to acquaint them, they had till To-morrow Morning aſſigned, and what Certificate came from his Lordſhip under his Hand, would be admitted by this Houſe, for ſufficient Proof in Matter of Fact; then they withdrew.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1708.

MR. Speaker, acquainted this Houſe, he had received a Letter from Col. *Ingoldeſby* the Lieut. Governor, which he preſented to the Houſe, and was read, and is as follows;

IT *is now five Years ſince I arrived in theſe Provinces, with two Commiſſions from her Majeſty, one to be Lieut. Governor of her Province of* New-York, *the other of* New-Jerſey; *with full Powers to Act as her Governor and Commander in Chief, on the Death or Abſence of her Capt. General. In Purſuance of theſe Commiſſions, I took the Oaths of Lieutenant Governor in both Provinces, but her Majeſty's Service and his Excellency's Commands requiring it, have chiefly reſided in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *in which Province, during the whole Time of my Reſidence, I have received but two Years Salary, there having been no Care taken by the Aſſembly of that Province, for the Support of the Government for any more than that Time; and although, ſince her Majeſty has honoured me with her Commiſſion, for the Province of* New-York, *I had ſome Reaſon to have expected a Salary, or ſome other Allowance equivolent from that Province; yet I have not received any Manner of Conſideration, Supply, or Salary from thence, which perhaps may be occaſioned by his Excellency's not having recommended it to your Houſe, which though he hath frequently promiſed me to do, I find by Multipicity of other Affairs, is hitherto neglected. I therefore thought it incumbent upon me, to take this Opportunity to acquaint your Houſe, eſpecially, ſince it may be the laſt Time, that you may ſit during his Lordſhip's Government; and that it may not be objected hereafter, that you have had no Notice of any ſuch Expectation from me, and I believe the Houſe, will not think my Deſires without Precedent, ſince the late Lieut. Governor Capt.* Nanfan, *did receive a Salary as Lieut. Governor, when my Lord* Bellamont *was Captain General of* New-York, *and reſiding in that Province. I have no Reaſon to doubt your hearty Recommendation of this Matter to your Houſe, nor their Readineſs to comply with ſo reaſonable a Deſire, eſpecially, ſince many of them have been ſenſible of my former Services for that Province; and may be aſſured that I will chearfully embrace every Opportunity of repeating of them, and giving them all poſſible Demonſtrations, that I am,*

Sir, your's and their affectionate humble Servant,

Burlington, Oct. 1, 1708. Richard Ingoldeſby.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration of this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better preſerving of ſundry antient* Dutch *Wills, Contracts and other Writings*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Van Dam*, Capt. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Symes* and Mr. *Byerley*, attending without, were called in and heard by their Council, who preſented to the Houſe, the Papers following, *viz.*

An Order of Council, dated the 26th of *November*, 1702.

An Order of Council, dated the 26th of *February*, 1708.

An Order of Council, dated the 3d of *September*, 1708.

A Power of ſuſpending and diſpoſing of Money out of the Governor's Commiſſion.

A Power of ſuſpending and diſpoſing of Money out of the Governor's Inſtructions.

Mr. *Fauconier*'s Commiſſion for executing the Office of Collector and Receiver General of this Province.

His Lordſhip's Certificate of an Agreement Mr. *Byerley* made with Mr. *Symes*, and his Promiſe to pay him Firewood Warrants.

Mr. *Symes*'s Affidavit of his Demand of or diſcounting ſeveral Warrants for Salary and for Firewood, *&c.* with Mr. *Byerley*.

Capt. *Wilſon*'s Affidavit of his Demand of paying or diſcounting ſeveral Salary Warrants, *&c.* with Mr. *Byerley*.

The Commiſſioners of the Treaſury's Order to remit the Forfeitures in *Maryland*, to them.

A Copy of a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, to Col. *Quary*.

An Order from his Excellency in Conncil, for Re-building the Front of the Cuſtom-Houſe; which were all read, and Mr. *Byerley*'s Council praying, they might have Copies of the Books and Aceounts, this Day produced to the Houſe, and Time to make Anſwer to them; then withdrew.

And being called in again, Mr. Speaker acquainted Mr. *Byerley*, he might have Copies of all the Books and Papers, the Houſe were poſſeſſed of, and that they had referred the further hearing of that Matter, till *Friday* next in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 6, 1708.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands you and this Houſe, to attend him at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended on his Lordſhip at the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to theſe Bills following, *viz.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An Act againſt Forging, Counterfeiting and Clipping of foreign Coin, which is current Money in the Colony of* New-York.

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An Act, *to enable the Supervisors of* Queen's *County, to repair or to re-build a County Hall and common Goal, for the said County.*

An Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin.*

An Act, *to relieve this Colony from divers Irregularities and Extortions*; which were published.

Then the Speaker with the House waited on his Excellency to the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Then the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to discharge the Lord* Cornbury, *from his Contract with Mr.* Hansen; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1708.

THE House taking into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Settlement and Assurance of Lands in this Colony*; and the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the laying out, clearing and preserving, publick common Highways throughout this Colony*; to which this House do not agree.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawden*, do carry up the said Bills to the Council, and acquaint them, this House cannot agree to their Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to discharge the Lord* Cornbury, *from his Contract with Mr.* Hansen; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising a Fund, for defraying some extraordinary Charges that have happened in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1708.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to discharge the Lord* Cornbury, *from his Contract with Mr.* Hansen. The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Capt. *Read*, reported from the said Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Hawden*, reported from the Committee, of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conspiracy of Slaves*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1708.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to discharge the Lord* Cornbury *from his Contract with Mr.* Hansen; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawden*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, that the several Collectors and Receiver Generals and Commissioners, for executing the Office of Collector and Receiver General, do refund the Money by them received on sundry Land Taxes, and not applied to the Uses for which those Taxes were raised; and that Mr. *Byerley* and Mr. *Fauconier*, have Notice of this Order.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the easier Partition of Lands in joint Tennancy or in Common*; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *De Lancey*, reported that they had made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and approved by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 8, 1708.

A Message from the Council, by *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; That they do demand a Conference with this House, on the subject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the laying-out, regulating, clearing and preserving, publick common Highways throughout the Colony*, To-morrow Morning at 9 o' Clock at the Coffee-House.

To which the House agreed, and Mr. Speaker acquainted the Messenger therewith.

Ordered, That Capt. *Coddrington*, Mr. *Whitehead*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Sebring*, Major *Willet* and Mr. *Ward*, are appointed a Committee of this House, to manage the Conference with a Committee of Council, upon the subject Matter of said Bill.

Mr. *Byerley*, Col. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Van Dam*, Capt. *Wilson* and Mr. *Symes*, being without, were called in and heard by their Council. Mr. *Byerley*'s Council presented to the House, the Lord Treasurer's Letter to his Excellency the Lord *Cornbury*; Mr. *Byerley*'s Letters Patent to constitute him Collector, &c.

An Order of the Governor and Council, to take off Mr. *Byerley*'s Suspension, and restore him to his Office; which were read.

The Council for Col. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Van Dam*, &c. presented to the House, Mr. *Fauconier*'s Receipt.

A Power of suspending and disposing of Money out of his Lordship's Commission.

A Clause of suspending and disposing of Money out of his Lordship's Instructions.

Mr. *Abeel*'s Deposition, that he delivered a Warrant of *Twenty Seven Pounds*, to Mr. *Byerley*, which were read; after several Allegations, both Parties withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1708.

COL. *Cortlandt*, reported that the Managers had been at the Conference on the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act, for the laying-out, regulating, clearing and preserving publick Highways throughout this Colony.*

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Refunding* Six Hundred Forty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings *and* Fourpence, *misapplied in the* One Thousand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*; with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hansen*, go to the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee of that Board, to confer with a Committee of this House, in Order to the drawing a Bill for the establishing and regulating of Fees.

A Motion being made, that the Petition of

of Capt. *Wilſon*, and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*, be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Tueſday* Morning next.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1708.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Six Hundred Pounds *in two Years, for the Uſes therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of Capt. *Wilſon*, and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*, be referred till To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have appointed a Committee, to confer with a Committee of this Houſe, in Order to the drawing a Bill, for eſtabliſhing and regulating Fees.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Read*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Major *Van Brunt*, Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Hawdon*, or any Five of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, at the Coffee-Houſe, To-morrow 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, in order to the preparing that Bill.

And it is, further ordered, by this Houſe, that the Order be fixed on ſeveral publick Places, that Perſons concerned may govern themſelves accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they deſire a *Free Conference* with this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways*, &c.

He alſo acquainted this Houſe, they deſired a Conference with this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy if Slaves*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Willett*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tennancy, or in Common*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitehead*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitehead*, acquaint the Council, That this Houſe do agree to *a free Conference* with them, on the Subject Matter of the Amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways*. &c. And that he alſo acquaint the Council, this Houſe doth agree to a Conference with them, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony.*

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of Capt. *Wilſon* and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*, be referred till To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fauconier*'s Memorial, relating to Arrears of Taxes laid before this Houſe, lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1708.

Ordered,

MR. *Ward*, do return to the Council, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for refunding* Six Hundred Forty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings *and* Four-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*, with their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to ſaid Amendments, with ſome other Amendments, made by this Houſe to ſaid Bill, to which they deſire the Councils Concurrence.

Amendments made by this Houſe to the ſaid Bill; *viz.*

Fol. 1, in the Title, inſtead of *Six Hundred Forty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Four-pence*, inſert, *Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Five-pence.*

In the laſt Line, after the Word *(direct)* add this, Provided always, *and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That there ſhall be but one Recovery of the ſaid* Seven Hundred Pounds, *and not more.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether this Houſe ſhould now proceed on the Petition of Capt. *Wilſon* and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

And the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Reſolved, This Houſe will take the ſame into their further Conſideration, To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to diſcharge the Lord* Cornbury *from his Contract with Mr.* Hanſen, without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1708.

MR. Secretary *Clark*, attending this Houſe, was called in, and preſented a Council Book, wherein he ſhewed to the Houſe; a Minute of Council, made the 26th of *January* 1692, That an Order was made by that Board, that Mr. *Blaithwait* ſhould be paid Five *per Cent.* for his Auditing the Revenue, given the Crown by this Colony, and then withdrew.

Mr. *Sebring* complaining, That one *Chriſtopher Den*, had ſeized his Boat he generally comes in, to this City from his own Houſe, knowing him to be a Member of this Houſe, and in the Hearing of ſeveral Members, told

him, he was glad to hear it was a Boat, belonging to a Member of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſame is a Breach of Privilege, and a great Contempt of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Lakerman*, do wait on his Excellency, and pray a Serjeant at Arms may be appointed to attend this Houſe.

Mr. *Sebring*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of Capt. *Wilſon* and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe, would be pleaſed to yield him ſuch Relief, as they ſhall think meet; and his Account was alſo preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Read*, Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Sebring*, examine the ſaid Account and make Report thereof, to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1708.

THE Serjeant at Arms attending the Houſe,

Ordered, That *Chriſtopher Den*, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms for Breach of Privilege and Contempt of this Houſe.

The Bill entitled, *An* Act, *for ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better preſerving of ſundry antient* Dutch *Wills, Contracts and other Writings*, and Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he reported to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Lordſhip commands the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker with the Houſe, attended his Excellency accordingly, where his Lordſhip was pleaſed to give his Aſſent, to theſe Bills following, *viz.*

An Act, *for raiſing* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to diſcharge the Lord* Cornbury, *from his Contract with Mr.* Hanſen.

An Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Six Hundred Pounds, *in two Years, for the Uſes therein mentioned.*

An Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*; which were publiſhed.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, he had received a draught of an Addreſs to the Queen, praying her moſt Sacred Majeſty, to give her Royal Aſſent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; which was read, and approved of by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To the QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of your Majeſty's Governor, Council and Aſſembly, of your Colony of New-York, *in* America.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governor, Council and Aſſembly of this your Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, in *America*; being highly ſenſible of the great Diſadvantages, this Province has already and muſt ſtill labour under, by the great Abuſe of the foreign Coin, allowed to be currant in theſe Parts, to the great Decay and even almoſt entire Ruin of Trade, unleſs timely prevented. For the Currant Coin of this your Majeſty's Province has of late been clipped and diminiſhed, at leaſt one third Part of its real Value, and great Quantities thereof, for Want of ſome good Law to prevent the ſame, daily imported whereby we were ſubject not only to the Abuſes of all evil Practices of this Kind here, but in apparent Danger of being the Receptacle of all the clipt Money in this Part of *America*. And having ſeen an Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain*, entitled, *An* Act, *for aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Coin in her Majeſty's Plantations in* America, *which is to take Effect in theſe* American *Parts, on the firſt Day of* May *next*. Do with all Humility, beg Leave to acquaint your Majeſty, That if that Act of Parliament is to take Place, according to the Letter of it, this Province in particular, and ſome of the neighbouring Provinces, upon this vaſt Continent, muſt unavoidably be ruined; for if the Coin allowed to be Currant in theſe Parts (which is chiefly the *Spaniſh* Coin and ſome *Lyon* Dollars) is to be upon the ſame Foot here, as it is in the *Weſt-Indies*, we ſhall not have Money to Support the Government, to pay the four Companies of Fuzileers, which your Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to allow for the Defence of this Country, nor to carry on any Trade, and our Ships muſt lie and rot by the Walls; for it is an undoubted Truth, that nothing brings Money into this Province, but the Trade to your Majeſty's Iſlands in the *Weſt-Indies*, and to thoſe Subject to the *States General* of the United Provinces, from the latter of which, we bring nothing but heavy Money. The chief Returns from this Province to *Great-Britain*, are made in heavy Money, and if the Money muſt paſs here at the ſame Rate, it does at *Jamaica* and other Iſlands of the *Weſt-Indies*, as by the ſaid Act is directed, it will not be worth the Merchants while to bring Money, but will rather bring the Produce of thoſe Iſlands, in return for the Produce of theſe Parts, which they carry thither, and ſo leave this Province without Money, for Want whereof, the Merchants here will not be able to make ſuch Returns to

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Great-Britain, as they uſed to do; and conſequently, this Province will not be able to take off, by a greal deal, ſo much of the Manufactures of that your Majeſty's Kingdom, as it has hitherto done, to the great Damage of this Province, as well as the Manufacturers of *Great-Britain*.

We beg Leave further to obſerve, That in the laſt Clauſe of the Act of Parliament, your Majeſty is left at Liberty to alter the Regulation of the Coin, made by the ſaid Act, either by your Majeſty's Royal Proclamation, or by aſſenting to any Act of Aſſembly, to be paſſed in any of your Majeſty's Plantations in *America*, for that Purpoſe. The certain Knowledge we have of the Conſequences that will attend the Execution of that Act in theſe Parts, and the Duty we owe to your Majeſty, and the deſire we have to promote the Good and Welfare of your Majeſty's Subjects of this Province, have made us think it an indiſpenſible Duty upon us, not only to repreſent the Circumſtances of this Province to your Majeſty, but likewiſe, in moſt humble Manner, to lay at your Majeſty's royal Feet, An Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; in the paſſing of which, we have taken Care, to obſerve the Directions your Majeſty has been pleaſed to give the Governor in your royal Inſtructions to him, in which your Majeſty, is pleaſed to direct him not to ſuffer any Act to paſs, by which the Value of the Silver Coin, allowed to be Currant in this Province, may be diminiſhed, without your Majeſty's Leave firſt obtained. The Rates contained in this Act, are the ſame which the Money now goes at, in the Provinces of *Connecticut*, *Maſſachuſett's Bay*, *New Hampſhire*, *Rhode-Iſland* and *New-Jerſey*, and has gone at the ſame Rate in this Province, upwards of twenty Years paſt. This being the Truth, we humbly beſeech your Majeſty, will be graciouſly pleaſed to favour this Province, with the royal Aſſent for the confirming the Act of Aſſembly, now humbly preſented to your Majeſty, and at the ſame Time, intreat your Majeſty to believe, that we ſhould not have preſumed, to have paſſed the ſaid Act, without firſt obtaining your Majeſty's Leave for ſo doing, were it not for the Shortneſs of Time, between this and the firſt of *May*, that the Act of Parliament is to take Place here, and the very great Uncertainty of hearing from *Great-Britain*, during this Time of War, it being ſometimes fourteen or fifteen Months, before we can have any Anſwers to the Letters, we write from theſe Parts, ſo that before we could have humbly prayed for, and obtained your Majeſty's Leave to paſs ſuch an Act, all the Inconveniencies, which we apprehend from the Execution of the Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain*, would have fallen upon this Province, before we could have obtained a Remedy, which we now humbly hope for, from your Majeſty's great Goodneſs to us, who humbly beg Leave to ſubſcribe our ſelves,

Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful, moſt faithful, moſt obedient, and moſt humble Subjects and Servants.

The Speaker alſo acquainted this Houſe, his Lordſhip was pleaſed favourably to thank this Houſe, for the two following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for raiſing* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to diſcharge the Lord* Cornbury, *&c.*

And *An* Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1708.

THE Houſe being met.

Reſolved, The Addreſs to the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty being engroſſed, be ſigned by all the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition of Capt. *Wilſon*, and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*, be referred till *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 20, 1708.

HIS Excellency the Governor, adjourned the Houſe till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. Oct. 21, 1708.

COL. *Schuyler's* Petition was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Houſe, to take his ſeveral Accounts amounting to *Five Hundred Thirty Four Pounds*, for Services done for the Colony into Conſideration, and find ſome Expedient for the ſpeedy and effectual Payment thereof.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, to whom all Accounts were committed, That they are humbly of Opinion, the Accounts of Col. *Schuyler*, and the Account of the Militia detached from *Ulſter* County, and all other Accounts now before them, do not appear to them juſt Debts of the Country, therefore do diſallow them; which being read,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether the ſaid Report be re-committed; It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The ſaid Report be re-committed, and the Petition of Col. *Schuyler* be referred to the ſame Committee.

The Petition of *Gabriel Luff*, late Door Keeper to this Houſe, was preſented and read, praying he may receive the Salary due to him.

Ordered, The Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges that have happened in the Colony*; was committed.

The Petition of *Direck Benſon*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in his Account for ferrying over the Militia of *Long-Iſland*, to a general Muſter at the City of *New-York*, about the latter End of *June* 1706, and allow him the ſame.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better preſerving of ſundry* Dutch *Wills, Contracts and other Writings*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

him, he was glad to hear it was a Boat, belonging to a Member of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſame is a Breach of Privilege, and a great Contempt of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Lakerman*, do wait on his Excellency, and pray a Serjeant at Arms may be appointed to attend this Houſe.

Mr. *Sebring*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of Capt. *Wilſon* and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe, would be pleaſed to yield him ſuch Relief, as they ſhall think meet; and his Account was alſo preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Read*, Capt. *Coddrington* and Mr. *Sebring*, examine the ſaid Account and make Report thereof, to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1708.

THE Serjeant at Arms attending the Houſe,

Ordered, That *Chriſtopher Den*, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms for Breach of Privilege and Contempt of this Houſe.

The Bill entitled, *An* Act, *for ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better preſerving of ſundry antient* Dutch *Wills, Contracts and other Writings*, and Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he reported to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Lordſhip commands the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker with the Houſe, attended his Excellency accordingly, where his Lordſhip was pleaſed to give his Aſſent, to theſe Bills following, *viz.*

An Act, *for raiſing* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to diſcharge the Lord* Cornbury, *from his Contract with Mr.* Hanſen.

An Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Six Hundred Pounds, *in two Years, for the Uſes therein mentioned.*

An Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax*; which were publiſhed.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, he had received a draught of an Addreſs to the Queen, praying her moſt Sacred Majeſty, to give her Royal Aſſent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; which was read, and approved of by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To the QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of your Majeſty's Governor, Council and Aſſembly, of your Colony of New-York, *in* America.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governor, Council and Aſſembly of this your Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, in *America*; being highly ſenſible of the great Diſadvantages, this Province has already and muſt ſtill labour under, by the great Abuſe of the foreign Coin, allowed to be currant in theſe Parts, to the great Decay and even almoſt entire Ruin of Trade, unleſs timely prevented. For the Currant Coin of this your Majeſty's Province has of late been clipped and diminiſhed, at leaſt one third Part of its real Value, and great Quantities thereof, for Want of ſome good Law to prevent the ſame, daily imported whereby we were ſubject not only to the Abuſes of all evil Practices of this Kind here, but in apparent Danger of being the Receptacle of all the clipt Money in this Part of *America*. And having ſeen an Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain*, entitled, *An* Act, *for aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Coin in her Majeſty's Plantations in* America, *which is to take Effect in theſe* American *Parts, on the firſt Day of* May *next*. Do with all Humility, beg Leave to acquaint your Majeſty, That if that Act of Parliament is to take Place, according to the Letter of it, this Province in particular, and ſome of the neighbouring Provinces, upon this vaſt Continent, muſt unavoidably be ruined; for if the Coin allowed to be Currant in theſe Parts (which is chiefly the *Spaniſh* Coin and ſome *Lyon* Dollars) is to be upon the ſame Foot here, as it is in the *Weſt-Indies*, we ſhall not have Money to Support the Government, to pay the four Companies of Fuzileers, which your Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to allow for the Defence of this Country, nor to carry on any Trade, and our Ships muſt lie and rot by the Walls; for it is an undoubted Truth, that nothing brings Money into this Province, but the Trade to your Majeſty's Iſlands in the *Weſt-Indies*, and to thoſe Subject to the *States General* of the United Provinces, from the latter of which, we bring nothing but heavy Money. The chief Returns from this Province to *Great-Britain*, are made in heavy Money, and if the Money muſt paſs here at the ſame Rate, it does at *Jamaica* and other Iſlands of the *Weſt-Indies*, as by the ſaid Act is directed, it will not be worth the Merchants while to bring Money, but will rather bring the Produce of thoſe Iſlands, in return for the Produce of theſe Parts, which they carry thither, and ſo leave this Province without Money, for Want whereof, the Merchants here will not be able to make ſuch Returns to

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Great-Britain, as they uſed to do; and conſequently, this Province will not be able to take off, by a greal deal, ſo much of the Manufactures of that your Majeſty's Kingdom, as it has hitherto done, to the great Damage of this Province, as well as the Manufacturers of *Great-Britain*.

We beg Leave further to obſerve, That in the laſt Clauſe of the Act of Parliament, your Majeſty is left at Liberty to alter the Regulation of the Coin, made by the ſaid Act, either by your Majeſty's Royal Proclamation, or by aſſenting to any Act of Aſſemby, to be paſſed in any of your Majeſty's Plantations in *America*, for that Purpoſe. The certain Knowledge we have of the Conſequences that will attend the Execution of that Act in theſe Parts, and the Duty we owe to your Majeſty, and the deſire we have to promote the Good and Welfare of your Majeſty's Subjects of this Province, have made us think it an indiſpenſible Duty upon us, not only to repreſent the Circumſtances of this Province to your Majeſty, but likewiſe, in moſt humble Manner, to lay at your Majeſty's royal Feet, An Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; in the paſſing of which, we have taken Care, to obſerve the Directions your Majeſty has been pleaſed to give the Governor in your royal Inſtructions to him, in which your Majeſty, is pleaſed to direct him not to ſuffer any Act to paſs, by which the Value of the Silver Coin, allowed to be Currant in this Province, may be diminiſhed, without your Majeſty's Leave firſt obtained. The Rates contained in this Act, are the ſame which the Money now goes at, in the Provinces of *Connecticut*, *Maſſachuſett's Bay*, *New Hampſhire*, *Rhode-Iſland* and *New-Jerſey*, and has gone at the ſame Rate in this Province, upwards of twenty Years paſt. This being the Truth, we humbly beſeech your Majeſty, will be graciouſly pleaſed to favour this Province, with the royal Aſſent for the confirming the Act of Aſſembly, now humbly preſented to your Majeſty, and at the ſame Time, intreat your Majeſty to believe, that we ſhould not have preſumed, to have paſſed the ſaid Act, without firſt obtaining your Majeſty's Leave for ſo doing, were it not for the Shortneſs of Time, between this and the firſt of *May*, that the Act of Parliament is to take Place here, and the very great Uncertainty of hearing from *Great-Britain*, during this Time of War, it being ſometimes fourteen or fifteen Months, before we can have any Anſwers to the Letters, we write from theſe Parts, ſo that before we could have humbly prayed for, and obtained your Majeſty's Leave to paſs ſuch an Act, all the Inconveniencies, which we apprehend from the Execution of the Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain*, would have fallen upon this Province, before we could have obtained a Remedy, which we now humbly hope for, from your Majeſty's great Goodneſs to us, who humbly beg Leave to ſubſcribe our ſelves,

Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful, moſt faithful, moſt obedient, and moſt humble Subjects and Servants.

The Speaker alſo acquainted this Houſe, his Lordſhip was pleaſed favourably to thank this Houſe, for the two following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for raiſing* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to diſcharge the Lord* Cornbury, *&c.*

And *An* Act, *for refunding* Seven Hundred Eleven Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Five-pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds *Tax.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1708.

THE Houſe being met.

Reſolved, The Addreſs to the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty being engroſſed, be ſigned by all the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition of Capt. *Wilſon*, and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*, be referred till *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 20, 1708.

HIS Excellency the Governor, adjourned the Houſe till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. Oct. 21, 1708.

COL. *Schuyler's* Petition was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Houſe, to take his ſeveral Accounts amounting to *Five Hundred Thirty Four Pounds*, for Services done for the Colony into Conſideration, and find ſome Expedient for the ſpeedy and effectual Payment thereof.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, to whom all Accounts were committed, That they are humbly of Opinion, the Accounts of Col. *Schuyler*, and the Account of the Militia detached from *Ulſter* County, and all other Accounts now before them, do not appear to them juſt Debts of the Country, therefore do diſallow them; which being read,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether the ſaid Report be re-committed; It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The ſaid Report be re-committed, and the Petition of Col. *Schuyler* be referred to the ſame Committee.

The Petition of *Gabriel Luff*, late Door Keeper to this Houſe, was preſented and read, praying he may receive the Salary due to him.

Ordered, The Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges that have happened in the Colony*; was committed.

The Petition of *Direck Benſon*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in his Account for ferrying over the Militia of *Long-Iſland*, to a general Muſter at the City of *New-York*, about the latter End of *June* 1706, and allow him the ſame.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better preſerving of ſundry* Dutch *Wills, Contracts and other Writings*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawdon*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, in order to prepare a Bill, for eſtabliſhing and regulating Fees, That they and the Committee of the Council, had prepared a Table or Liſt of Fees, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and was received.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in according to that Table or Liſt.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Sale of Goods by publick Out-cry, Auction or Vendue, in the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Petition of Capt. *Wilſon*, and others, relating to Mr. *Byerley*, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they deſire a free Conference with this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendment made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act, for laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways throughout this Colony*, To-morrow at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Coffee-Houſe; to which the Houſe agreed.

He alſo acquainted this Houſe, That the Council deſire a Conference with this Houſe, To-morrow at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Coffee-Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands, within this Colony*; to which the Houſe alſo agreed.

Ordered, That the Managers of the laſt Conference, are appointed to manage the free Conference with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1708.

CAPT. *Coddrington*, reports from the Committee, to whom the Accounts of *William Bradford* was referred, That they have examined the ſame, and do find he hath *Two Hundred and Ten Pounds* due to him, for Service done by him, for this Houſe, which is humbly ſubmitted to this Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, *William Bradford*, be allowed *Fifty Pounds*, towards printing the Acts of Aſſembly now in Force, made from the Year 1683, to the End of this Meeting of Aſſembly, and the Votes of this Houſe ſince the Arrival of his Excellency, the Lord Viſcount *Cornbury*, to the Time aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That *William Bradford*, be allowed *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* for printing the Votes of this Houſe, Acts of Aſſembly and other Services; to commence from the next Meeting of Aſſembly, and to continue ſo long as he ſhall be employed by the Houſe.

The Petition of *Chriſtopher Den*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, acknowledging his Fault, and humbly prays this honourable Houſe, will be favourably pleaſed to pardon his Offence.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Complaints of Col. *Schuyler*, and others, againſt Mr. *Byerley*, their ſeveral Allegations and his ſeveral Defences and Anſwers;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That no Perſons Goods ought to be ſtopt for Cuſtoms, who have Warrants on the Collector from the Government ſufficient to ſatisfy ſuch Cuſtoms.

And upon the whole Matter.

That Mr. *Byerley*, has made divers Omiſſions and acted erroneouſly in many Things, and that by his Partiality, the Complainants have been fruſtrated of their Monies, allowed by the Governor and Council, but cannot find Mr. *Byerley*, guilty of any Thing amounting to a Crime.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Sale of Goods by publick Out-Cry, Auction or Vendue, in the City of* New-York, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be rejected.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1708.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Whitehead*, acquaint the Council, That this Houſe, do not inſiſt on that Part of the Amendment, made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act, for the laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving publick common Highways*, &c. relating to the quaſhing and making void the Verdict, in the Caſe between *Thomas Turnere* and *Zacariah Sickles*. But the other Part, that the Inhabitants of the Town of *Harlem*, ſhall not be obliged to mend, repair or level any Highways, beyond, or without the Bounds or Limits of their own Lands; they do inſiſt that it may continue in the ſaid Act, becauſe notwithſtanding, by a former Act of Aſſembly, aſcertaining that Matter, the ſaid Inhabitants of *Harlem*, by a pretended Order of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, have been expoſed to extravagant Charge and Trouble, for not obeying the ſame; contrary to the Direction of the Laws of the Government, in that Caſe provided.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tennancy, or in Common*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawdon*, do return the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing of Fees*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Read*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Hawdon*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1708.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they do not inſiſt on that Part of their Amendments to the

the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways throughout this Colony*; relating to the Inhabitants of *Harlem*, not being obliged to repair or level, any Highways beyond, or without the Bounds or Limits of their own Lands,

Capt. *Coddrington*, reported from the Committee, of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; that they made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he reported to the Houſe, and the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the ſeveral Collectors and Receivers General and Commiſſioners, for executing the Office of Collector and Receiver General*, do refund the Money by them received on ſundry Land Taxes, and not applied to the Uſes for which thoſe Taxes were raiſed; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1708.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges that have happened in this Colony*. And Mr. *De Lancey* reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Trials within the City of* New-York, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges that have happened in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ward*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the ſeveral Collectors and Receivers General and Commiſſioners, for executing the Office of Collector and Receiver General*, to refund the Money by them received on ſundry Land Taxes, and not applied to the Uſes, for which thoſe Taxes were raiſed, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Read*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Motion was made, on the Petition of *Chriſtopher Den*.

Ordered, That he appear before this Houſe *Friday* next, in order to his Diſcharge.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better preſerving ſundry antient* Dutch *Wills*, &c. with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

He alſo acquainted this Houſe, that they have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige* Thomas Byerley, *Eſq*; *late Collector and Receiver General of this Colony, to re-pay ſeveral Sums of Money miſapplied by him, during the Time he was Collector and Receiver General.*

As alſo one other Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the preventing all Trade and Commerce with the* French *at* Canada, *and regulating the* Indian *Trade at* Albany.

And one other Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating the carrying off, and tranſporting of Furrs, Peltry, and other Skins*, to which Bills, they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hawdon*, do return to the Council, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige* Thomas Byerley, *Eſq*; *late Collector and Receiver General of this Colony, to repay ſeveral Sums of Money, miſapplied by him, during the Time he was Collector and Receiver General.*

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act *for the regulating the carrying off, and tranſporting of Furrs, Peltry and other Skins.*

And the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing all Trade and Commerce, with the* French *at* Canada, *and regulating the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Trials within the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A further Act, for ſupervifing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probates of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1708.

MR. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, he had received a Letter from his Excellency, wherein he was pleaſed to intreat him, to recommend the Neceſſity the Garriſons of *New-York*, *Albany*, and *Schenectady* will lie under, if not ſupplied this approacking Winter with Firewood and Candles, and deſire this Houſe to think on ſome effectual Method, to provide a Fund for that Service for one Year, to prevent the Deſertions of thoſe Garriſons; which was read.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges, that have happened in this Colony*; without any Amendment.

Mr. Secretary *Clark*, preſented to the Houſe, five Duplicates of the Governor, Council and Aſſemblies Addreſs, to the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty; which were ſigned by Mr. Speaker and the Houſe.

He alſo delivered a Meſſage from his Lordſhip.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at the Council Chamber.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe, attended his Excellency accordingly, where his Lordſhip was pleaſed to give his Aſſent, to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges that have happened in this Colony.*

An Act, *for the explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, throughout this Colony.*

An Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves.*

An Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tennancy, or in Common.*

And his Lordſhip acquainted Mr. Speaker, the Houſe might adjourn themſelves for ſome ſhort Time.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe, attended his Lordſhip and Council to the City-Hall; where the ſaid Acts were publiſhed.

Mr. Speaker and the Houſe being returned,

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* the 15th Day of *November* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 15, 1708.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 16, 1708.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 17, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 18, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 19, 1708.

THE engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing all Trade and Commerce with the* French *at* Canada, *and regulating the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating the carrying off, and tranſporting Furrs, Peltry and other Skins*; was read the ſecond Time, and a Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the ſaid Bill be committed. It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, The Bill be rejected.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige* Thomas Byerley, *Eſq; late Collector and Receiver General of this Colony, to re-pay ſeveral Sums of Money miſapplied by him, during the Time he was Collector and Receiver General*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Chriſtopher Den attending on the Houſe, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the ſaid *Chriſtopher Den*, be called in; it was carried in the Affirmative, and he being called in, his Petition was read, and ſhewed to him, which he owned, and then withdrew. Being called in again, Mr. Speaker having acquainted him with the Nature of his Offence, the Houſe thought fit to diſcharge him, paying his Fees.

Ordered, The ſaid *Chriſtopher Den*, be diſcharged, paying his Fees.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 20, 1708.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Trials within the City of* New-York. And Mr. *Hawdon*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they have made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 11 of the Clock, next *Tueſday* Morning.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 23, 1708.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 24, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 25, 1708.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 11 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 11 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 26, 1708.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing of Fees*, with the Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 27, 1708.

THE Amendments to the Bill, by the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; being under Conſideration,

Ordered, That the ſame be committed to Capt. *Coddrington*, Capt. *Read*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Hawdon*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Fees in that Bill, allowed to be received in the Cuſtom Houſe, by her Majeſty's Collector for *New-York*, and the naval Officers Fees, being conſented and agreed to, by the Council and Aſſembly, may juſtly be received and taken according to the Tenor of the ſaid Bill; but that no other Fees ought to be taken, without ſuch Agreement and Conſent.

His Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe, till the firſt Day of next *March*, by his Proclamation.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of *NEW-YORK.*

Memorandum, *During the Receſs of the Aſſembly, Lord* LOVELACE *arrived here, who diſſolved them; and Writs were iſſued for electing a New Aſſembly, in Conſequence whereof, the following Perſons were returned,* viz.

City of *New-York.*

Capt. *Wilſon,*
Mr. *Johannis Janſſen,*
Mr. *John Vanhorne,*
Mr. *Hardenbrook.*

City and County of *Albany.*

Capt. *Schuyler,*
Mr. *Cuyler,*
Col. *Livingſton.*

King's County.

Mr. *Cornelius Sebring,*
Major *Cornelius Van Brunt.*

Queen's County.

Mr. *John Talman,*
Mr. *John Townſend.*

County of *Suffolk.*

Mr. *William Nicoll,*
Capt. *Mulford.*

County of *Ulſter.*

Col. *Beekman,*
Capt. *Garton.*

County of *Weſtcheſter.*

Mr. *Joſeph Purdy,*
Mr. *Drake.*

County of *Richmond.*

Mr. *Lakerman,*
Capt. *Stillwell.*

County of *Orange.*

Mr. *Haring.*

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck.*

Capt. *Henry Renſſelaer.*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*

Mr. *Hunt.*

Die Martis, April 5, 1709.

THE ſeveral Members that made their Appearance this Day, to meet his Excellency the Lord *Lovelace*, to ſerve in General Aſſembly, in purſuance to her Majeſty's Writ; commanded the Clerk to attend his Lordſhip, and acquaint him therewith, and alſo pray his Excellency to adjourn them. Accordingly the Clerk waited on his Lordſhip, who was pleaſed to adjourn them, till 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, 4 ho. P. M. April 6, 1709.

SEVERAL Members being met, according to adjournment;

Ordered, The Clerk to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him therewith; and the Clerk returned and informed them, that his Lordſhip was pleaſed to ſay, he had ſent for the Council, and when they were come together, would ſend a Meſſenger to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clark.*

Gentlemen, My Lord commands you to attend him immediately, at the Council Chamber.

Accordingly they attended, where his Excellency was pleaſed to direct them to chuſe their Speaker, and preſent him at the Council Chamber, To-morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock.

The Gentlemen being returned, unanimouſly made choice of Mr. *William Nicoll* for their Speaker, who was conducted to the Chair, according to the uſual Manner.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. April 7, 1709.

THE Houſe, according to Order, attended his Excellency, and preſented Mr. *William Nicoll* their Speaker, who

who was accepted; then the Speaker with the Houſe took the Oaths and ſigned the Teſt and Aſſociation appointed by Law.

And being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that his Lordſhip had made a Speech; which he obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as followeth:

Gentlemen,

I HAVE called you together as early as you could meet with Conveniency to your ſelves, to conſult of thoſe Things, which are neceſſary to be done at this Time, for her Majeſty's Service and the Good of the Province.

The large Supplies of Soldiers and Stores of War for your Support and Defence, together with thoſe neceſſary Preſents for your *Indian* Neighbours, which her Majeſty hath now ſent you, at a Time when the Charge of the War is ſo great at Home, are evident Proofs of her particular Care of you; and I aſſure myſelf they will be received with thoſe Teſtimonies of Loyalty and Gratitude, which ſuch royal Favours deſerve from an obliged and grateful People.

I am ſorry to find, that the publick Debt of the Province is ſo great as it is, and that the Government here hath ſo little Credit, if any at all left: A Government, under a Queen as famous for her prudent and frugal Management at Home, as for her warlike and glorious Actions abroad.

I cannot in the leaſt doubt (Gentlemen) but that you'll raiſe the ſame Revenue, for the ſame Term of Years, for the Support of the Government, as was raiſed by Act of Aſſembly in the eleventh Year of the Reign of the late King *William*, of glorious Memory. And I hope, you will alſo find out Ways and Means to diſcharge the Debt that hath been contracted, and allow to the Perſons concerned a reaſonable Intereſt, till the Principal is diſcharged; to that End, I deſire you to examine and ſtate the publick Accounts, that it may be known what this Debt is, and that it may appear hereafter to all the World, that the ſame was not contracted in my Time.

I muſt in particular, deſire you to provide for the neceſſary Repairs of the Fortifications of the Province. The Barracks are ſo ſmall and ſo much out of repair, that I have been neceſſitated to billet the Recruits, that came over with me, upon this City, which I am ſenſible, hath been a Burthen to the Inhabitants; but I hope, you will ſoon eaſe them of that Burthen.

The fitting out a good Sloop, to attend her Majeſty's Men of War in their Cruizings on this Coaſt, I take to be ſo neceſſary, for preſerviug your Navigation, that I expect you will find out a proper Method to defray that Charge. *I am willing my Salary ſhould be Taxed, that I may pay my Quota to ſo uſeful a Service.*

I think myſelf obliged, further to recommend to your Conſideration, how to prevent the Exportation of gold and ſilver Coin out of the Province, leaſt in a ſhort Time, your Trade ſhould ſuffer for Want thereof.

The Queen hath nothing more at Heart, than the Proſperity of her Subjects. I ſhall approve myſelf to her Majeſty, in purſuing thoſe Methods, that will beſt conduce to that End. It ſhall be my conſtant Care to promote Peace and Union amongſt you; to encourage you in your Trade, and to protect you in the Poſſeſſion of your juſt Rights and Privileges.

Then the Speaker, in the Name of the Houſe, demanded their antient Rights and Privileges, and prayed his Lordſhip's Confirmation of them, *viz.*

The Freedom of Arreſts for themſelves and Servants, during the Seſſion.

Freedom of Acceſs to his Lordſhip upon all Occaſions, relating to their preſent Service.

Freedom of Debate and Speech in their Houſe, and a favourable and candid Conſtruction of all their Words, with all other the antient Privileges, Uſages and Cuſtoms of this Houſe, and that the Demands of theſe their Rights may be entred in the Council Books.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve Aſſeſſors*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, take into Conſideration his Excellency's Speech, this Day made to the General Aſſembly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1709.

THE Houſe (according to Order) proceeded on his Excellency's Speech, which being read; and that Part relating to the Exportation of gold and ſilver Coin, falling particularly under Conſideration;

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to prevent the Exportation of gold and ſilver Coin, from this Plantation; and that Capt. *Garton* and Capt. *Mulford*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to relieve Aſſeſſors*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Talman*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Mulford* and Capt. *Garton*, or any 3 of them, and all that come to have Voices.

The Petition of *William Lawrence* and *Thomas Waters*, in the Behalf of themſelves and ſeveral of the Inhabitants of *Queen's* County; was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of an undue Election and Return, for the ſaid County.

Ordered, The Conſideration of the ſaid Petition, be referred to Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Mulford*, Capt. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Janſſen*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Haring*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Major *Van Brunt* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, or any 7 of them, be and are appointed a Committee of Elections, to examine the Matter thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion therein to the Houſe, and all that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

Thoſe Parts of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the publick Debt, and raiſing a Revenue for the Support of the Government being taken into Conſideration;

Ordered, That the Collector and Receiver General and the late Commiſſioners for executing that Office, lay before this Houſe, a particular Account of the Receipts of each Branch of the Revenue, and how the ſame hath been diſpoſed of. That the Secretary lay before this Houſe, an Account and State of the Quit-Rents, and of all the Claims on the Government, ſo far as comes to his Knowledge; and that all claiming any Debt from the Government, do lay their Demands before this Houſe, before the firſt Day of *May* next, and that Notice hereof be given in the moſt public Place within each City and County, within this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 8, 1709.

THEN the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 9, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of the Gold and Silver Coin, out of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Schuyler*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to relieve Aſſeſſors* was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency, to congratulate his ſafe Arrival to his Government, and that an Addreſs be prepared accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, next *Tueſday* Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 12, 1709.

MR. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee of Elections, the Matter as it appeared to them, touching the Election for *Queen*'s County, and the Reſolution of the Committee thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committe, That Mr. *John Townſend*, is duly returned to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for *Queen*'s County.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the ſaid Report ſhould be re-committed.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That Mr. *John Townſend*, is duly returned to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for *Queen*'s County.

The Petition of *Cornelius Willet*, High Sheriff of *Queen*'s County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may be reimburſed his great Charges and Expences in bringing Evidences, and otherways to defend himſelf, from the groundleſs and troubleſome Complaint of *William Lawrence* and *Thomas Waters*.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

The prepared Addreſs to congratulate his Excellency's ſafe Arrival, was preſented to this Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and the Members for the City do wait on his Lordſhip to know his Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve Aſſeſſors*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford* and Mr. *Talman*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of Gold and Silver Coin, out of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 12, 1709.

THE Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of the Gold and Silver Coin, out of this Colony*; was read. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter to them referred; and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1709.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, acquainted the Houſe, That his Excellency had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended by this Houſe, To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock at *Fort Anne*.

Mr. *Renſſelaer*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of Gold and Silver Coin, out of this Colony*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton* reported, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. April* 13, 1709.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of Gold and Silver Coin, out of this Colony*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton* reported, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1709.

THE Speaker with the Houſe attended his Excellency.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, according to their Directions, he had read and preſented their Addreſs to his Lordſhip, who was pleaſed to favour the Houſe with his Thanks, as followeth, *viz.*

To his Excellency John *Lord* Lovelace, *Baron of* Hurly, *Captain General and Governor*, &c. *in Chief of* New-York, &c.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York *in* America.

My Lord,

THE People of this Plantation, repreſented by their Aſſembly, are glad your Excellency gives them the Opportunity of congratulating your Arrival in theſe Parts; which they heartily do; entertaining lively Hopes, that Providence, which has been propitious in conducting your Excellency in the moſt improper Seaſon of the Year, by an uncommon Courſe, through much Danger, Hardſhip and Difficulty, has peculiarly intended you a Bleſſing to thoſe, God by her Majeſty has placed you over, and your Undertakings proſperous to yourſelf.

Her Majeſty's extenſive Care of all her Subjects, and in particular of this ſmall Part of her Dominions, is equalled by nothing but her matchleſs Goodneſs and the true Judgement ſhe makes of Things, the Conſequence of this Colony, its narrow Circumſtances and Wants.

Our earneſt Wiſhes are, that ſuitable Meaſures may be taken to encourage the few Inhabitants left to ſtay in it, and others to

come: Arms being uſeleſs without Hands, where Places are neceſſary to be held, and the Dwellers fail either in Force or Faith, Garriſons muſt ſupply the Defect.

The juſt Freedom enjoyed by our Neighbours, by the tender Indulgence of the Government, has extreamly drained and exhauſted us, both of People and Stock, whilſt a different Treatment, the wrong Methods too long taken, and Severities practiſed here, have averted and detered the uſual Part of Mankind from ſettling and coming hither.

We pleaſe ourſelves with Expectation, That under your Excellency's Management, the Affairs of this Country may put on a better Countenance, your recommending to us Conſervation of the Coin, your Excellency's Concern for our Peace, Union, Trade and juſt Rights, as they are Things moſt valuable in themſelves, merit our Thanks and humble Acknowledgments, which with all poſſible Sincerity, we render, aſſuring your Lordſhip, That as the beginning of your Government, gives us a delightful Proſpect of Tranquility, ſo we come with Minds prepared to propoſe to, and concur with your Excellency, in ſuch Matters, as may contribute to the Good of our Country, and the giving your Excellency all imaginable Satisfaction in the Station and Charge her Majeſty has been pleaſed to intruſt you.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of Gold and Silver Coin, out of this Colony*; and Capt. *Garton* reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Which being read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 14, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands, in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Townſend*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Wilſon*, Mr. *Janſſen*, Capt. *Mulford*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Col. *Beekman*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Petition of Capt. *Thomas Higby*, in the Behalf of himſelf, and the Officers and Soldiers under his Command, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying the Houſe to take his Caſe into Conſideration, and grant Satisfaction to himſelf, Officers and Soldiers, for their Service at *Albany*.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1709.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 15, 1709.

THE Petition of *Myndert Schuyler*, *Johannis Cuyler* and *Peter Van Brugh*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for Payment of Arrears due to them, for their Service as Repreſentatives for the County of *Albany* in ſeveral Seſſions.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of Gold and Silver Coin, out of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Talman*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Janſſen*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 16, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *A further* Act, *for Superviſing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 18, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *A further* Act, *for ſuperviſing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Vanhorne*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Mr. *Haring* and Mr. *Hardenbrook*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 18, 1709.

THE Houſe proceeding to take into further Conſideration his Excellency's Speech;

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* and Mr. *Talman*, do wait on his Lordſhip, and deſire the uſual and annual Charge of the Government, may be laid before the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1709.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 19, 1709.

MR. *Livingſton*, reported, that purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, he and Mr. *Talman* had waited on his Lordſhip, but found him indiſpoſed, that he told them, he would take Care the annual Charge of the Government ſhould be laid before the Houſe, as ſoon as he could be enabled to do it.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1709.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *A further* Act, *for ſuperviſing inteſtate Eſtates, regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Adminiſtration*, was committed; That they had directed him to Report the ſame to the Houſe, without any Amendments.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Robert Livingſton*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for repealing an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige*

oblige Robert Livingſton, *to account, according to the Purport of an Act*, entitled, *An Act, appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take and ſtate the publick Accounts of this Province, made againſt the Petitioner*, &c.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Livingſton*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to oblige* Robert Livingſton *to account, according to the Purport of an Act*, entitled, *An Act, appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to take and ſtate the publick Accounts of this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 ho. P. M. April 20, 1708.

MR. Secretary *Clark* attended without, was called in and preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *A Liſt of Salaries, eſtabliſhed to be paid out of the Revenue of* New-York, *amounting to the Sum of* Three Thouſand, Five Hundred Forty-two Pounds, Five Shillings, *and Firewood, Candles and other Incidents, to* Seven Hundred *and* Seventy Pounds.

And alſo an other Account, entitled, *An Account of the Diſburſments for the Province of* New-York, *from the 24th of* June 1702, *to the 24th of* June 1703; *ſo far as could be collected from Warrants, paſſed for the ſame, and from the Accounts of the Particulars thereof, amounting to* Three Thouſand, Eight Hundred *and* Seventy Pounds, One Shilling, One Penny Halfpenny; which were read.

Ordered, The ſaid Accounts be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by Mr. *Renſſelaer*, that, that Board have Advice, that the five Nations of *Indians* and the *Waganha*'s are now going to enter on a Treaty of Peace; and *they are of Opinion*, that its very neceſſary to ſend ſome Perſon to be preſent at the *ſaid* Treaty, *to endeavour* to procure a free Trade, with the ſaid *Waganha* Indians, which they conceive will very much conduce to *the Advantage of the Province, and have taken Meaſures accordingly*, and ordered ſome of the Preſents, his Excellency brought to be ſent to the ſaid *Indians*, but the Charge of the ſaid Journey, will require a Supply of *Fifty Pounds*, which that Board deſires this Houſe to take into Conſideration, and provide for the Payment thereof. Which being taken into Conſideration by this Houſe,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will provide for the Payment of the ſaid *Fifty Pounds*, according to his Excellency's Deſire.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. April 21, 1709.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. April 21, 1709.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, preſented to the Houſe, the Petition of ſeveral of the Merchants, Shopkeepers and Traders Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, relating to an Act of Aſſembly, to enforce the Currency of Coin; which was read, and being taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That this Houſe addreſs his Excellency, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and that an Addreſs be prepared accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. April 22, 1709.

AN engroſſed Addreſs (according to Order) being preſented to the Houſe, was read, relating to the Currency of the Coin, and agreed to, *Nemine Contradicente*, and ſigned by all the Members of the Houſe, being as followeth, *viz.*

To his EXCELLENCY *the Governor.*

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of New-York.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhip,

THE Knowledge of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the ſixth Year of the Queen, entitled, *An* Act, *for aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Coins, in her Majeſty's Plantations in* America, coming to theſe Parts in *September* laſt, grounded on the Inconveniencies ariſing by the indirect Practices of drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, with Proviſion that her Majeſty might give her royal Aſſent, to any Law thereafter to be made, in any of the Colonies or Plantations, for ſettling and aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Silver Coins there. The General Aſſembly then ſitting, thought it their Duty and Intereſt to make an Act, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin*; well knowing they were not in the leaſt chargeable, with the indirect Practices meant and intended in that Act of Parliament, the Value of the Coins then uſually paſſing and aſcertained, being the ſame (and of ſome leſs) as had for about thirty Years paſt been currant here: The better to induce her Majeſty to give her royal Aſſent, the right Honourable the Lord *Cornbury*, then Governor, her Majeſty's Council and the Aſſembly, addreſſed her Majeſty to that Purpoſe, and ſet forth their Reaſons for making that Act. Now in Regard her Majeſty's royal Will is not yet known in that Matter, and this Aſſembly being humbly of Opinion (with due Submiſſion to clearer Judgments) that the ſame Act of Aſſembly is valid and of force, agreeing with the Mind, and genuine Intent and Conſtruction of the Act of Parliament, until the Queen's Pleaſure to the contrary be ſignified here.

They therefore, earneſtly pray your Lordſhip, That you will be pleaſed to Order, that the ſaid Act of General Aſſembly may be put in Execution, with Effect, until her Majeſty's royal Pleaſure on the ſaid Act and Addreſs may be known. And they alſo are humble Suitors to your Excellency, That you you will be pleaſed, with the Council, further to Addreſs, and that this Houſe may have the Honour to join with your Excellency in ſuch Addreſs, humbly to implore her Majeſty's Bounty in giving the royal Aſſent to the Act aforeſaid, concerning the ſame in no manner repugnant, but conſonant to the true Meaning of the ſaid Act of Parliament, beneficial to this Colony, and no Ways hurtful to any others.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, and the Members of that City, do wait on his Excellency, to know when he will be attended by this Houſe.

The Petition of *Iſaac Hanſen*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for eſtabliſhing a Ferry,

Ferry, to tranſport Paſſengers and Goods, to and from the City of *New-York*, *Long-Iſland* and *Staten-Iſland*.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Members of *New-York*, *King*'s County and *Richmond* County, to conſider thereof and report their Opinion to the Houſe.

The Petition of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be aſſiſted with what is due to him, for the two laſt Years, amounting to *Six Hundred Pounds*, to diſcharge Part of what he has borrowed to ſerve the Crown and Country, which was referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended by this Houſe, at 5 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. April* 22, 1709.

THE Speaker with the Houſe attended his Excellency.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, according to their Directions, he had read and preſented their Addreſs to his Lordſhip, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he was ſorry he could not comply with their Addreſs, but was obliged to put the Act of Parliament in force, purſuant to his Inſtructions (a Clauſe whereof, his Excellency produced and read) but would readily join with the Houſe, in any Addreſs to the Queen, for her royal Conſent to that Act of Aſſembly, relating to the Coin.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1709.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1709.

THE Liſt of Salaries eſtabliſhed to be paid out of the Revenue of *New-York*, being under the Conſideration of the Houſe; after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Reſolved, The Houſe will take the ſame into further Conſideration *Friday* Morning next.

Mr. *Cuyler*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Superviſors, Aſſeſſors, Collectors and Treaſurer of the City and County of* Albany, *to raiſe and pay the Arrears of Allowance to their Repreſentatives*, &c. was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1709.

A Motion being made, for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, towards the Support of the Government.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That a Supply be granted to her Majeſty, towards the Support of the Government.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty.

The Petition of *Mary Tudor*, Widow and Relict of Capt. *John Tudor*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, declaring the Uſes of her Huſband's Shares, in two Patents for Land.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 28, 1709.

MR. *Janſſen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Iſaac Hanſen* was committed, That they have conſidered that Matter, and are humbly of Opinion, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to oblige* Robert Livingſton *to account, according to the Purport of an Act*, entitled, *An Act appointing and enabling Commiſſioners, to take and ſtate the publick Accounts of this Province*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Janſſen* and Capt. *Mulford*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the City and County of* Albany, *to pay the Arrears due to ſome of their Repreſentatives, and to build Stone Wells in that City*; was read the ſecond Time and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Renſſelaer*, Mr. *Townſend*, Mr. *Hardenbrook* and Mr. *Purdy*, or any five of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1709.

Ordered,

THAT the Liſt of Salaries eſtabliſhed, be paid out of the Revenue of *New-York*, be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Motion made, for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for the Support of the Government.

The Petition of ſome of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent Diſputes and Controverſies, that may ariſe on an Act of Parliament, made in the Sixth Year of her Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act *for aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Silver Coins, in her Majeſty's Plantations in* America.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1709.

THE Memorial of *Gerardus Beekman*, *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; Col. *Heathcote*, Col. *Smith*, Col. *Wenham* and *Peter Fauconier* Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe will take ſuch Meaſures for their Relief, in an Act entitled, *An* Act *for refunding of* Seven Hundred and Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings and Five-Pence, *miſapplied in the* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *Tax*, paſſed the laſt Seſſion of General Aſſembly, as in their Wiſdom ſhall be moſt proper; which was referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1709.

CAPT. *Garton*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Miſtakes, Diſputes and Controverſies, that may ariſe on an Act of Parliament, for aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Coins, in her Majeſty's Plantations in* America; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent Strangers ſelling their Goods by retail, by Way of Vendue.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

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The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſeveral Debates and ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe, will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 2, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Miſtakes, Diſputes and Controverſies, that may ariſe on an Act of Parliament, for aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Coins in her Majeſty's Plantations in* America; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Janſſen* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 2, 1709.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 3, 1709.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That this Houſe reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter, To-morrow Morning. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 3, 1709.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*, was committed; That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1709.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Fund, raiſed by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for Preſents to the five Nations, and for the Defence of the Frontiers, made in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign.*

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame, in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurii, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 4, 1709.

THE Petition of *Chriſtopher Rowſby*, in Behalf of himſelf and the reſt of the Inhabitants of this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to aſcertain the Rate of Intereſt to be taken for the Loan of Monies in this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

The Petition of *Johannis Lidius*, Miniſter of the *Dutch* reformed Church at *Albany*; was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe, not only to provide for his Salary and Arrears due to him, for inſtructing the *Indians* in the Chriſtian Religion, but alſo, for his Care and Charge of an *Indian* Child (left as a Pledge) ſuch reaſonable Allowance, as to this Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration.

Mr. *Van Horne*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate Vendues within the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Mr. *Fauconier*, late Commiſſioner of her Majeſty's Cuſtoms and Revenue, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that this Houſe will, on peruſal of his Account, and alſo an Account, entitled, *Accounts of her Majeſty's Revenues, from the 9th of* June 1702, *to the 11th of* July 1703, *and an Account*, entitled, *Accounts of her Majeſty's Revenue, from* April *the 17th* 1705, *to the 1ſt of* February 1706-7, *and an Abſtract of ſaid Accounts*; be pleaſed to publiſh what they find either againſt the Petitioner, if Guilty; or in his Favour, if innocent; with their Opinion, whether the Petitioner is a Debtor to the Crown, or if her Majeſty be Debtor to him, and for how much, as alſo what Satisfaction this Houſe think he is juſtly entitled

to, as to the Payment of what due to him if any be, and as to the Wrong done him, by what he has been ſo freely charged with, both here and at Home, if innocent thereof.

Ordered, That the Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1709.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Garton*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the Sum of *Two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, towards the Support of the Government for the preſent Year 1709, and until the firſt Day of *May* next, to be paid in Money, at eight Shillings *per* Ounce Troy, *Lyon* Dollars Five Shillings and Six-pence each, and Half Dollars, at Two Shillings and Nine-pence each, to be applied and appropriated as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That *One Thouſand, Six Hundred Pounds* thereof, be paid to his Excellency, *John* Lord *Lovelace*, his Executors or Adminiſtrators.

Thirty Pounds thereof, to the Clerk of the Council.

Sixty Pounds, to the Printer.

Forty Pounds, to the *Indian* Interpreter.

Twenty Pounds, to the Meſſenger or Doorkeeper of the Council.

Reſolved, That *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* thereof, be paid for Firewood and Candles, for the Garriſons of *New-York*, *Albany* and *Schenectady*, and other incidental Charges.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty.

The Petition of the Boatmen, inhabiting in the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe to take their Caſe into Conſideration, and grant them Relief.

Ordered, That this Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 5, 1709.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe the Supply to be granted to her Majeſty. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Beekman*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter to them referred, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1709.

THIS Houſe being informed, that it hath pleaſed God, to take his Excellency the Lord *Lovelace* to himſelf, they therefore have thought fit to adjourn to *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 9, 1709.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 9, 1709.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 10, 1709.

A Meſſage from the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour expects the Attendance of this Houſe at Fort Anne *immediately.*

The Speaker with the Houſe, accordingly attended his Honour; being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Honour was pleaſed to make a Speech, which to prevent Miſtakes he had obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

MY Lord *Lovelace* being dead, and the Government thereby devolved on me, I have ſent for you, to recommend to your Conſideration, his Excellency's Speech at the Beginning of the Seſſion, wherein, I find he has taken Notice of thoſe Things, which I conceive, are at preſent neceſſary to be provided for by you; if there be any Thing further, which you ſhall judge neceſſary for her Majeſty's Service, and the Good of the Country, I ſhall be very ready to concur with you therein.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Townſend*, do attend the Lieut. Governor, and pray that the Lord *Lovelace*'s and his Honour's Commiſſions, one of her Majeſty's Writs for calling this preſent Aſſembly, and alſo the Minutes of Council, for the Years 1697 and 1698, may be laid before this Houſe, for their peruſal.

Then the Houſe adjourned till ½ of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 10, 1708.

MR. Secretary attending without, was called in, and preſented to the Houſe, one of her Majeſty's Writs, for calling this Aſſembly, a Book of Minutes of the Council for this Colony, and a Book in which are recorded the late Lord *Lovelace*'s Letters Patent under the Broad Seal of *England*, for this Government, and the Lieut. Governor *Richard Ingoldeſby*'s Commiſſion.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do return the ſaid Writ and Books to Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 11, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate Vendues in the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Janſſen*, Mr. *Hardenbrook*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Sebring* and Col. *Beekman*, or any five of them.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for raiſing a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, towards the Support of

of the Government, on an Excise on all Liquors retailed in this Colony.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 11, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Assurance of Lands in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janssen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Supervising intestate Estates, regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Talman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 12, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Excise on all Liquors, retailed in this Colony*; was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 12, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Excise on all Liquors, retailed in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Janssen*, Capt. *Townsend* and Mr. *Hardenbrook*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Mr. *Janssen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Mistakes, Disputes and Controversies, that may arise on an Act of Parliament, for ascertaining the Rates of foreign Coins, in her Majesty's Plantations in* America, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and establishing Fees*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry up the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Recovery of small Debts*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 16, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Recovery of small Debts*; was read the second Time.

And a Motion being made, That a Bill be brought into this House, to settle the Courts of Judicature throughout the Colony;

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, and that the Clauses in the aforementioned Bill, be inserted in this Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 17, 1709.

A Message by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor expects the Attendance of this House, at the Fort immediately.

The Speaker with the House attended accordingly.

The Speaker and the House being returned, he acquainted the House, That Col. *Vetch*, had informed them of the Expedition designed to *Canada*, and the ready Obedience the neighbouring Governments did shew, by their immediate Compliance with her Majesty's Instructions to him, on that Negotiation, which with her Majesty's Letter to the late Lord *Lovelace*, and several Letters from *Albany*, of the State of the *Indians*, were presented to the Speaker and read.

He also acquainted the House, that Col. *Nicholson*, was pleased generously to tender all the Assistance, his Credit here or at Home could contribute to advance that Expedition, and also that the Governor did recommend the same to their immediate Consideration.

Resolved, That this House will to their utmost, readily and effectually, comply with and yield, all hearty Obedience to her Majesty's Instructions.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Janssen* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee, to join with a Committee of the Council, to concert proper Measures, with Col. *Vetch* and Col. *Nicholson*, for the present Expedition.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 17, 1709.

THE House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 18, 1709.

Resolved,

THAT Capt. *Robert Walters*, Capt. *Lawrence Read*, Capt. *John De Peyster*, Capt. *Robert Lurting*, be appointed Commissioners for managing the present Expedition to *Canada*, in relation to purchasing and procuring Provisions and other Necessaries, for victualing the Forces and building the Storehouses near the Lake; building Boats and Canoes for the Water Passage, and Transportation of Men and Materials over the Lake.

Resolved, That the Commissioners shall have Power to take all such Provisions and all other Materials, they shall judge necessary for the Expedition, at such reasonable Prices as they shall think equitable, and that a Bill be brought in, as well for impowering and enabling the Commissioners so to do, as also for the effectual paying and discharging such Contracts, the said Commissioners shall make, pursuant to the Powers given them and the Service they undertake, at the Desire and Appointment of this House.

Then the House adjourned till 7 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 7 ho. A. M. May 19, 1709.

MR. *Mayor of* New-York, *reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join with a Committee of the Council, relating to the Expedition to* Canada. *That purſuant to the Directions of this Houſe, they waited on the Committee of the Council, and produced to them, the Reſolves of this Houſe.*

That Col. Vetch, *informed the Committee, that Col.* Nicholſon *and Col.* Schuyler, *were to command the Land Forces for this Expedition.*

That Col. Nicholſon, *ſaid in Caſe the Getlemen thought he could do them any Service, he would go with all his Heart; but would go as a Volunteer with Col.* Schuyler, *as he had offered his Service to her Majeſty.*

The Committee of this Houſe, acquainted the Gentlemen of the Council, that this Houſe thought the Quota for this Colony very unequal as to Men and the Supply of Proviſions, and other Neceſſaries for the Indians.

Col. Nicholſon, *was pleaſed to ſay, that he and Col.* Vetch, *would join with this Houſe, to addreſs her Majeſty on that Subject, and doubted not but her Majeſty, would reimburſe this Colony that Charge.*

He alſo reported, an Account of the Stores in the Garriſon, would be laid before this Houſe.

He preſented to the Houſe, the Governor and Council's Letter to the Commiſſioners of the Indian *Affairs at* Albany, *and their Inſtructions to them, on a Meſſage to* Onondaga, *which were read.*

He alſo preſented to the Houſe, the Rolls of the late Lord Lovelace's, *his Honour the Governor, Capt.* Matthew's *and Capt.* Weem's *Companies, amounting to* 313 *effective Men.*

Ordered, That the hearty Thanks of this Houſe, be given to Col. *Nicholſon,* for the free Offers he has made of his Aſſiſtance; that he be acquainted, it is the earneſt Requeſt of this Houſe, that he will by his Preſence promote the Undertaking, and take ſuch Place in it, as he himſelf judges moſt proper to attain the deſired End, and that the Committee, appointed to join the Committee of the Council, do wait on Col. *Nicholſon,* and tender him the ſame.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether this Houſe would raiſe *Six Thouſand Pounds,* towards defraying the Charge of the Expedition to *Canada.* It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe the Sum of *Six Thouſand Pounds,* towards defraying the Charge of the Expedition to *Canada.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Mayor of *New-York,* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in this Houſe, that the Sum of *Six Thouſand Pounds,* be raiſed and levied on real and perſonal Eſtates.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, to enable the Treaſurer to advance ſuch Money, as he hath in his Hands of this Colony, towards forwarding the ſaid Expedition, and reimburſe the ſame out of the firſt Money that ſhall come into his Hands, from any Tax whatſoever, to be laid and raiſed by Act of General Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Six Thouſand Pounds,* be raiſed according to the Value of Money mentioned in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the currant Coin, made in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 ho. P. M. May 19, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thouſand Pounds, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Wenham,* acquainted the Houſe, that Col. *Nicholſon,* had directed him to preſent them with a Genealogical and Chronological Table of the royal Line in *England,* from *William* the Conqueror, to the Settlement of the Succeſſion of the Houſe of *Hanover,* by Act of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Col. *Nicholſon,* for the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. May 20, 1709.

THE Memorial of the Commiſſioners appointed by this Houſe, to provide Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for the Expedition to *Canada,* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſignifying the Neceſſity of paſſing an Act, to prohibit the Tranſportation of Pork, Beef, Bacon, Peaſe and Indian Corn, till *November* next, except what ſhall be carried up *Hudſon*'s River.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thouſand Pounds; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Schuyler,* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. May 20, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Tranſportation of Proviſions,* was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thouſand Pounds; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Schuyler,* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Tranſportation of Proviſions*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 10 ho. A. M. May 21, 1709.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thouſand Pounds; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt,* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Tranſportation of Proviſion*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell,* do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of Col. *Schuyler,* being under the Conſideration of the Houſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether that Col. *Schuyler,* be allowed a certain Sum for his Encouragement toward the Expedition. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds,* be advanced to Col. *Schuyler,* for his Encouragement toward the Expedition to *Canada.*

Mr. *Livingſton,* preſented to the Houſe ſeveral Papers, relating to Col. *Renſſelaer* and his Negotiations with the *Indians* at *Albany,* on the Expedition to *Canada*; which were read.

Ordered, That the Papers be referred to the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to concert proper Meaſures with Col. *Vetch* and Col. *Nicholſon,* on that Expedition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, next *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 10 ho. A. M. May 23, 1709.

THE Petition of *William Elſworth* and *Johannis Vreeland,* of the City of *New-York,* Ship Carpenters, and *Johannis Van Gelder* and *Peter Williamſon,* Houſe Carpenters, on Behalf of themſelves and ſundry others of the ſame Occupation; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That each of the Petitioners, be allowed *Twenty Four Shillings per* Week, and to go no farther than the Place where

where the Forces embark, and are impowered to impress such Carpenters as absent their Habitations.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That they have passed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent selling or giving Rum or other strong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Council, by Capt. *Provoost*, to acquaint this House, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thousand Pounds, without any Amendment.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent selling Rum or other Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany, was read the first Time, and ordered the same be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Transportation of Provisions*, with some Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which being read, the House agreed to the first, but disagreed to the second Amendment; and instead thereof, made another Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hardenbrook*, do return the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House do agree to the first Amendment, and disagreed to the second, and made an Amendment to the Bill, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Address of the Lieut. Governor, the Governor of the Colony of *Connecticut*, of the Lieut. Governor of *Pennsylvania*, and of the Council and Assembly, of the Colony of *New-York*, was presented to the House and read, and signed by all the House present, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable Col. Francis Nicholson.

The Address of the Hon. Richard Ingoldesby, *Esq; Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, of her Majesty's Colonies of* New-York *and* New-Jersey; *of the Hon.* Gordon Saltonstall, *Esq; Governor of the Colony of* Connecticut; *of the Hon.* Charles Gookin, *Esq; Lieut. Governor of the Colony of* Pennsylvania, *and of the Council and Assembly, of the said Colony of* New-York.

SIR,

HER *most gracious Majesty having been pleased, upon a Scheme laid before Her, by the Honourable Col.* Samuel Vetch, *to fit out an Expedition, at a great Expence against* Canada; *which we are very sensible, is intended both for the Honour of her Majesty's Arms, and the Enlargement of her Dominions in general, and the more immediate Good and Welfare of these her Colonies, the Direction whereof, her Majesty has been pleased to confer on the said Col.* Vetch, *as appears by her royal Instructions to him, as well as her Letters to the respective Governors of these her Governments; and the said Col.* Vetch, *having represented to us, that it will be absolutely necessary that there be a Commander in Chief, appointed for the Forces raised and raising in the aforesaid Colonies, hath recommended it to us to think of some proper Person, for the said Command.*

Upon a due Consideration whereof, and being sensible of your Courage, Abilities and Integrity, manifested on all Occasions, in the several Governments committed to your Care, by her most Sacred Majesty and her royal Predecessors, and particularly of your Zeal you have shewn, in offering your voluntary Service to her Majesty in this Expedition. We do therefore unanimously request and desire you to take upon you the Command of the Forces aforementioned, which we are persuaded will greatly advance the End of this Expedition; and though we must confess, the Fatigue thereof will be very extraordinary, yet we are assured your Zeal for the Service aforesaid, will determine you not to decline it.

We are, Sir,

Signed by *Your Honour's, most humble Servants,*

Richard Ingoldesby,
Gordon Saltonstall,
Charles Gookin.
And all the Council.

Ordered, That all the Members of *New-York*, do return the said Address to the Lieut. Governor and Council.

Then the House adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent selling or giving Rum or other strong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany, was read the second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent selling or giving Rum or other strong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this House hath agreed to the Bill, without Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, That they have agreed to the Amendment made by this House, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Transportion of Provision.*

He also acquainted the House, That the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and establishing Fees*; without any Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janssen*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Mulford*, Capt. *Townsend*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Drake*, Mr. *Haring* and Capt. *Stillwell*, be a Committee, to proportion the Men to be raised for the Expedition to *Canada*, out of this Colony.

A Message from the Governor, by Col. *Schuyler*.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this House, at the Fort immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the House, attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted the House, that the Governor was pleased to give his Assent, and to publish the Bills following, *viz.*

An Act, *for establishing Fees.*
An Act, *for levying* Six Thousand Pounds.
An Act, *to prevent the Transportation of Provision.*
An Act, *to prevent selling and giving Rum and other strong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 24, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1709.

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House levy 487 Men, towards the Expedition to *Canada?* It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. May* 25, 1709.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, presented to the House several Papers, which were read, giving an Account of the Proceedings of the Lieut. Governor, Col. *Nicholson*, the Governor of *Connecticut*, and the Lieut. Governor of *Pennsylvania*, and the Council, who conferred with a Committee of this House, relating to the Expedition to *Canada*; which were returned to the Council.

Then the House adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Six Thousand Pounds; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee to proportion the Men, to be raised for the Expedition to *Canada*, That they are come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Resolved, That the several Counties do levy their respective Quota's of Men, towards the said Expedition hereafter expressed.

	Men
Resolved, That the City of *New-York*, raise	71
The City and County of *Albany*	90
The County of *Ulster*	60
The County of *Suffolk*	82
Queen's County	90
The County of *Richmond*	18
The County of *Westchester*	34
The County of *Orange*,	5
King's County	28
Dutchess County.	9
	487

Which were read and rejected.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to proportion the Men

to be levied for the ſaid Expedition. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the reſpective Counties do levy their reſpective Quota's of Men, towards the ſaid Expedition, as hereafter is expreſſed, *viz.*

The City of *New-York*, 55 Men,
The City and County of *Albany*, 90 Men,
The County of *Ulſter*, 46 Men,
The County of *Suffolk*, 92 Men,
Queen's County, 96 Men,
The County of *Richmond*, 20 Men,
The County of *Weſtcheſter*, 45 Men,
The County of *Orange*, 4 Men,
King's County, 34 Men,
Dutcheſs, County, 5 Men.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 21, 1709.

Ordered,

THAT the Commiſſioners appointed for managing the preſent Expedition to *Canada*, in Relation to purchaſing and procuring Proviſions, *&c.* do iſſue their Warrants to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for advancing of *One Hundred Pounds* to Col. *Peter Schuyler*, for his Encouragement towards the ſaid Expedition, on the Credit of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thouſand Pounds, *&c.* paſſed this Seſſion.

This Houſe being credibly informed, that Capt. *Garlington*, Commander of her Majeſty's Ship the *Triton*'s Prize, hath forcibly ſeized and taken in this City, and doth detain *Henry Hutchins* and ---- *Lopez*, contrary to an Act of Parliament, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Trade to* America, *and the publick Faith of this Government ſolemnly given*, to the great Injury of thoſe Men, and the Reproach of this Colony.

Reſolved, That the earneſt Deſire of this Houſe, be ſignified to her Majeſty's Council of this Colony, that the ſaid Capt. *Garlington*, may be taken in Arreſt, until the ſaid *Hutchins* and *Lopez* be delivered to the Mayor of this City, and that Mr. *Talman* and Capt. *Townſend*, do carry the Reſolve of this Houſe to the Council.

The Petition of *Richard Harris*, in Behalf of himſelf and others, Retailers of Liquors in the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying, That no Merchant or others not agreeing for the Exciſe, may ſell by a leſs Quantity of Wine, than a quarter Caſk.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof, be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony*; was committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1709.

CAPT. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors, retailed in this Colony*, was committed, That they have gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Six Thouſand Pounds, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York* and *Albany*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 27, 1709.

Reſolved,

THAT all the Men raiſed in this Colony, who ſhall voluntarily liſt themſelves with the proper Officers, to go on the Expedition to *Canada*, before the 10th Day of *June* next, ſhall be punctually paid *One Shilling* and *Six-pence per* Day, and their Proviſions, beſides the Queen's Bounty; and every impreſſed Man, to have but *Nine-pence per* Day, and their Proviſions.

Ordered, A Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

Reſolved, That *Three Thouſand, Nine Hundred* and *Forty Four Pounds, Five Shillings*, be levied for the Pay of the Forces to be raiſed by this Colony; and that a Bill be brought in accordingly, with a Clauſe; that the Commiſſioners appointed for managing the preſent Expedition, ſhall iſſue their Warrants to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Payment of *One Hundred Pounds*, to Col. *Schuyler*, for his Encouragement towards the ſaid Expedition.

Reſolved, That Capt. *Garlington*'s ſeizing *Henry Hutchins* and ---- *Lopez*, is of pernicious Conſequence to the preſent Expedition to *Canada*, and the neceſſary Defence of this Colony, by driving away many able Men who have been here, and detering Multitudes of thoſe, who would otherwiſe repair hither.

Reſolved, That the Members of *New-York*, do acquaint the Gentlemen of her Majeſty's Honourable Council, with the Reſolve of this Houſe, and deſire that they take proper Methods to remedy this Miſchief.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* next, 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1709.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hunt* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Six Thouſand Pounds, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Ordered, The Report be made To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 1, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for detaching* 487 *Men out of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying*, Three Thouſand, Nine Hundred *and* Forty Four Pounds, Five Shillings; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for detaching* 487 *Men out of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Drake*, Mr. *Haring*, Major *Van Brunt*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Townſend*, or any 7 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Three Thouſand, Nine Hundred *and* Forty Four Pounds, Five Shillings, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Janſſen*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Renſſelaer*, or any 7, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Petition of *Lawrence Van Hook*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining

ing of an undue Election of a Coroner, for the City of *New-York*, and praying this Houſe to examine into that Affair.

Ordered, That the Complainant, do ſerve the High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and that he make Anſwer thereto before the Houſe, To-Morrow in the Afternoon.

Mr. *Livingſton* (according to Order) reported the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Five Thouſand Pounds; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing exceſſive Uſury*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1709.

THE Petition of *Johannis Sanderſe Glen*, *Gyſbert Marcellis*, *Harman Van Slyck* and *Charles Hanſen*, on Behalf of themſelves, and other the Truſtees and Inhabitants of the Town *Schenectady*, in the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for confirming unto the ſaid Inhabitants, the Powers and Authorities mentioned in the Letters Patent, granted to the ſaid Town.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Mulford*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and for the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1709.

COL. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for detaching* 487 *Men, their Officers included, out of this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſame be recommitted; It paſſed in the Negative.

The Queſtion being put, that the Report be approved; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1709.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe addreſs her Majeſty on the Enterprize to *Canada*.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of the Inhabitants of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for detaching* 487 *Men, with their Officers included, out of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Motion being made on the Petition of Mr. *Van Hook*,

Ordered, That the High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, do appear at the Bar of this Houſe, 10 o'Clock *Tueſday* Morning next, to anſwer the Allegations ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, and that the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve him with this Order.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 o'Clock *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing exceſſive Uſury*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Livingſton*, or any three of them.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, to chuſe Aſſeſſors and Collectors in Caſe of Death*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and for the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Hunt* and Major *Van Brunt*, or any 3 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1709.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, to deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to confer with a Committee of that Board at 4 o'Clock this Afternoon, at the Coffee-Houſe, on ſome Affairs relating to the Expedition.

Ordered, That the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to concert proper Meaſures with Col. *Vetch* and Col. *Nicholſon*, for the preſent Expedition, be and are appointed a Committee of this Houſe, to meet the Committee of the Council at 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Col. *Wenham*, alſo acquainted this Houſe that the Council had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to detach* 487 *Men, their Officers included, out of this Colony*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which were read; and the Houſe agreed to all the Amendments, excepting the 4th, 11th and 13th, Amendments, to which this Houſe cannot agree.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to all their Amendments, excepting the 4th, 11th and 13th Amendments, to which this Houſe cannot agree.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, Dr. *Rookſby's* Propoſals to the Council of proper Surgeons to the Forces to go on this Expedition, and neceſſary Medicines, with a Liſt of Things requiſite to be left at the Magazine for the Relief of ſick and wounded Men.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Commiſſioners appointed to manage the preſent Expedition to *Canada*, &c. do procure ſuch Medicines that may be had in this Town and elſewhere, as they ſhall be informed by experienced Surgeons in the City, are proper and neceſſary for the Forces to be raiſed by this Colony, to wit, 487 Men, and the *Indians* confederating and aſſiſting on that Expedition, with this Plantation.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. Provooſt, That they deſire a Conference with this Houſe immediately, at the Coffee-Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments made

made by them to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to detach* 487 *Men, their Officers included, out of this Colony.*

Ordered, That Capt. *Townsend*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Hardenbrook*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Lakerman* and Mr. *Haring*, be appointed a Committee of this House, to manage the Conference with the Council, on the subject Matter of the said Amendments; and the Managers went to the Conference.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1709.

MR. *Talman* reported from the Committee of the House to manage the Conference with the Council, on the subject Matter of the last Conference, That they had been at the Conference, and read the Reasons of the Council's adhering to their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to detach* 487 *Men*, &c.

The High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, attended the House according to Order.

Ordered, That he attend the House To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Col *Beekman* do go to the Council, and desire a Conference on the Subject Matter of the last Conference; and desire the Council to appoint Time and Place.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Tryals within the City of* New-York, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Vanhorne* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Sale of Goods by publick Outcry, Auction*, &c. That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Hunt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal a Clause in an Act, for the Preservation of Deer and other Game, and for the Destruction of Wolves*, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report the House; which being read,

Ordered, The Bill be re-committed to Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Townsend*, Mr *Talman*, the Members of *King*'s County, and the Members of *Queen*'s County.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, that they do appoint the Conference desired by this House, on the subject Matter of the last Conference, to be immediately at the Coffee-House.

Capt. *Townsend*, presented the Reasons of this House, not agreeing to the 4th, 11th and 13th Amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to detach* 487 *Men, their Officers included, out of this Colony*; was read and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth, viz.

To the 4th Amendment, the House cannot agree unto, because they conceive the Penalty of *Six Pounds*, to be sufficient to oblige all such Persons, as have any Estates to appear; and if not, the Penalty will be sufficient to hire other Men; and as to those that have absconded or gone out of this Colony, the major Part of them are not worth more than *Six Pounds*; therefore if any greater Penalty should be laid upon them, is the ready Way to lose all, for the imprisoning of them will not find or hire any Men in their Room, which the Act obliges them to, if the Penalty is not paid. And if the Penalty of *Forty Pounds*, on those who appear and are detached, and refuse to go, this House is of Opinion, that if they appear not, the Forfeitures will be sufficient in each respective Company, to procure their Quota of Men by Way of hiring, otherwise they are willing another Clause ought to be added in the Act, to impower the Captain or other commanding Officer to impress or detach what Number of Men out of his Company, at any other Time or Place, as he or they shall think fit, though they appear not at the Place appointed.

To the 11th Amendment, the House cannot agree unto, for the following Reasons, that many Persons are gone out of this Colony on their lawful Occasions, before the Knowledge of this Expedition, and are liable to the Forfeiture of *Six Pounds*, as set forth in the said Act; and if the greater Penalty should be laid, seemeth not reasonable, but much to the contrary, and to oblige those that are absconded, purely to avoid this Expedition, the laying a greater Penalty, is the only Way to deter them from ever returning into this Colony again.

To the 13th Amendment, the House cannot agree, it being not so unusual as unprecedented, as is there set forth, by Reason they find the Council and several other Persons exempted, in several of the Militia Acts of this Colony, therefore if loyal and good Subjects, then why should it look otherways now.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to manage the last Conference with the Council, be Managers of this Conference.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of the Inhabitants of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Rensselaer*, Mr. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Van Brunt*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Livingston* and Mr. *Janssen*, or any 7 of them; that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 7, 1709.

A Message from the Council, by Capt. *Provoost*, that the Council desire *a Free Conference* with this House, at 4 o'Clock this Afternoon at the Coffee-House, on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

Ordered, That the Managers of the last Conference, be appointed to manage the *Free Conference*; and they went to the Conference accordingly.

A Message by Mr. *Van Dam* from the Council, to acquaint this House, That that Board do recede from the 4th, 11th and 13th Amendments, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to detach* 487 *Men, their Officers included, in this Colony.*

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor commands the Attendance of this House, at the Coffee-House immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted the House, his Honour was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to detach* 487 *Men, their Officers included, in this Colony*; which was published at the City-Hall.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Five Thousand Pounds, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the Hardships they lye under, by the Ferryman's landing Passengers from the Island of *Nassau*, near *Coenties Key*, in the said City, contrary to his Lease, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for remedy thereof.

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the said Petition. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The High Sheriff of the City of *New-York*, attending in the Lobby, was called in, and the Petition of Mr. *Van Hook*, being read to him, he prayed a Copy thereof, and Time to put in his Answer to the same, and then withdrew;

And being again called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted him, he might have a Copy thereof, and that *Saturday* next, the House did assign him to present his Answer to said Petition, and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 8, 1709.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, to acquaint the House, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Excise on all Liquors, retailed in this Colony*; without any Amendment.

He also acquainted the House, the Council had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Five Thousand Pounds, without any Amendment.

He also acquainted this House, that the Council desired a Committee of this House, might be appointed to meet a Committee of that Board, at the Coffee-House, at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon, to consider of proper Officers to recommend

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to the Lieut. Governor, for this present Expedition, and to confer of other Matters relating to the said Expedition.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Janssen*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Townsend*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Capt. *Drake*, be a Committee of this House, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon at the Coffee-House accordingly.

The Petition of *William Appel*, was presented to the House and read, praying Liberty to retail drink, and be exempted from paying *Excise*.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, whether the Lady *Lovelace*, should be considered her extraordinary Charge and Expence? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, if the same be now taken into Consideration; it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, whether the Lieut. Governor be allowed *Six Hundred Pounds*, for his extraordinary and necessary Charge for the present Year, ending the last Day of *April* next; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Lieut. Governor be allowed *Six Hundred Pounds*, for his extraordinary and necessary Charge for the present Year, ending the last Day of *April* next.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for directing the Payment of that and other Charges of the Government.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor expects the Attendance of this House, at the Council immediatly.

Then the Speaker, with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted the House, the Governor gave his Assent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act. *for laying an Excise on all Liquors retailed in this Colony*; and to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Five Thousand Pounds, which were published at the City-Hall.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 9, 1709.

CAPT. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Four Thousand Pounds, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Bill be re-committed? It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 9, 1709.

THE Petition of *Engelbert Lot*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That notwithstanding, his Father and he, having possessed a Parcel of Land in the County of *Richmond*, for 30 Years past, which by Reason of their Poverty, they could not take out a Patent for the same, Capt. *Symes* and others, having obtained a Patent for all unpatented Lands in the said County, thereby pretends to turn the Petitioner out of said Land. He therefore, prays this House to relieve him in the Premisses.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 10, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Four Thousand Pounds, was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, That the Bill be re-committed? It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Bill be passed? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Members for the City of *New-York*, or two of them, and the Commissioners in the said City, appointed for the Expedition to *Canada*, or two of them, are desired to meet the Treasurer of this Colony, to be present at the Weighing of the Money, collected on the Act for raising the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds*, towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of *New-York*, and make Report of the Deficiency of Money raised by said Bill, by Reason the same is to pass by Weight.

The Petition of *William Appel*, falling under the Consideration of this House, and his Wounds and Incapacity to Support the Charge of his Family,

Ordered, That the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *New-York*, who are to Farm the Excise, do admit the said *Appel*, to sell strong Liquors by Retail, free of that Duty.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 10, 1709.

MR. *Bradford* the Printer, presented to the House, an Account of the Charge of printing the Bills of Credit for *Five Thousand Pounds*, which was read.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Livingston* and Capt. *Garton*, or any Two of them, discourse Mr. *Bradford*, on said Account.

Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clause in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Deer*, &c. was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 11, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Trials, within the City of* New-York, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Livingston*, Mr. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Talman* and Capt. *Stillwell*.

Mr. *Livingston* reported, That pursuant to the Directions of the House, they had discoursed Mr. *Bradford* the Printer, relating to his Account delivered to the House, of the Charge of printing the Bills of Credit for *Five Thousand Pounds*, and find it will take up 56 Quire of Paper and a Quarter, and the Printing of the Bills, being computed to *Fifteen Pounds*, he will deserve for the said Service, *Twenty Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings*, which is submitted to this House, which was read and approved.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bradford*, be paid *Twenty Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings*, for Printing such a Number of Bills of Credit, as are mentioned in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thousand Pounds.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York* reported, They had met the Treasurer, pursuant to an Order of this House, and that they found the Loss of Money by Weight, (levied by an Act, for raising *Three Thousand Pounds*, towards defraying the Expence of fortifying the City of *New-York*) to be *One Hundred, Ninety Seven Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Three-pence*, which the Treasurer desires may be passed to the Credit of his Account on that Tax.

To which the House agreed.

William Anderson, Esq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, attending without, was called in, and presented to the House, his Answer to the Petition of Mr. *Van Hook*, which was read.

Ordered, The Consideration thereof, be referred to the Members for the City of *New-York*, the Members of *King's* County, the Members of the County of *Richmond*, and Mr. *Livingston*, or any 5 of them, and that they have Power to send for Persons and Papers, and make Report thereof to the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That *Five Hundred Pounds*, be presented to the Lady *Lovelace*? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House will consider of Ways of Means,

to levy the *Five Hundred Pounds*, to be presented to the Lady *Lovelace*, towards her extraordinary Charge.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Removal of Actions of* Twenty Pounds, *from the Mayor's Court of the City of* New-York, *and other Courts*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Talman*, Mr. Mayor, Mr. *Livingston*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Van Horne* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any 3 of them.

Resolved, That the Chief Justice of this Colony, be allowed *One Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, for this present Year.

Resolved, That Powder Money be levied on all foreign Vessels, trading to this Port.

Resolved, That an Impost be laid on all Negroes imported into this Colony, not directly from *Africa*.

Resolved, That this Colony, will allow towards an Adjutant to the General of the Forces, raised by this Colony, a Quarter Master and an Armourer, in Proportion to their Quota of Men, with the neighbouring Colonies.

Resolved, That *One Hundred Pounds*, be allowed out of the *Six Thousand Pounds* Tax, to defray the extraordinary Charge of the Lieut. Governor, and the Gentlemen of the Council who accompany him, in his Voyage to *Albany*.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* the 20th of this instant *June*.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1709.

MR. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Removal of Actions of* Twenty Pounds, *from the Mayor's Court of* New-York, *and other Courts*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Capt. *Provoost*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve Assessors*, with an Amendment; to which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the said Amendment, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve Assessors*.

A Message from the Council, by Mr *Mompeson*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Four Thousand Pounds, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* and Mr. *Sebring*, be a Committee, appointed to inspect the Councils Journal, with relation to their Proceeding on the several Bills sent up to them this Session, and they report what they find therein.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Assigning of Sheriffs*, was presented to the House, and read the first Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1709.

THE Petition of the Justices of *King*'s County, in Behalf of themselves, and the Inhabitants thereof, was presented to the House and read, praying a Law may be made, that there may be a Landing-Place, between the Ferry-Bridge and the House of *John Ewets*, for importing and exporting Plank, Wood or any Timber whatsoever, from any Place (except from the City of *New-York*) without paying Ferriage, and an Establishment of the Ferry Man's Wages.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, whether Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the said Petition? I passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee, appointed to inspect the Councils Journals, with relation to their Proceedings on the several Bills sent to them this Session, and report the same to the House, That they had inspected the same accordingly, and had directed him to report what they find therein, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.* That the Bill about Transportation of Money, being under a Committee, the Report was ready, but not reported; and the Bill for settling Lands, a Report was ready also, but not reported; and the Bill for Probate of Wills, committed, and not reported.

Ordered, That the Commissioners for managing the Expedition to *Canada*, in Relation to purchasing and procuring Provisions, and other Necessaries for Victualing the Forces, to be raised in this Colony, &c. do issue their Warrants to the Treasurer, for paying to the respective Wives of the Carpenters, detached out of this City, a Month's Pay, in Part of their respective Wages; and if they do not return before the 21st of *July* next, one other Month's Pay.

Mr. *Du Bois*, attending the House, being called in, acquainted the House, Col. *Nicholson*, had directed him to recommend, a Person fit to read Prayers in the *Dutch* Language, to those unacquainted with the *English* Tongue, to go on the Expedition.

Ordered, The same be taken into Consideration.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Wenham*, to desire this House to appoint a Committee, to join a Committee, of the Council, to draw up an Address to her Majesty.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York* and Mr. *Livingston*, be a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of the Council, to draw an Address to her Majesty.

And he acquainted the House, that the Council desired this House, to appoint a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, to request Capt. *Gordon*, Commander of her Majesty's Ship the *Leostaff*, to stay 14 Days, whereby the Government may be able to transmit to her Majesty, an Account of their Proceedings, with relation to the Expedition, and an Address.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* and Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, be a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of the Council accordingly.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lieut. Governor expects the Attendance of this House immediately.

The Speaker, with the House, attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted them the Governor gave his Assent to, and published the following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *for levying* Four Thousand Pounds.
An Act, *to relieve Assessors.*

And that he had received from Col. *Nicholson*, three Agreements under Hands and Seals, of the Governor *Saltonstall* and Col. *Gookin*, which were read.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 21, 1709.

Ordered,

THAT the Commissioners for managing the Expedition to *Canada*, in Relation to purchasing and procuring Provisions and other Necessaries, &c. do supply such Quantities of Rum to the Forces of this Colony, as they shall think convenient.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr *Van Dam*, to desire this House to provide for a Post from *Albany* to *Westfield*, for holding a Correspondence between *Boston* and *Albany*, for the Service of the present Expedition, the Province of *Massachusets-Bay*, having settled a Post from *Boston* to *Westfield*.

Ordered, That the Commissioners at *Albany* for managing the Affairs, relating to the Provisions and all other Necessaries for the Expedition to *Canada*, do take effectual Care of that Matter.

The House taking into Consideration a Person fit to preach and read Prayers in the *Dutch* Tongue, to those unacquainted with the *English* Language, that serve in the Expedition, was informed one *Paulus Van Vleck*, is willing to serve her Majesty on the Expedition to *Canada*, as Minister or Reader to the *Dutch*, ordered on said Expedition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Du Bois*, Mr. *Freeman* and Mr. *Antonidus*, *Dutch* Ministers, do before *Tuesday* next, examine the said *Van Vleck*,

Velck, in the Presence of two of her Majesty's Council, and two Members of this House, acquainted with the *Dutch* Language, and if the said *Van Vleck* be found Orthodox, to ordain and qualify him for the Ministerial Function accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1709.

COL. *Beekman*, presented to the House a Letter to Capt. *George Gordon*, Commander of her Majesty's Ship the *Leostaff*, signed by the Council, to desire him to defer sailing with her Majesty's Ships under his Command, for 14 Days from this Day, That they may be the better able to acquaint her Majesty, with the present State of this Colony, with Respect to the present Preparations, in Obedience to her Majesty's Commands for reducing *Canada*; which being read, was signed by all the Members of this House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *assigning Sheriffs*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee appointed, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Livingston*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Janssen*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, to nominate Assessors and Collectors, in Case of Death*; was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to relieve the Inhabitants of the County of *Orange*, from the Jurisdiction of the County of *Ulster*.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 22, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 8 of the Clock To morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1709.

MR. *Van Vleck* attending this House, was called in, and prayed the *Dutch* Ministers ordered to examine his Qualifications, and ordain him for the Ministerial Function, may report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the said Ministers, do observe the said Order, and report their Opinion thereof to this House.

Resolved, That this House will raise a Supply to Discharge what the Commissioners for managing the Expedition to *Canada*, in relation to purchasing and procuring Provision and other Necessaries, for victualing the Forces to be raised in this Colony, &c. shall engage, for providing what is absolutely Necessary for carrying on the present Expedition for *Canada*, on the Part of this Colony, if the *Six Thousand Pounds*, raised by this House, shall not be a Fund sufficient to pay all that Charge.

The House taking into Consideration, the Ways and Means to levy the Sum of *One Thousand, Six Hundred Pounds*,

Resolved, That *Two Shillings per* Ton, be laid on all foreign Vessels entring in this Port.

Resolved, That *Forty Shillings*, *per* Head, be levied on all Negroes imported into this Colony, not transported directly from *Africa*.

Resolved, That *Two Shillings*, *per* Head, shall be paid for all Negro Slaves, in this Colony, upwards of fifteen Years of Age.

Resolved, That *One Shilling*, shall be paid for every Chimney, Fire-Hearth or Stove in this Colony.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Capt. *Provoost*, That a Committee of this House, be appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, at 5 o'Clock this Afternoon, in the Court Room at the City Hall, to confer about several Matters, relating to the present Expedition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Livingston*, Mr. *Janssen* and Mr. *Talman*, are appointed a Committee of this House, to confer with a Committee of the Council, about several Matters, relating to the present Expedition.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 23, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money for defraying the Charge of this Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1709.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, about several Matters, relating to the present Expedition, That they had received from them, an Address to the Queen, which they had prepared, and desired to be presented to the House, for their Concurrence, which was read, and agreed, with some Amendments.

He also presented to the House, a Vote of the Council and Assembly of *Boston*.

He also presented to the House, the Approbation of the General Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut*, of the Agreement of their Governor, with the Governors of this Colony and *Pennsylvania*.

And the humble Address of the Hon. Col. *Richard Ingoldesby*, Esq; Lieut. Governor, &c. Council and Representatives of the Province of *New-Jersey*, to the Hon. Col. *Francis Nicholson*, Esq;

Mr. *Livingston*, presented to the House, the Memorial of Mr. *Du Bois* and Mr. *Antonidus*, setting forth, They are not impowered to ordain any Person to the Ministerial Function, in the *Dutch* Churches, by the Directions of the Classes of *Amsterdam*; therefore pray, they may not be ordered to do any thing inconsistent with the Constitution of the Church to which they belong; which was read.

Ordered, That the Commissioners for managing the Expedition to *Canada*, &c. do take Care a decent Provision be made for the *French* Jesuit, and a Servant that surrendered themselves to this Government, from the *Indians*, as the Governor and Council shall direct.

Mr. *Janssen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Assigning of Sheriffs*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into the House, to appropriate several Sums of Money for the Charge of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1709.

THE House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1709.

THE House being informed, That some Doubts did arise with the Commissioners, appointed to manage the Expedition

pedition to *Canada*, on the Conſtruction of the *Six Thouſand Pounds* Act,

Reſolved, That its the Intention and Opinion of this Houſe, the eſtabliſhed Forces be victualed by the Commiſſioners, as the Forces raiſed by this Colony.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Provooſt*, That they deſire a Conference with this Houſe immediately, at the Coffee-Houſe, concerning their adjourning till *Auguſt* next, before they do adjourn till that Time, her Majeſty's ſpecial Service, requiring ſuch a Conference thereon. Then the Speaker with the Houſe went to the Conference. Being returned, the Speaker and the Members ſigned the prepared Addreſs to the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the 4th Day of *July*.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. July* 4, 1709.

THE Houſe adjourned to 2 of the Clock, To-morrow in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 5, 1709.

Reſolved,

THAT Col. *De Peyſter*, the Treaſurer of this Colony, at the deſire of this Houſe, advance the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, to defray the extraordinary Charge of the Lieut. Governor and Gentlemen of the Council, who accompany him to *Albany*, ſhall be repaid out of the Exciſe of this Colony, if the *Six Thouſand Pounds* Tax, ſhall be found inſufficient; and the Lieut. Governor's Receipt to the Treaſurer for the ſame, ſhall be his diſcharge.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* the 16th Day of *Auguſt* next.

Die Martis, 6 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 16, 1709.

THERE not being a Quorum, the Governor adjourned the Houſe till 11 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 11 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 17, 1709.

THE Governor adjourned the Houſe till 11 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 11 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 12, 1709.

THE Governor by Proclamation adjourned the Houſe, to *Thurſday* the 1ſt Day of *September* next.

Die Jovis, 5 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 1, 1709.

THE Governor adjourned the Houſe to 11 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 11 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1709.

THE Governor adjourned the Houſe to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, 4 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 6, 1709.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 7, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 7, 1709.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Removal of Actions of* Twenty Pounds *from the Mayor's Court of* New-York, *and other Courts*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying certain Sums of Money*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, that the Widow *Cooper*, have Leave to bring in her Accounnt of Cartouch Boxes, delivered on the Account of the Government, in the Expedition under Col. *Peartree*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be laid before this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 8, 1709.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Huntington*, *Brookhaven* and *Smith Town*, in the County of *Suffolk*, and *Oyſter-Bay* in *Queen*'s County, with the Farms adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, to incorporate them into a ſeparate County.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition? It was carried in Affirmative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, The Inſtructions from her Majeſty to Col. *Vetch*, to be obſerved in his Negotiation, with the Governors of her Majeſty's ſeveral Colonies in *America*, on the Expedition to *Canada*, and her Majeſty's Letter to the late Lord *Lovelace* on the ſame be forthwith printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 8, 1709.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and for the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy and eaſy Recovery of Juſtice*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying certain Sums of Money*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of the Wives of the Carpenter's, detached out of the City of *New-York*, to go on the Expedition to *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying their Huſbands

Husbands may speedily return Home, and that they may receive *Six Shillings*, *per* Day, for their Service.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor and the other Members of the City of *New-York*, do wait on the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him, this House humbly desires his Honour to give effectual Orders that all the Carpenters, detached on the Expedition to *Canada*, be forthwith discharged from that Service, in Order that they may return to their respective Habitations.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 9, 1709.

THE House met, and adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more useful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hardenbrook*, do carry up said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying certain Sums of Money*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Livingston*, reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will on *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till *Wednesday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 14, 1709.

Resolved,

THAT this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying certain Sums of Money*.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 15, 1709.

THE Petition of *John* and *Daniel Shotwell*, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House will be pleased to order their Cattle, distrained for their Non-appearance in Arms on the Summons of Col. *Austin Graham*, may be returned to them.

Ordered, That the Petition be rejected.

The Petition of the Freeholders, Inhabitants and Resident of the County of *Westchester*, was presented to the House, and read, praying leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County, and County of* Richmond.

Ordered, The Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in to issue Bills of Credit for *Four Thousand Pounds*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary *Clarke*, That they recommend to this House, the Account of Mr. *Thomas Cockerill*, amounting to *Fifty nine Pounds*, for Messengers and Necessaries for them, sent to the Five Nations on the Treaty of Peace between them and the *Waganna Indians*.

Ordered, That the Account be committed to Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Van Horne*, and Mr. *Sebring*, or ony two of them.

The Bill entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels, and Slaves*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Mayor, Capt. *Townsend*, Mr. *Jansen*, Capt. *Mulford*, and Mr. *Talman*, or any three of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That this House address the Lieut. Governor, that the Forces raised in this Colony be recalled; and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr. *VanDam* presented to the House, several Letters and other Papers sent to the Lieut. Governor from the Camp at the *Wood-Creek*, and other Places towards the Frontiers.

Ordered, That they lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1709.

Resolved,

THAT this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committe of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying certain Sums of Money*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Denier* and Capt. *Ten Brook*, attend this House To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1709.

CAPT. *Denier* and Capt. *Ten Brook* attending without, were called in, and answered to such Questions as were proposed, and then withdrew.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Four Thousand Pounds, was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That an Address be prepared and presented to the Lieut. Governor, to recall the Forces raised by this Colony.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford* and Mr. *Talman*, wait on the Governor, to know when he will be attended by this House, with their Address.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 16, 1709.

Resolved,

THAT this House will *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee, of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying certain Sums of Money*.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more useful for the Security and Defence thereof*, with some Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Talman*, do return the Bill with the Amendments, and acquaint them, this House have agreed thereto.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

Mr. *Talman* acquainted the House, Capt. *Mulford* and he had waited on the Governor, to know when he will be attended by this House with their Address, who informed them, he would give Notice when he will receive the Address.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 17, 1709.

MR. *Talman* reported from the Committee, to whom Mr. *Cockrell*'s Bill, for Mr. *David Schuyler*'s carrying ſome Preſents to the *Indians*, to procure a free Trade with the *Wagahans*, was committed, That they had peruſed the ſaid Bill, and are of Opinion, this Houſe ought to allow Mr. *David Schuyler*, *Fifteen Pounds*, and *Lawrence Claeſe*, the Interpreter, *Ten Pounds*, for their Journey, and for carrying ſaid Preſents, out of *Fifty Pounds*, reſolved by this Houſe for that Purpoſe; which was approved.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Addreſs to the Governor, was preſented to the Houſe, read and ſigned, being as followeth, *viz.*

To the Honourable Col. Richard Ingoldeſby, *Lieut. Governor of the Colonies of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, *&c.*

The Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York.

May it pleaſe your Honour,

IT is the humble Deſire of this Aſſembly, that you give proper Orders, for the Return and Diſcharge of the Forces, raiſed by this Government on the Expedition, this Colony having punctually obſerved the Numbers of Men, they were directed to furniſh, the Time being expired for which they were raiſed, according to the Inſtructions communicated to us.

We are,

Your Honour's moſt humble Servants.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 19, 1709.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1709.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, to nominate Aſſeſſors and Collectors in Caſe of Death*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Purdy* do carry up the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Four Thouſand Pounds, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. Mayor, Mr. *Janſſen* and Mr. *Talman*, or any 3 of them, and all that come to have Voices.

A Meſſage from the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *Sharpas*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lieut. Governor commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at Mr. Bradford's, *to publiſh the Act, for continuing the Militia Act.* He alſo acquainted the Speaker, the Governor was ready to receive the Addreſs of this Houſe.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſaid Act, which was afterwards publiſhed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1709.

A Meſſage from the Lieut. Governor and Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, that the Addreſs from the Mayor, Aldermen, Juſtices of the Peace, *&c.* of the City and County of *Albany*, be laid before the Aſſembly for their Conſideration;

And that this Houſe be deſired to appoint a Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Council, upon the ſubject Matter; and that a Committee of this Houſe, be impowered in Conjunction, with the Committee of the Council, to draw up a State of this Province, occaſioned by the Delay of the Fleet, and the extraordinary Charge this Government has been at, in this Expedition againſt *Canada*, in order the ſame may be laid before her Majeſty.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Van Horne*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Purdy*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of their Meſſage.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hardenbrook*, acquaint the Council, this Houſe has appointed a Committee, in Conjunction with a Committee of that Board, on the ſubject Matter of their Meſſage to this Houſe.

The Commiſſioners for managing the Expedition to *Canada*, &c. attending without, were called in, and preſented to the Houſe an Account of the *Six Thouſand Pounds* Tax, for ſundries delivered for the Uſe of the Expedition to *Canada*.

And a Liſt of Perſons to whom Money is due for Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Uſe of the ſaid Expedition, for which no Warrants are drawn; which was committed to Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Hardenbrook*, Mr. *Haring*, Capt. *Drake*, and Mr. *Janſen*, or any three of them.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act for encouraging of Seamen*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1709.

THE Petition of the Carpenters, impreſt for the Expedition againſt *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be allowed *Six Shillings* per Day.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Provoſt*, That they had appointed a Committee, in Conjunction with a Committee of this Houſe, to confer on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Meſſage, this Afternoon, at the New Coffee-Houſe, at 4 o'Clock.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for encouraging of Seamen*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 23, 1709.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 24, 1709.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage

A Message from the Council by Capt. *Provoost*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of the Gold and Silver Coin out of this Colony*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; to which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hardenbrook* do return the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do agree to the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of Gold and Silver*.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for encouraging Seamen*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janssen* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Capt. *Provoost*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels and Slaves*, without an Amendment; and that they have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace to choose Assessors and Collectors in Case of Death*, without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, the Lieutenant Governor commands the Attendance of this House at Mr. Bradford's, *immediately*.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted the House, His Honour was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz.

An Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels and Slaves.*

An Act, *to prevent the Exportation of the Gold and Silver Coin out of this Colony.*

An Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace to choose Assessors and Collectors in Case of Death.*

Then the House adjourned to *Wednesday* the 5th Day of *October* next.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 5, 1709.

THERE not being a Quorum, the Lieut. Governor was pleased to adjourn the House to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 6, 1709.

A Message from the Council by Col. *Heathcote*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act for encouraging Seamen*, without any Amendment. Also, That they had passed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *confirming a certain Grant made to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Council by Capt. *Provoost*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Removal of Actions of* Twenty Pounds, *from the Mayor's Court of* New-York, *and other Courts*, without any Amendment.

He also presented to the House, the Negotiation at a general Meeting of the five Nations of *Indians*, the 16th of September, 1709.

Col. *Vtch's* Letter to the Lieut. Governor, to desire him that two of the Council, and two Members of this House, to meet him and several Governors and other Gentlemen, at *New-Port*, in *Rhode-Island*, the 4th, 5th and 6th of this Instant, to concert proper Measures on the Expedition to *Canada*. Dated the 13th of *September*, 1709, from Boston. And,

Col. *Schuyler's*, and Col. *William Whiting's* Letter to Col. *Nicholson*, the 20th of *September*, 1709.

A Copy of the Lieutenant Governor's Letter, in Answer to Col. *Vtch*, dated *September* 26, 1709.

A Letter from Col. *Rensselaer*, and Major *Wessels*, at *Albany*, dated the 2d Instant, was presented to this House, importing, The State and Condition of the Camp at the *Wood Creek*, which were all read. And Capt. *Handy*, who brought them being without, was called in, and acquainted the House, two Lieutenants were taken by the *French Indians*, a third shot in the Arm, and made his Escape to the Camp; and that 30 Men had deserted; and then withdrew.

The Petition of the Militia Officers of the City of New-York, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House to make Provision for Fire Wood, Candles, and other Necessaries for the Militia of the said City, who keep Guard in her Majesty's Fort at *New-York*.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 6, 1709.

A Packet from the Camp at the *Wood Creek*, directed to the Lieutenant Governor, was presented to the House, and read.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 7, 1709.

Resolved,

THAT this House do address his Honour the Lieut. Governor, that he issue his immediate Orders, and take effectual Methods that the Stores of War and Provisions at the *Wood Creek*, by the Forces there and Places adjacent, may be returned and secured at *Albany*, and an exact Account of the same taken, and committed to the Commissioners for the Expedition to *Canada*, at *Albany*; the extraordinary Charge in the doing whereof, this House will take Care to Discharge; and that the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, do forthwith wait on the Lieutenant Governor, with the Desire and Resolution of this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 7, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 8, 1709.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Janssen* do carry up the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*, to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying certain Sums of Money*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of Col. *Abraham De Peyster*, and *Thomas Cockerill*, Attornies of the Right Hon. the Lady *Lovelace*, Barroness Dowager of *Hurley*, in Behalf of the said Lady, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House to consider and provide Means for raising *Five Hundred Pounds*, pursuant to a Resolve made by this House, to be presented the said Lady, towards her extraordinary Charge.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the said Resolve.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston*, be added to the Committee of this House, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, on the subject Matter of the Message from the Council, the 21st of *September* last.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming a certain Grant, to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock next *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1709.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeson*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's*

surer's paying certain Sums of Money, without any Amendment. And that they have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*, without any Amendment.

The Speaker acquainted the House, That the Secretary by the Lieut. Governor's Orders, had delivered him a Letter, sent by Col. *Dudley* to Col. *Vetch*, and two other Letters to his Honour, one from Governor Saltonstall, and the other from Col. *Veach*, relating to a Congress of the several Governors at *New-Port*; which being taken into Consideration,

Resolved, That this House, in Concurrence with the Lieut. Governor and Council, have with great Zeal and the utmost Application, fulfilled her Majesty's good Pleasure signified in her Letter and Instructions, notwithstanding the Inequality of the Burthen and the Disparity of Advantage in the expected Success; but it being wholly unknown to this House, what Accident has interrupted the coming of the Fleet or altered the Resolutions in *Europe*, it is not possible for us to advise what Measures are to be taken in the present Conjuncture, unless the necessary Security of our Frontiers.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janssen* and Major *Van Brunt*, do wait on the Lieut. Governor with the Resolve of this House.

Resolved, That this House will forthwith take into Consideration, the Defence of the Frontiers.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine, settle and ascertain the Bounds and Limits of the County of* Orange, was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Petition of Capt. *Handy*, was presented to the House and read, praying this House to order the Commissioners appointed, to manage the Expedition to *Canada* at *Albany*, to give him a Certificate, as they are directed to do to the other Officers granted, pursuant to a Resolution of this House, made the 19th of *June* last.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1709.

THE House taking into Consideration, the Defence of the Frontiers;

Resolved, That this House address the Lieut. Governor, that the regular Forces may be posted at *Albany*, and Places adjacent this Winter, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* and Mr. *Cuyler*, do prepare and bring in the Address.

A Message from the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lieut. Governor commands the Attendance of this House, at Mr. Bradford's *immediately.*

Then the Speaker, with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted the House, his Honour was pleased to give his Assent to, and publish the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for removal of Actions of* Twenty Pounds, *from the Mayor's Court.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act, for encouraging of Seamen.*

An Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony.*

An Act, *for the Treasurer's paying certain Sums of Money.*

The Speaker also acquainted this House, his Honour had made a Speech; which he obtained, and the same was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE *Condition of her Majesty's Forts at* Albany *and* Schenectady, *together with the Works round the Town, are so well known, that I need not be particular in telling you wherein they are Defective. The Incursions which we have but too much Reason to apprehend from the* French *at* Canada, *and their* Indians, *this approaching Winter, oblige me for the Security of her Majesty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Province, and the common Security of the whole, to recommend to you, with all the Earnestness I can to raise a Fund, for the putting those Forts and Fortifications in a Posture of Defence, before the Winter sets in, to prevent so necessary a Work. I hope, I need not use any Arguments to persuade you, to what must to all discerning Men, appear to be so highly requisite for the Preservation of the Frontiers, and for the Good of the Country you represent.*

I am sensible, the Money you have raised this Year, has been extraordinary; yet I cannot but desire you to provide, for the Repair of her Majesty's Fort in this City, which very much wants it; the Barracks are so far decayed, that I doubt unless some speedy Measures be taken, they will in a short Time, require a far greater Sum to put them in a Condition to accommodate the Soldiers; many of the Carriages are likewise much out of Repair, and without some Care be taken of them, the Guns, will soon want new Ones, and though those her Majesty was pleased to send with my Lord Lovelace, *are yet very good, yet without some Labour and Expence; the Winter will render a greater Charge necessary for them.*

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow Morning, take the Lieut. Governor's Speech into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1709.

MR. *Livingston* (according to Order) presented to the House, an Address to the Lieut. Governor, which was read, and agreed to by the House, being as followeth, *viz.*

To the Honourable *Richard Ingoldesby*, Esq; Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Colony of *New-York*, *Nova Cæsarea*, and Territories depending thereon, in *America*.

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*.

HAVING *good Assurance and firm Confidence of your Honour's Love and Affection, towards the Inhabitants of this Colony, whom we represent and you govern, we thought it could not be disagreeable to that prudent Care and Vigilance, which we have so often observed in your Honour's Conduct, to represent unto your Honour the present State of our Frontiers.*

The Expedition which was designed against Canada, *and but now met with a manifest Disappointment, has put this Colony to a vast Fatigue and Expence, and must have alarmed and awakened the Enemy, who have not only taken some Prisoners, to inform them of the withdrawing of the Forces, from the Wood Creek, but are now well instructed by the lateness of the Season, of their Security during this Winter, from all Danger by Sea.*

We have great Reason to apprehend, that they will bend their greatest Force against our Frontiers, where our Forts and Fortifications, are so far out of Repair, that it will hardly be possible before Winter, to make any considerable Additions to them; and this Disappointment and the bad Effect it has produced amongst the Inhabitants in general, had rendered it almost impracticable to reinforce the Frontiers with fresh Detachments of the Militia.

We therefore humbly pray your Honour, will be pleased to give Directions, that all her Majesty's Regular Troops, be posted this Winter, upon the Frontiers of Albany *and Parts adjacent, for the Security of those Inhabitants, who are exposed next to the Danger of the Enemy, our Maritime Confines being sufficiently defended, by the Season of the Winter Instant, all which, is nevertheless humbly submitted.*

By your Honour's most humble Servants.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Rensselaer*, do attend the Lieut. Governor, to know when he will receive the Address of this House.

The Petition of *Joshua Grainger*, was presented to the House and read, complaining that the naval Officer had extorted Fees from him contrary to Law, and prays Relief therein.

Ordered, That the Petitioner and *William Chambers* the Naval Officer, do attend this House To-morrow Morning.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in, that no Vessel going up *Hudson's* River, shall be obliged to enter or clear at the Custom-House.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Schuyler*, acquainted the House, the Lieut. Governor was

was pleased to say, he would receive the House in the Afternoon at Mr. *Bradford's*.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to confirm a certain Grant, made to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*, was read the second Time. *Ordered*, The same be committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, Capt. *Townsend*, Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Drake* and Mr. *Purdy*, or any 3 of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine, settle and ascertain the Bounds and Limits of the County of* Orange, was read the second Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, Mr. *Haring*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Purdy* and Capt. *Drake*, or any 3 of them.

The Speaker with the House, attended the Lieut. Governor, and presented their Address; the House being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, he had presented their Address to the Lieut. Governor, who was pleased to say, that he was afraid the regular Troops, by Reason of their Sickness would not be sufficient for that Service, but would take all possible Care for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1709.

MR. *Joshua Grainger* and *William Chambers*, attending without (according to Order) being called in, the Petition of the said *Grainger* was read, and Mr. *Chambers* made Answer thereto, and alledged, that the *Three Shillings* and *Four-pence*, the Petitioner paid to him, was for two Certificates and other Services, which the Petitioner denied and affirmed, it was for one Certificate only, and then they withdrew.

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof, be referred to the Afternoon.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that this House take into Consideration, the Defence of the Frontiers this Morning? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, whether Detachments should be made out of the Militia, to be sent to the Frontiers at *Albany* this Winter? It was carried in the Negative.

A Message from the Governor and Council, by Capt. *Provoost*, That the Lieut. Governor having again communicated to the Council, the Address presented to him Yesterday by this House, and the subject Matter thereof having been debated, the Lieut. Governor is of Opinion, that all the Men belonging to her Majesty's Companies in this Province, who are well and able to do Duty, be left at *Albany*, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter; that the Invallds be sent from thence to *New-York*, for the better Recovery of their Health, and when they are recovered, to do Duty at the Fort, and to prevent any abuse in the sending down sick Men, none shall be sent from *Albany*, unless he hath a Certificate from the Mayor there of his Indisposition, but on Condition that the Assembly provide Wood and Candles for her Majesty's Garrisons there and here for this Winter.

But the Majority of the Council being of Opinion, that the regular Forces be left at *Albany*, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter, provided the Assembly, or the Inhabitants of *Albany*, take care of the Invalids, and lodge them in Houses for their better Accommodation, and provide Fire and Candles for the Garrisons at *Albany*, *Schenectady* and *New-York*, and also raise a suitable Number of the Militia to strengthen the Frontiers, and that they take Care that a Guard be kept in the Fort of *New-York*, in a more regular Manner than hath hitherto been observed, and with more Ease to the Inhabitants of this Town; which they desire his Honour to recommend to the Assembly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 13, 1709.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee to whom the Act, *confirming a certain Grant, made to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*; was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without any Amendment; to which the House agreed.

Ordered, The Bill be read the Third Time.

The engrossed Act, *confirming a certain Grant, made to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, and the Members of the County of *Ulster*, be a Committee to make a Computation of the Charges for the Defence of the Frontiers, and report the same to this House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 14, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the assigning of Sheriffs*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janssen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Memorial of *Robert Walter*, *Lawrence Reade*, *John De Peyster*, and *Robert Lurting*, was presented to the House and read, praying immediate Care be taken to discharge the pressing Demands of those Persons who have supplied Bread, &c. to the Expedition to *Canada*, on the Credit of a Resolve of this House, and maintain the Credit of the Colony; the Memorialists being reflected on relating to a Warrant drawn on the Treasurer for *Three Hundred Pounds*, concerning *Connecticut*, are ready to clear that Matter before this House, as far as hath come to their Knowledge.

Capt. *Handy* attending without, was called in, and prayed that this House would be pleased to ascertain his Pay, as Aid de Camp to General *Nicholson*; and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 14, 1709.

COL. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee to make a Computation of the Charge for the Defence of the Frontiers, that, pursuant to the Directions of this House, they had computed the same for the Winter, which is humbly submitted; which was read, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Lackerman*, Mr. *Haring*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Janssen*, and Capt. *Mulford*, and report their Opinion to the House To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 15, 1709.

MR. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom the Report of the Committee to compute the Charge for the Defence of the Frontiers, was committed, That they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to, and are as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Forty Pounds*, be granted to her Majesty, for the Defence of the Frontiers at *Albany*.

Resolved, That *Three Hundred Pounds*, Part thereof, be applied to Out-Scouts and Spies.

Resolved, That *One Hundred and Forty five Pounds* thereof be appropriated for Fitewood and Candles.

Resolved, That *Fifty Pounds* thereof, be paid two Smiths in the *Indian* Country, &c.

ſurer's paying certain Sums of Money, without any Amendment. And that they have alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony*, without any Amendment.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That the Secretary by the Lieut. Governor's Orders, had delivered him a Letter, ſent by Col. *Dudley* to Col. *Vetch*, and two other Letters to his Honour, one from Governor Saltonſtall, and the other from Col. *Veach*, relating to a Congreſs of the ſeveral Governors at *New-Port*; which being taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That this Houſe, in Concurrence with the Lieut. Governor and Council, have with great Zeal and the utmoſt Application, fulfilled her Majeſty's good Pleaſure ſignified in her Letter and Inſtructions, notwithſtanding the Inequality of the Burthen and the Diſparity of Advantage in the expected Succeſs; but it being wholly unknown to this Houſe, what Accident has interrupted the coming of the Fleet or altered the Reſolutions in *Europe*, it is not poſſible for us to adviſe what Meaſures are to be taken in the preſent Conjuncture, unleſs the neceſſary Security of our Frontiers.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſſen* and Major *Van Brunt*, do wait on the Lieut. Governor with the Reſolve of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will forthwith take into Conſideration, the Defence of the Frontiers.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine, ſettle and aſcertain the Bounds and Limits of the County of* Orange, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Capt. *Handy*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe to order the Commiſſioners appointed, to manage the Expedition to *Canada* at *Albany*, to give him a Certificate, as they are directed to do to the other Officers granted, purſuant to a Reſolution of this Houſe, made the 19th of *June* laſt.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1709.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Defence of the Frontiers;

Reſolved, That this Houſe addreſs the Lieut. Governor, that the regular Forces may be poſted at *Albany*, and Places adjacent this Winter, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* and Mr. *Cuyler*, do prepare and bring in the Addreſs.

A Meſſage from the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lieut. Governor commands the Attendance of this Houſe, at Mr. Bradford's *immediately.*

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, his Honour was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and publiſh the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for removal of Actions of* Twenty Pounds, *from the Mayor's Court.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act, for encouraging of Seamen.*

An Act, *for levying divers Sums of Money, for defraying the Charge of this Colony.*

An Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying certain Sums of Money.*

The Speaker alſo acquainted this Houſe, his Honour had made a Speech; which he obtained, and the ſame was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE *Condition of her Majeſty's Forts at* Albany *and* Schenectady, *together with the Works round the Town, are ſo well known, that I need not be particular in telling you wherein they are Defective. The Incurſions which we have but too much Reaſon to apprehend from the* French *at* Canada, *and their* Indians, *this approaching Winter, oblige me for the Security of her Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Province, and the common Security of the whole, to recommend to you, with all the Earneſtneſs I can to raiſe a Fund, for the putting thoſe Forts and Fortifications in a Poſture of Defence, before the Winter ſets in, to prevent ſo neceſſary a Work. I hope, I need not uſe any Arguments to perſuade you, to what muſt to all diſcerning Men, appear to be ſo highly requiſite for the Preſervation of the Frontiers, and for the Good of the Country you repreſent.*

I am ſenſible, the Money you have raiſed this Year, has been extraordinary; yet I cannot but deſire you to provide, for the Repair of her Majeſty's Fort in this City, which very much wants it; the Barracks are ſo far decayed, that I doubt unleſs ſome ſpeedy Meaſures be taken, they will in a ſhort Time, require a far greater Sum to put them in a Condition to accommodate the Soldiers; many of the Carriages are likewiſe much out of Repair, and without ſome Care be taken of them, the Guns, will ſoon want new Ones, and though thoſe her Majeſty was pleaſed to ſend with my Lord Lovelace, *are yet very good, yet without ſome Labour and Expence; the Winter will render a greater Charge neceſſary for them.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, take the Lieut. Governor's Speech into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1709.

MR. *Livingſton* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, an Addreſs to the Lieut. Governor, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, being as followeth, *viz.*

To the Honourable *Richard Ingoldeſby*, Eſq; Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Colony of *New-York*, *Nova Cæſarea*, and Territories depending thereon, in *America*.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of *New-York*.

HAVING *good Aſſurance and firm Confidence of your Honour's Love and Affection, towards the Inhabitants of this Colony, whom we repreſent and you govern, we thought it could not be diſagreeable to that prudent Care and Vigilance, which we have ſo often obſerved in your Honour's Conduct, to repreſent unto your Honour the preſent State of our Frontiers.*

The Expedition which was deſigned againſt Canada, *and but now met with a manifeſt Diſappointment, has put this Colony to a vaſt Fatigue and Expence, and muſt have alarmed and awakened the Enemy, who have not only taken ſome Priſoners, to inform them of the withdrawing of the Forces, from the Wood Creek, but are now well inſtructed by the lateneſs of the Seaſon, of their Security during this Winter, from all Danger by Sea.*

We have great Reaſon to apprehend, that they will bend their greateſt Force againſt our Frontiers, where our Forts and Fortifications, are ſo far out of Repair, that it will hardly be poſſible before Winter, to make any conſiderable Additions to them; and this Diſappointment and the bad Effect it has produced amongſt the Inhabitants in general, had rendered it almoſt impracticable to reinforce the Frontiers with freſh Detachments of the Militia.

We therefore humbly pray your Honour, will be pleaſed to give Directions, that all her Majeſty's Regular Troops, be poſted this Winter, upon the Frontiers of Albany *and Parts adjacent, for the Security of thoſe Inhabitants, who are expoſed next to the Danger of the Enemy, our Maritime Confines being ſufficiently defended, by the Seaſon of the Winter Inſtant, all which, is nevertheleſs humbly ſubmitted.*

By your Honour's moſt humble Servants.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Renſſelaer*, do attend the Lieut. Governor, to know when he will receive the Addreſs of this Houſe.

The Petition of *Joſhua Grainger*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining that the naval Officer had extorted Fees from him contrary to Law, and prays Relief therein.

Ordered, That the Petitioner and *William Chambers* the Naval Officer, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in, that no Veſſel going up *Hudſon's* River, ſhall be obliged to enter or clear at the Cuſtom-Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Schuyler*, acquainted the Houſe, the Lieut. Governor was

was pleased to say, he would receive the House in the Afternoon at Mr. *Bradford's*.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to confirm a certain Grant, made to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*, was read the second Time. *Ordered*, The same be committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, Capt. *Townsend*, Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Drake* and Mr. *Purdy*, or any 3 of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine, settle and ascertain the Bounds and Limits of the County of* Orange, was read the second Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, Mr. *Haring*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Purdy* and Capt. *Drake*, or any 3 of them.

The Speaker with the House, attended the Lieut. Governor, and presented their Address; the House being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, he had presented their Address to the Lieut. Governor, who was pleased to say, that he was afraid the regular Troops, by Reason of their Sickness would not be sufficient for that Service, but would take all possible Care for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1709.

MR. *Joshua Grainger* and *William Chambers*, attending without (according to Order) being called in, the Petition of the said *Grainger* was read, and Mr. *Chambers* made Answer thereto, and alledged, that the *Three Shillings* and *Four-pence*, the Petitioner paid to him, was for two Certificates and other Services, which the Petitioner denied and affirmed, it was for one Certificate only, and then they withdrew.

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof, be referred to the Afternoon.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that this House take into Consideration, the Defence of the Frontiers this Morning? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, whether Detachments should be made out of the Militia, to be sent to the Frontiers at *Albany* this Winter? It was carried in the Negative.

A Message from the Governor and Council, by Capt. *Provoost*, That the Lieut. Governor having again communicated to the Council, the Address presented to him Yesterday by this House, and the subject Matter thereof having been debated, the Lieut. Governor is of Opinion, that all the Men belonging to her Majesty's Companies in this Province, who are well and able to do Duty, be left at *Albany*, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter; that the Invalids be sent from thence to *New-York*, for the better Recovery of their Health, and when they are recovered, to do Duty at the Fort, and to prevent any abuse in the sending down sick Men, none shall be sent from *Albany*, unless he hath a Certificate from the Mayor there of his Indisposition, but on Condition that the Assembly provide Wood and Candles for her Majesty's Garrisons there and here for this Winter.

But the Majority of the Council being of Opinion, that the regular Forces be left at *Albany*, for the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter, provided the Assembly, or the Inhabitants of *Albany*, take care of the Invalids, and lodge them in Houses for their better Accommodation, and provide Fire and Candles for the Garrisons at *Albany*, *Schenectady* and *New-York*, and also raise a suitable Number of the Militia to strengthen the Frontiers, and that they take Care that a Guard be kept in the Fort of *New-York*, in a more regular Manner than hath hitherto been observed, and with more Ease to the Inhabitants of this Town; which they desire his Honour to recommend to the Assembly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 13, 1709.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee to whom the Act, *confirming a certain Grant, made to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New-York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*; was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without any Amendment; to which the House agreed.

Ordered, The Bill be read the Third Time.

The engrossed Act, *confirming a certain Grant, made to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of* New York, *in Communion of the Church of* England, *as by Law established*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, and the Members of the County of *Ulster*, be a Committee to make a Computation of the Charges for the Defence of the Frontiers, and report the same to this House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 14, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the assigning of Sheriffs*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janssen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Memorial of *Robert Walter*, *Lawrence Reade*, *John De Peyster*, and *Robert Lurting*, was presented to the House and read, praying immediate Care be taken to discharge the pressing Demands of those Persons who have supplied Bread, &c. to the Expedition to *Canada*, on the Credit of a Resolve of this House, and maintain the Credit of the Colony; the Memorialists being reflected on relating to a Warrant drawn on the Treasurer for *Three Hundred Pounds*, concerning *Connecticut*, are ready to clear that Matter before this House, as far as hath come to their Knowledge.

Capt. *Handy* attending without, was called in, and prayed that this House would be pleased to ascertain his Pay, as Aid de Camp to General *Nicholson*; and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 14, 1709.

COL. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee to make a Computation of the Charge for the Defence of the Frontiers, that, pursuant to the Directions of this House, they had computed the same for the Winter, which is humbly submitted; which was read, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Lackerman*, Mr. *Haring*, Mr. *Purdy*, Mr. *Janssen*, and Capt. *Mulford*, and report their Opinion to the House To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 15, 1709.

MR. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom the Report of the Committee to compute the Charge for the Defence of the Frontiers, was committed, That they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to, and are as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Forty Pounds*, be granted to her Majesty, for the Defence of the Frontiers at *Albany*.

Resolved, That *Three Hundred Pounds*, Part thereof, be applied to Out-Scouts and Spies.

Resolved, That *One Hundred and Forty five Pounds* thereof be appropriated for Firewood and Candles.

Resolved, That *Fifty Pounds* thereof, be paid two Smiths in the *Indian* Country, &c.

Resolved, That *Twenty Pounds* thereof, be disposed for necessary Reparations at *Albany*.

Resolved, That *Two Hundred and Twenty five Pounds* thereof, be applied for the Pay of Fifty *Indians*, at *One Shilling and Six-Pence per* Day, for 60 Days.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine, settle and ascertain, the Bounds of the County of* Orange, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without an Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engrossed.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in to prevent selling strong Liquors to the *Indians* during this War.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent selling or giving of Rum, or other strong Liquors, to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany.

A Motion was made, that the Carpenters sent on the Expedition to *Canada*, be allowed *Six Shillings per* Day.

Ordered, The same be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. October* 17, 1709.

THE House adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 18, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine, settle and ascertain, the Bounds and Limits of the County of* Orange, was read the third Time; and the House added a *Proviso* to the said Bill, which was also read.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Assignment to the Lady* Lovelace, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Charge of the Frontiers this Winter*, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. Secretary *Clark*, by Order of the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House, a Letter from Col. *Nicholson*, and Col. *Vetch*, dated the 11th Instant, from *New-Port*, directed to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor; and a Copy of a Letter inclosed therein, dated the 11th Instant, directed to Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Matthews*, and Col. *Whiting*, or any of them; and several Letters from *Albany*, giving an Account of the State of Affairs at the Camp at the *Wood Creek*; which were read.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 18, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy and easy Recovery of Justice*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Livingston*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Talman*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. Mayor, and Capt. *Mulford*, or any 5 of them, and all that come to have Voices.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an* Act, *entitled, An* Act, *to prevent selling or giving of Rum, or other strong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Ease of Trade in this Colony*, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 19, 1709.

THE Letter from Col. *Nicholson*, and Col. *Vetch*, to the Lieut. Governor, being taken into Consideration;

Resolved, That the Forces of this Plantation, having been raised, entertained and provided for by the Credit of this Colony, for 3 Months only, (pursuant to her Majesty's Instructions) during the Summer Season; the Mortality, and other ill Consequences that have happened, has been occasioned by their not being punctually discharged; though the unwholsome Situation of the Fort at *Wood Creek*, has not a little contributed to the Calamity.

That those Forts and Works, having been made and raised only for the easy Passage of Men and Carriage, and Security of Stores and Provisions, in the intended Reduction of *Canada*; that Design being now left off, are of no Use, nor could the Conveniency of keeping them up, bear any Proportion to the unsupportable Charge.

That neither the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, Assembly, or any of them, (when out of this Colony) have Power or Authority to do any Act binding to the People here; so that the Meeting at *New-Port*, as to this Colony, seems very improper and impracticable.

That all Motions of this Colony, as to the War, (unless necessary Defence) absolutely depending on the Rules to be given by the Government of *Great-Britain*; until further Powers or Instructions from thence, no Measures can reasonably be taken. We are yet wholly ignorant of the Ends to be attained; and to consult of that which is altogether unknown to us, seems a very unintelligible Proposition.

That this House has taken Care for the necessary Defence of our Frontiers, as far as our unhappy and impoverished Circumstances will allow, since the Friendship of the five Nations, is of such Consequence to the Frontier Governments, we hope they will not be wanting to themselves in taking effectual Means to preserve it.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Charge of the Frontiers at* Albany, *this Winter*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Livingston*, Mr. *Janssen*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Talman*, Mr. *Purdy*, Capt. *Mulford*, and Capt. *Garton*, or any five of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Ease of Trade in this Colony*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Livingston*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Talman*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Cuyler*, or any three of them.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 19, 1709.

THE Petition of Col. *Nicholas Bayard* was presented to the House, and read, praying he may be reimbursed his Charges in obtaining a Patent for a certain Tract of Land called *Sckoharie*, in the County of *Albany*, vacated by an Act of General Assembly; or that he may be admitted to bring in a Bill to confirm the said Patent, and the Land therein contained,

contained, to him, his Heirs, and Assigns for ever.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an* Act, *entitled, An* Act, *to prevent selling or giving of Rum, or other strong Liquors, to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany, was read the second Time, and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Townsend*, Capt. *Rensselaer*, or any three, and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Corruption*, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. October* 20, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming certain Lands unto Col.* Bayard, was presented to the House, and read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* King's *County*, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Commissioners for managing the Expedition to *Canada*, their Account of the *Six Thousand Pounds* Tax, for Sundries delivered, for the Use of the said Expedition, was committed, That they have perused and examined the Accounts, amounting to *Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Pounds, Three Shillings and Three Pence Half-Penny*, with the particular Vouchers for the same; and find the said Accounts to be just, except an Error of *Twenty Shillings* overcast, in the second Article thereof; and that the Commissioners have also supplied Provisions and other Necessaries for the Expedition, on a Resolve of this House, amounting to *Five Hundred and Eighteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Six-Pence*; which was read, and approved.

He also reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an* Act, *entitled, An* Act, *to oblige* Robert Livingston, *to account, according to the Purport of an* Act, *entitled, An* Act, *appointing and enabling Commissioners to take and state the publick Accounts of this Province*, was committed, That they had made some Progress therein; and directed him to move they may have Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That they have Leave to sit again.

A Message from the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lieut. Governor expects the immediate Attendance of this House, at Mr. Bradford's.

Then the Speaker, with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, acquainted the House, his Honour was pleased to make a Speech, which he had obtained a Copy of, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have communicated to her Majesty's Council, Col. Nicholson *and Col.* Vetch's *Letter to me, dated at* Newport, *the* 11*th Instant (which has been likewise under Consideration) and they are of Opinion thereon, and upon her Majesty's Instructions to Col.* Vetch *and her Letter to the Governor of this Province on the Expedition, that it is proper for me to be present at the Congress at* Rhode-Island, *though they do not think themselves directed thereby, to go out of the Province, I am very willing to go thither, since its thought her Majesty's Service requires it, and that I may be enabled to prosecute any Intentions, I have required your Attendance at this Time, both to inform you thereof, and to recommend to you, the providing a suitable Sum of Money, to defray my Expences, which, I hope, will meet with a speedy Compliance from you.*

Which being taken into Consideration;

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That this House not being able to discover the just Reasons which induce his Honour to go to *Rhode-Island* at this Time, cannot think it fit, to Interest themselves so far in the Consequences that may attend it, as to raise any Money for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Talman*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, with the Resolve of this House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1709.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the eighteen Lieutenants, that served in the Expedition to *Canada*, receive their Pay? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1709.

MR. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the City and County of* Albany *to pay the Arrears due to their Representatives, and for other Uses*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent selling or giving of Rum or other strong Liquors, to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act to oblige* Robert Livingston *to account, according to the Purport of an Act*, entitled, *An Act appointing and enabling Commissioners, to take and state the publick Accounts of this Province*, was committed, That they had examined the Allegations therein contained, and found the same to be true, to the Satisfaction of the Committee, and that the Committee had made some Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1709.

THE Petition of *William Carter*, Comptroler of her Majesty's Custom House, of the Colony of *New-York*, was presented to the House and read, praying he may receive the Fees, in the Schedul annexed.

Ordered, The House take the same into Consideration.

The Petition of some of the Creditors of the Government, in Behalf of themselves and others concerned, was presented to the House and read, praying their Case may be considered and relieved.

Resolved, The House will take the same into Consideration.

The Petition of *Henry Swift*, and his Account of *Forty Six Pounds, Six Shillings*, for a Dinner dressed at the Fort, to accommodate the late Lord *Lovelace*, was presented to the House and read, praying the same may be taken into Consideration, and order him immediate Satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* King's *County*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Livingston*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Rensselaer*, Mr. *Purdy*, Capt. *Mulford* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hardenbrook*, Capt. *Townsend*, Capt. *Mulford*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Purdy*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Livingston*, Major *Van Brunt* and Mr. *Haring*, be a Committee of this House, to consider of Ways and Means to raise a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Necessaries.

Mr. *Livingston*, presented to the House, the prepared Address to the Lieut. Governor, which being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Address be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1709.

MR. Secretary *Clark*, by order of the Lieutenant Governor, laid before this House,

Houſe, two Letters from the Lord *Sunderland*, to the late Lord *Lovelace*, dated the 1ſt and 28th of *July* laſt, importing the deſigned Expedition on *Canada*, is laid aſide; a Letter from Mr. *Burchet* of the Admiralty Office, a Letter from Col. *Saltonſtall*, and a Letter from Col. *Nicholſon* and Col. *Vetch*, with the Votes and Addreſs of the Congreſs of the Governors at *Rehoboth*, which were read.

Mr. *Cuyler*, preſented to the Houſe Accounts, entitled, *Accounts due in the City and County of* Albany, *towards the Expedition to* Canada, which were committed to Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Janſſen*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Major *Van Brunt* and Capt. *Townſend*, or any 3 of them.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York* and Mr. *Janſſen*, compute the Expence of Fire and Candles for the Garriſon in the Fort of *New-York* this Winter, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1709.

THERE not being a Quorum, the Lieut. Governor adjourned the Houſe to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1709.

THE Governor adjourned the Houſe till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1709.

THE Governor was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1709.

MR. *Janſſen*, reported to the Houſe, the Computation of Fire and Candle of the Garriſon in the Fort of *New-York* this Winter, amounting to *Three Hundred, Fifty One Pounds, Five Shillings*, which was read; and committed to Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Mulford*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Lakerman* and Capt. *Drake*, or any 3 of them.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit, for* Four Thouſand Pounds, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to oblige* Robert Livingſton *to account, according to the Purport of an Act*, entitled, *An Act appointing and enabling Commiſſioners to take and ſtate the publick Accounts of this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Sale of Goods, by publick Out-cry, Auction or Vendue, in the City of* New-York, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Neceſſaries.

Major *Van Brunt*, preſented the Houſe, by the Lieut. Governor's Order, ſeveral Letters and Copies from *Albany*, of the State of the Forces that ſerved in the Expedition.

Ordered, That they lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 27, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Aſſignment to the Lady* Lovelace, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *Livingſton*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any 3 of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming certain Lands unto* Nicholas Bayard; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed to Mr. *Lakerman*, Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Mulford* and Capt. *Renſſelaer*, or any 3 of them.

The Houſe, (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Neceſſaries. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Janſſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs in that Matter, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1709.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the City and County of* Albany, *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives, and for other Uſes*; was read the third Time, and the Houſe added a Proviſo, which was alſo read.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more eaſe of Trade*, was committed, That they have gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to raiſe a Fund, for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Neceſſaries. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Janſſen* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That an Impoſition be laid on Wine, imported into this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1709.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Reſolution of the Committee of the whole Houſe in the Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1709.

CAPT. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming certain Lands unto Col.* Nicholas Bayard, was committed, That they have gone through the Bill, and examined the Allegations, ſet forth in his Petition preſented to this Houſe, and finding the ſame true, are humbly of Opinion, the Bill ought to paſs without any Amendment.

Ordered, That this Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration next *Monday*.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Impoſition on Wine*

was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1709.

THERE not being a Quorum, the Lieut. Governor adjourned the House to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Ease of Trade*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Imposition on Wines*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Hardenbrook*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Accounts, entitled, *Accounts due in the City and County of* Albany, *towards the Expedition to* Canada, was committed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1709.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Four Thousand Pounds.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine, settle and ascertain the Bounds and Limits of the County of* Orange.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act to oblige* Robert Livingston *to account, according to the Purport of an Act*, entitled, *An Act appointing and enabling Commissioners, to take and state the publick Accounts of this Province.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent selling or giving of Rum or other strong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany.

And also the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the assigning of Sheriffs.*

Ordered, That the Consideration of the Report made by the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming certain Lands unto Col.* Nicholas Bayard, was committed, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Sale of Goods by public Out-Cry, Auction or Vendue, in the City of* New-York; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof be referred till To-morrow.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *laying an Imposition on Wines*; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Capt. *Mulford* reported from the Committee, That they are humbly of Opinion, the Bill ought to be rejected; which was read, and agreed to.

Resolved, The Bill be rejected.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, for raising *Four Thousand Pounds*, for defraying the present Charge of the Expedition to *Canada*.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in for issuing Bills of Credit for *Four Thousand Pounds*.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 2, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* ___ *Ounces of Plate, or* ___ *Lyon Dollars*, was read the first Time; andordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Novem.* 2, 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* ___ *Ounces of Plate, or* ___ *Lyon Dollars*, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's issuing Bills of Credit, to pay this present Debt of the Expedition to* Canada, was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Sale of Goods by public Out-cry, Auction or Vendue, in the City of* New-York.

Ordered, The same be referred to the further Consideration of this House.

The House proceeding to take into Consideration, the Report on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming certain Lands unto Col.* Bayard.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Report be approved; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 3, 1709.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* ___ *Ounces of Plate, or* ___ *Lyon Dollars*, was read the second Time; and committed to a Committe of the whole House.

Mr. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee, of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* ___ *Ounces of Plate, or* ___ *Lyon Dollars*, was committed, That they had made some Progress therein; and had directed him to move they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Novem.* 3, 1709.

THE House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 4, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming certain Lands unto Col.* Nicholas Bayard, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Capt. *Provoost*, That this House appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board, at 4 o'Clock this Afternoon, at Mr. *Swift's*, to consider of the Address prepared to be presented to her Majesty.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House, to join a Committee of Council, to prepare an Address to her Majesty, be a Committee appointed to meet the Committee of Council, to consider of the prepared Address to her Majesty.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14,545 *Lyon Dollars*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill; and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the said Committee, That they had gone through the same, and made several Amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Accounts of the Commissioners relating to the Expedition at *Albany*, were committed, That they have examined the same, annexed to 86 Warrants, issued by the said Commissioners on, and paid by the Treasurer of this Colony, amounting to *One Thousand and Four Pounds, and Sixteen Shillings*; and find the same to be right stated. As also, 49 Warrants unpaid, of *Two Hundred and Fifty Five Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence Half-Penny.*

One List of Accounts for *Four Hundred and Twenty Two Pounds, Four Shillings and Five-Pence One Farthing.*

One other ditto, for *One Hundred and Forty one Pounds, one Shilling and one Penny Half-Penny.* Being in all, *Eight Hundred and Nineteen Pounds, Four Shillings and Five Pence One Farthing*; out of which, *Sixty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence Half-Penny*, as Errors found in the said Accounts, are

to be deducted, of which the ſaid Commiſſioners are to take Notice.

They alſo had directed him to report, That the ſeveral Sawyers which ſerved in the ſaid Expedition at the *Wood-Creek*, ought each to be paid, over and above their Pay, *Two Shillings and Six-Pence, per* Day, for ſuch Time as it ſhall appear by their reſpective Certificates from Col. *Schuyler*; which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Novem.* 5, 1709.

MR. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14,545 *Lyon Dollars*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's iſſuing Bills of Credit, to pay the preſent Debt of the Expedition to* Canada, *and other Uſes*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *Janſſen*, Mr. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Hardenbrook*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Beekman*, and Capt. *Garton*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1709.

MR. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Aſſignment to the Lady* Lovelace, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1709.

THE Commiſſioners of the City of *New-York*, for purchaſing Proviſions, *&c.* for the Expedition to *Canada*, being without, were called in, and having prayed the Houſe to conſider the Trouble and Pains, they and their Clerk have had in that Affair, applied to the Houſe for that honourable Reward for their Service to the Colony, engaged by this Houſe, and then withdrew.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14,545 Lion *Dollars*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Aſſignment to the Lady* Lovelace; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Report on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* King's *County*, be received by this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-mor- Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1709.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have prepared an Addreſs, to her Majeſty, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, and recommend the filling up the Blanks therein, and prepare five fair Copies thereof, and take ſuch other Meaſures thereto, as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Lieut. Col. *Schuyler* attending without, was called in, and having informed this Houſe of his Journey to *Onondaga*, withdrew.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14,545 Lion *Dollars*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1709.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Momperſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the City and County of* Albany, *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives, and for other Uſes*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be committed to Capt. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Renſſelaer*, Col. *Beekman* and Capt. *Garton*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Account of Mr. *John* and *Abraham Schuyler*'s Expences to *Onondaga*, and other Indians, by Order of the Governor and Council, to give the Hatchet of War to the five Nations againſt *Canada*, amounting to *Sixty Four Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Nine-pence*; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Account be allowed? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made and the Queſtion was put, that *Sixty Pounds* be allowed on the ſaid Account? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that *Fifty Pounds*, be allowed on the ſaid Account? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *John* and *Abraham Schuyler*, be paid *Fifty Pounds*, on ſaid Account, for their Expences to *Onondaga*.

The Houſe taking the prepared Addreſs, from the Council to her Majeſty into Conſideration, made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame.

Ordered, That three Duplicates thereof, be fairly engroſſed.

Mr. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's iſſuing Bills of Credit to pay the preſent Debt of the Expedition to* Canada *and other Uſes*, was committed, That they have gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of *John Conrade Codweis*, in the Behalf of the *Germans*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying the Houſe, to take their Neceſſities into Conſideration.

Reſolved, This Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration To-morrow.

The Petition of *Joſeph Aſpinall*, Executor of the laſt Will and Teſtament of Capt. *John Adderly*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe will provide for the Pay due to the ſaid Capt. *Adderly*.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Petition of *Andrew Clark*, Maſter of the Grammar Free-School of this City, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the Act for encouraging ſaid School is almoſt expired, and hopes this Houſe will continue to encourage the ſame.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Mr. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* King's *County*, was committed, That they have gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read. And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That the Bill be rejected. It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That the Conſideration of the Report, be referred till To-morrow Morning. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer*, acquaint the Council, That Houſe deſire a Conference with them, on the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the City and County of* Albany *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives*, &c. and that they pleaſe to aſſign Time and Place.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1709.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for electing a Mem-

ber to serve in this present Assembly, for the County of *Westchester*, in the Room of Mr. *Joseph Purdy*, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for electing two Members, to serve in this present Assembly for *Queen's* County, in the Rooms of Mr. *John Talman* and Capt. *John Townsend*, deceased.

A Message from the Council by Capt. *Provoost*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14545 Lion *Dollars*, without any Amendment.

He also acquainted this House, That they have agreed to the Conference desired on the Amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the City and County of* Albany, *to pay their Arrears due to the Representatives*, &c. and do appoint 3 o'Clock this Afternoon, at the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the said Bill was committed, or any 3 of them, be a Committee of this House, to confer with the Council, on the said Amendments.

He also acquainted this House, upon reading the Petition of *Robert Milward*, second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province, setting forth; That his Salary determined with the Expiration of the Revenue in *May* last, &c. and prayed the Lieut. Governor, to recommend his Case to this House.

The House, according to Order, taking into Consideration, the Report of the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* King's *County*, was committed; and a Motion was made, that the Report be rejected? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 11, 1709.

MR. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee of this House, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the City and County of* Albany, *to pay the Arrears due to their Representatives*, &c. That they had been at the Conference, and made several other Amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House disagree to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, and have agreed to the Amendments made at the Conference with the Committee of Council, and a Committee of this House, to which they desire their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's issuing Bills of Credit, to pay the present Debt of the Expedition to* Canada, *and other Uses*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill for the better watching and guarding of the City of *Albany*, for one Year, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

" *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of *New-York*, for the " *Canada* Expedition, do exhibit to the General Assembly at " their next Meeting, a general Account of all and singular " the Species of Provisions and Stores, distinctly in Columns " by themselves, which they have sent up to *Albany*, to the " Commissioners there; and the Cost of each particular Spe- " cie, what they amounted to; as also the Charge of the " Sloops, Cartage, and all other Charges particularly by them- " selves, what they amount to. And that the Commissioners " at *Albany*, for said Expedition, do render a distinct Account " how the said Provisions and Stores have been disposed; " what was sent to the Camp, what distributed to the *Indians*, " or otherwise, at *Albany*, by distinct Columns; and what is " in Store. As also, an exact Account of the Transportation " of said Provisions and Stores by Land and Water, and " bringing of them back; and of all the Charges relating to " the said Expedition, wherein they were any Ways concerned, " or granted Warrants for. And that the respective Com- " missioners do give an Account what Provisions and Stores " they received, and how forwarded and disposed; and that " the Commissary at the Camp, deliver an exact Account of " what Provisions and Stores he received, and how it was dis- " posed to the Forces, both *Christians* and *Indians*, distinctly. " All which general and particular Accounts thus stated, are " to remain in the Hands of the Clerk of the General Assem- " bly for the Information of the Members of this House."

A Motion being made, that our Prisoners at *Canada* be released,

Resolved, That this House address the Lieut. Governor, that our Prisoners at *Canada* may be released, either by exchanging of such *French* Prisoners that are here, or by such other Methods as his Honour shall think fit.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janssen* do wait on the Lieutenant Governor with the same.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Relief of the Inhabitants of* King's *County*, was read the third Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Van Dam*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Assigning of Sheriffs*, without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Phillipse*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Assignment to the Lady* Lovelace, without any Amendment.

And that they have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14,545 *Lyon Dollars*, without any Amendment.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 11, 1709.

A Motion was made, that Col. *De Myer* be paid his Charges he has been at, on Account of the *Canada* Expedition.

Resolved, That this House will take the same into Consideration when he shall lay an Account thereof before this House.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better watching and guarding the City of* Albany, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 12, 1709.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better watching and guarding of the City of* Albany, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Resolved, That the Commissioners for the Expedition at *Albany*, do cause to be delivered to Mr. *Hermanus Schuneman*, or his Order, 5000 Weight of Bread, and 12 Barrels of Pork, to be distributed in equal Proportion among the Families of *Germans*, lately arrived in these Parts; for which they are to make Satisfaction to the Colony as soon as they are able.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Colony, do pay unto the Officers and Men late belonging to the Regiment of Col. *Schuyler*, who served in the late Expedition to *Canada*, pursuant to an Act of General Assembly, passed this present Sessions, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Four Thousand Pounds; their respective Pay for 90 Days Service only, for which the Commissioners at *Albany*, relating to the said Expedition, and the Captains, or such Lieutenants thereunto impowered, are to draw their respective Certificates accordingly.

The Petition of *Joseph Aspinall*, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Capt. *Adderley*, deceased, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House to order and direct the Commissioners of *Albany*, for the late Expedition, to grant a proper Certificate for the Recovery of the Pay of the said Captain.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bradford*, Printer to this House, do print all the Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony now in Force, since

ſince the Arrival of Col. *Sloughter*, late Governor of this Colony, deceaſed; with the Votes of this Houſe in the Time of the Government of the Rt. Hon. the Lord *Cornbury*, to this Day; and bind them in one Book, and deliver one ſuch Book to the Lieut. Governor, one of them to every Member of her Majeſty's Council, and every Member of this Houſe two, one for himſelf, and one to be by him delivered to the Clerk of the County he repreſents, for the Uſe of the County; and one to every Member of the laſt General Aſſembly, and alſo one of them to the Treaſurer, and the Secretary of this Colony. And that the Printer be allowed for the ſeven Books he is to deliver, above the 50 that were deſigned by an Order of this Houſe the laſt Seſſions.

The Houſe being informed, Col. *Peter Schuyler* intends by the next proper Opportunity to go for *Britain*;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the humble Addreſs of the Lieut. Governor, Council, and General Aſſembly of this Colony, to the Queen, repreſenting the preſent State of this Plantation, be committed to his Charge and Care, to be preſented by himſelf to her Sacred Majeſty, he being a Perſon, who not only in the laſt War (when he commanded the Forces of this Colony in Chief at *Canada*) and in the preſent, has performed faithful Services to this and the neighbouring Colonies, and behaved himſelf in the Offices with which he has been intruſted, with good Reputation, and the general Satisfaction of the People in theſe Parts. And the Concurrence of his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and Gentlemen of her Majeſty's Council be deſired to this Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry the Reſolve of this Houſe to the Governor and Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's iſſuing Bills of Credit, to pay the preſent Debt of the Expedition to* Canada, *and other Uſes*; without any Amendment.

And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Watching and Guarding the City of* Albany, without any Amendment.

He alſo preſented to the Houſe, the engroſſed Addreſs of the Lieut. Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, to her Majeſty, which was read and ſigned, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To the QUEEN'S *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs and Repreſentation of the Lieut. Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, of your Majeſty's Colony of New-York *in* America.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lieut. Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, of your Majeſty's Colony of *New-York* in *America*, do humbly deſire Leave to acquaint your Majeſty, that we chearfully and punctually complied with your Commands in the deſigned Expedition againſt *Canada*, wherein we have not only exceeded our Quota of Men, but likewiſe in Proviſions and other Expences, without our Regard to our Abilities, being perſuaded that the Reduction of that Place, would not only tend to the Honour of your Majeſty and enlarging your Dominions, but to the laſting Peace and Tranquility of this and the neighbouring Colonies, in the *Northern* Parts of *America*.

And foraſmuch, as your Majeſty has been pleaſed, by a Letter of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Sunderland*, bearing Date the 1ſt of *July* laſt (which did not arrive here, till the 21ſt of *October*) to ſignify that your Majeſty had thought fit to lay aſide at this Time, the ſaid Expedition; we humbly crave Leave to inform your Majeſty, what Meaſures we have taken therein, how heavy the Burthen thereof, has lain on this Colony, and its preſent State and Condition.

Twenty Ship and Houſe Carpenters, were immediately impreſt, for making Boats, Storehouſes, *&c.* and a ſufficient Number of the Regular Forces and of the Militia, ſent to cover them; Commiſſioners were appointed by Act of Aſſembly, to buy and provide Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, with Power to break open any Cellars or Doors to procure the ſame, and likewiſe to impreſs Men, Veſſels, Horſes and Waggons, for Tranſporting every Thing to ſuch Place and Places, as ſhould be thought proper, to the End nothing ſhould be wanting on our Part, for the Land Expedition.

And by Reaſon there was a Deficiency in the Regular Forces, and ſome Invalids among them, 487 Men, were by Act of Aſſembly, to be detached out of the Militia; but ſuch Encouragement given thereby, that they all went Volunteers, part whereof were ſent to *Albany* the 27th of *May*, and the Remainder followed thither on the 27th of *June*; from whence they advanced by Degrees to the *Wood Creek*, which leads into the *Lake*, and is diſtant from *Albany*, about eighty Miles; and here we muſt humbly crave Leave to lay before your Majeſty, That *Connecticut*, exceeds this Colony, at leaſt, one third in Number of Inhabitants.

That *Maſſachuſets* exceeds both, and that the *Jerſey's*, have been but at *Three Thouſand Pounds* Charge, in this Expedition, who (by the beſt Computation) are not inferior to us; for though the Settlement of *Jerſey*, has not been ſo long ſtanding, yet have been for many Years, free from raiſing Men or Money, whilſt this Colony was conſtrained to do both, for ſecuring the Frontiers againſt the *French*; this Government was drained not only of moſt of the young Men, but a conſiderable Number of others, who fixed and ſettled among them.

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We humbly mention this, not only to demonstrate, that neither this Inequality, nor the Disregard *Pennsylvania* had for your Majesty's Command, in not furnishing so much as one Man, caused any Obstruction in our punctually complying, and even exceeding our Quota for the said Expedition, being zealous to obtain the happy End proposed thereby; but chiefly to supplicate your Majesty, that in Case the Expedition should be renewed, you will graciously be pleased to allot unto us, an equal and due Proportion of the Charges thereof, wherein we have the Honour to serve, we shall promote and chearfully obey.

For the Reception and Security of the Stores, Provisions and Men, three Forts were built, with Store Houses and Block Houses therein, *viz.* One at the *Still Water*, another at the *Great Carrying Place*, and the last and strongest at the *Wood Creek*; where all the necessary Stores and Provisions were lodged (though the Transportation thereof, was attended with incredible Difficulty.)

At the same Place were also built, a sufficient Number of Battoes and Canoes for Transportation, and every Thing in such Readiness and the Men so willing, that nothing but the News of the Fleet's Arrival, was wanting for Embarkation over the Lake.

We now crave Leave to lay at your royal Feet, wherein the Burthen of the said intended Expedition lay heavier on this Colony than our Neighbours, over and above the Disproportion above-mentioned, which we humbly beg may meet with your Majesty's favourable Construction as well as Consideration.

That at the entire Charge of this Colony and by the People thereof, upwards of 100 Batoes, and as many Birch Canoes were built, capable to have received and transported all the Army, with their Stores and Provisions; That the Forts at *Still Water* and the *Great Carrying Place*, with the Store Houses therein, were likewise built at our Charge, before any of the neighbouring Troops came there; that the great Fort at *Wood Creek*, with the several Block Houses and Store Houses therein, was chiefly built at the Charge of this Government.

That all the Stores and Provisions were, at the Charge of this Colony, transported not only to *Albany*, but from thence thro' many difficult Passages by Land and Water, to the *Great Carrying Place*, being about seventy Miles.

That besides the Troops raised and provided for by this Colony, they furnished at their own Charge, Provisions for your Majesty's regular Forces, and for 600 of the 4 Nations and River Indians, the Charge of which Transportation, amounted to as much as the prime Cost thereof.

And that besides the said Indians, their Wives and Children, being upwards of 1000, were victualed a considerable Time at *Albany*, at the only Charge of this Colony; and so were likewise, all the several Messengers for engaging them in the Expedition; all which Charges amounting to upwards of *Six Thousand Pounds*, we were the readier to lay on this Government, by Reason Col. *Nicholson* and Col. *Vetch* assured us, that your Majesty would reimburse to this Colony, whatever they should expend and lay out, over and above the common Charge of their Quota. And therefore, most humbly supplicate your Majesty, to consider this Colony accordingly; especially, since we have already raised *Fourteen Thousand Pounds*, for the said Expedition, and are at a Loss, how to pay the Remainder, without mentioning that we labour under a Claim of many *Thousand Pounds*, due to several Persons in this Colony formerly.

We now most humbly beg Leave, briefly to lay before your Majesty, the present State and Condition of this Colony. All the Small Arms which were in this Garrison fit for Service, have been distributed to this and the neighbouring Colonies, pursuant to her Majesty's Commands, most Part of the Powder is consumed by the like Means, and several of the other Stores impaired and lessened thereby, the Presents which your Majesty graciously vouchsafed to send for the five Nations, by the late Lord *Lovelace*, are distributed among them, the better to encourage them in the Expedition, which did not only very much steddy them to your Majesty's Interest, but engage them in the said Enterprise, except the *Sepeks*, who are more numerous than the other four Nations, and were at first so far debauched by the *French*, that they would not concern themselves in the Attempt, but at last, after a great deal of Pains and Solicitations, prevailed upon to come down to receive their Proportion of the said Presents, whereupon several of their Chief Men went to the Camp. All which we conceive our Duty to lay before your Majesty, and humbly implore, that such Quantities of Stores and Presents may be sent over, as to your great Wisdom seems meet.

We conceive it likewise our Duty, to mention that the Fort at *Albany*, is in such a deplorable Condition, that is it ready to drop down, and that at *Schenectady* quite out of Repair, and neither the Inhabitants in particular, nor the Colony in general, are able to put them in such a Posture as frontier Fortifications ought to be, and therefore humbly implore your Majesty's Consideration and Commiseration therein.

We humbly crave Leave to supplicate likewise, that in Case the present War continue, your Majesty will graciously be pleased to send

two Independent Companies more of your regular Forces for the Security of this Colony, that our Frontiers may have a ſufficient Garriſon to oppoſe any Attempts of the *French* by Land.

We conceive it our indiſpenſible Duty, to lay at your royal Feet, how dangerous the *French* are ſeated at *Canada*, and the Maxims they follow for making themſelves formidable there. It is well known they can go by Water from *Quebec* to *Mount Royal*, from thence they can do the like through Rivers and Lakes, at the Back of all your Majeſty's Plantations on this Continent, as far as *Carolina*. And in this large Tract of Land, live ſeveral Nations of Indians, who are vaſtly numerous, among theſe they conſtantly ſend Emiſſaries and Prieſts, with Toys and Triffles to inſinuate themſelves into their Favour; afterwards they ſend Traders, then Soldiers, and at laſt build Forts among them, and the Garriſons are encouraged to intermarry, cohabit and incorporate among them, and it may reaſonably be concluded, that upon a Peace many of the diſbanded Soldiers, will be ſent thither for that Purpoſe, they having already a Fort and Garriſon at *Tiughſaghrondie*, being the chief hunting Place of our Indians, and about 500 Miles from *Canada*, and other Forts and Settlements as many Miles farther, how pernicious this in Time will prove to your Majeſty's Subjects on this Coaſt, we cannot think on but with the greateſt Concern.

For ſhould they, having by Degrees brought thoſe vaſt Nations to their Devotions, fall on your Majeſty's ſaid Plantations, it would hardly be in the Power of any Forces, that could be ſent from *Great-Britain*, to reclaim or reduce them, it being impoſſible for Chriſtians to purſue and overtake thoſe Indians in the Woods, they being reputed to be ſwifter than any other Nations; upon theſe Conſiderations, we humbly ſupplicate that your Majeſty, ſhall not think fit to revive the Expedition, to effect the *French*, having upon the Intelligence fortified themſelves all this Summer, then in Caſe there ſhould be any Overtures of Peace, that the 16th Article of the Preliminaries, lately concerted for that Purpoſe, may be enlarged, ſo as to include *Canada* as well as *Newfoundland*, to be rendered into your Majeſty's Hands, by which Means the *French* King, will not only be deprived of the greateſt Nurſery he has for Seamen, but your Majeſty will thereby, bring to the *Britiſh* Nation, the Advantage of having all the *French* and Furr Trade to themſelves.

The real Zeal we have for your Majeſty's Honour and Intereſt, as well as for the Security of this and the neighbouring Plantations, will we hope, be a ſufficient Apology, for our preſuming to take up ſo much of your royal Time, in this long Addreſs, which we beg may meet with a favourable Reception and Conſtruction. In Confidence of your Majeſty's Goodneſs therein, we humbly pray for your Majeſty's long and proſperous Reign over your People, and Victories over your Enemies, which are the fervent Supplications of, *&c.*

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary *Clark.*

Mr. Speaker, The Lieut. Governor commands the Attendance of this Houſe, immediately at Mr. Bradford's.

Whereupon the Speaker, with the Houſe attended accordingly; where his Honour was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Four Thouſand Pounds.

An Act, *for levying* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14,545 *Lyon Dollars.*

An Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit, for* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, &c.*

An Act, *for the Treaſurer's iſſuing Bills of Credit, to pay the preſent Debt of the Expedition to* Canada, *and other Uſes.*

An Act, *for an Aſſignment to the Lady* Lovelace.

An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent ſelling or giving of Rum, &c. to the* Indians.

An Act, *to ſettle the Bounds of the County of* Orange.

An Act, *for the City and County of* Albany, *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives.*

An Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to oblige* Robert Livingſton *to account, &c.*

Then his Honour adjourned the General Aſſembly, to the firſt *Tueſday* in *March* next.

VOTE

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Province of *NEW-YORK.*

The ROLL *of the Representatives in General Assembly.*

City of *New-York.*
Capt. *Lawrence Reade,*
Col. *Jacobus Van Cortlandt,*
Mr. *Stephen De Lancey,*
Mr. *Johannis Janssen.*

City and County of *Albany.*
Mr. *Johannis Cuyler,*
Capt. *Johannis Schuyler,*
Mr. *Robert Livingston.*

County of *Suffolk.*
Mr. *William Nicoll,*
Capt. *Samuel Mulford.*

County of *Ulster.*
Col. *Henry Beekman,*
Capt. *Thomas Garton.*

Queen's County.
Col. *Thomas Willet,*
Col. *John Jackson.*

King's County.
Major *Cornelius Sebring,*
Col. *Cornelius Van Brunt.*

County of *Westchester.*
Col. *William Willet,*
Mr. *Edmond Ward.*

County of *Richmond.*
Capt. *John Stillwell,*
Mr. *Abraham Lakerman.*

County of *Orange.*
Mr. *Hendrick Ten Eyck.*

Manor of *Rensselaer Wyck.*
Capt. *Henry Rensselaer.*

Borough of *Westchester.*
Col. *Lewis Morris.*

Die Veneris, P. M. September 1, 1710.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Clark.*

Gentlemen, his Excellency commands your Attendance at the Council Chamber immediately.

And the House attended accordingly; where they took the Oaths, and made and signed the Declaration, according to Law.

Then his Excellency directed them to return to the House, and chuse their Speaker; whereupon they unanimously chose Mr. *William Nicoll* for their Speaker, whom they presented to his Excellency, and was approved.

Then his Excellency was pleased to make his Speech; and the House being returned, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and acquainted them he had obtained a Copy thereof; which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

IT is with some Concern that I speak to this House from a Place of this Eminence, being unfeignedly conscious to myself of my own Unworthiness, and how unequal I am to so great a Trust; but deriving that Honour from the best Fountain from whence it has ever flowed, least I also should too hastily blame Her choice: I make no other Use of that humbling Reflection, than as a continued Motive to double my Endeavours for the publick Welfare, in the Proportion that I fall short in Rank and Dignity of those illustrious Persons who have borne this Office before me; which is doing her Majesty most effectual Service her own Way.

I shall trouble you no more with what relates to myself. As to what relates to you, I am confident that what I have to recommend, wants neither Arts nor Arguments to enforce it, being only your Duty, your Interest and common Justice, that is, to provide a suitable Support for her Majesty's Government, to take more effectual Care of the public Safety, and to restore the public Credit, in a great Measure lost.

As to the first of these, I am commanded by her Majesty in a very particular Manner to recommend to you, the settling such a Revenue, and for such a Term, as yourselves, who are the most competent Judges, shall think sufficient to answer the Ends.

In Relation to the present State of public Safety, I must beg your Patience, whilst I acquaint you with the dismal View I have lately had of our Danger, whilst I was upon the Frontiers.

I received there two pressing Letters from the Governor of New-England, *at the Instance of that Assembly, seconded by the Court of Officers there, representing the Cruelties and Barbarities daily committed by the* French *and* French Indians *upon their Frontiers, though guarded by* 500 *Men, whilst he was raising* 1000 *for her Majesty's immediate Service; and begging that I would persuade our* Indians, *who are in League with all her Majesty's Subjects, to make a Diversion by Incursions and Reprisals upon those in the* French *Interest. Then it was found, that had it been judged advisable by the Commissioners of the* Indian *Affairs, the only Person*

Persons I had to adviſe withal; or had the Indians *conſented to comply with the Deſires of the Government of* New-England, *it was ſo far from practicable, that had theſe Incurſions been made this Way, we were in a much worſe Condition than they, to prevent a general Devaſtation that muſt have enſued, there being neither Money in the Treaſury, nor Forts, or what is worſe than none, no Arms or Men for our Defence; ſo that we are forced to reſt contented with a precarious Security, under a ſuſpicious Neutrality, that hath no firmer Foundation than the Faith of Savages, whilſt our Neighbours Frontiers are on Fire, and the Inhabitants inhumanly butchered.*

This conſidered, I hope I need not recommend to you what you muſt be convinced is ſo abſolutely neceſſary, that immediate Care be taken to put thoſe Forts in repair, or build others in more convenient Places; that the Militia Act, which is immediately to expire by its own Limitation, be renewed; and what beſides you ſhall judge neceſſary for your own Safety.

As to the reſtoring the public Credit, I ſhall beg Leave only to obſerve to you, that public Debts are no other than the juſt Demands of private Men, ſo that you all are, or may be in ſome Meaſure concerned in them; and as in private Perſons punctual Payment is not only a good Sign, but ſure Means of thriving, I believe the Analogy will hold pretty juſt with Relation to the State.

Her Majeſty has commanded me to recommend to you the paſſing of ſeveral Laws, ſome of which have been heretofore enacted, but being temporary, are now expired; particularly one Act for returning able and ſufficient Jurors, for the better Adminiſtration of Juſtice; an Act to prevent the burning of Woods, which is of very evident Neceſſity at this Time, ſhe having ſent hither under my Care, a great Number of diſtreſſed Germans, *to be employed here in the Production of Naval Stores, which muſt in Time prove a great Addition of Wealth and Strength to this Province. As alſo, an Act, whereby the Creditors of Perſons becoming Bankrupts in* Great-Britain, *and having Eſtates in this Province, may be relieved and ſatisfied for ſuch Debts. This is but what is juſt and honeſt, and nearly concerns your Reputation, there lying a general Imputation upon the Provinces in* America, *of protecting Bankrupts from the juſt Demands of their Creditors. Let us waſh ourſelves clean of it by ſuch a Law.*

It has been a Practice formerly in this and other Plantations, to make large Preſents to their Governors, by a Law for that Purpoſe, which was attended with many Inconveniencies; Her Majeſty hath commanded me to let you know, that no Law of that Nature is to be paſſed for the future.

For my own Part, I ſhall be always ready to adviſe, and chearfully to concur with you in whatſoever Meaſures may be thought neceſſary for promoting the public Good, true Religion, and a virtuous Life, which is the ultimate End of all Government. You have but one common Intereſt, and conſequently ought to be of one Mind. If any go about to diſturb your Peace by reviving buried Parties and Piques, or creating new ones, they ſhall meet with no Countenance or Encouragement from me, and I am ſure they deſerve as little from you.

The Speaker alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he had in the Name of the Houſe demanded their Privileges, and pray'd his Excellency's Confirmation of them, *viz.*

Freedom from Arreſts for themſelves and Servants, during the Seſſions.

Freedom of Acceſs to his Excellency on all Occaſions, relating their preſent Service.

Freedom of Debate and Speech in the Houſe, and a favourable and candid Conſtruction of their Words and Actions, with all other the antient Privileges, and that their Demands may be entered in the Council Books; which his Excellency readily granted.

Reſolved, That this Houſe take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1710.

MR. *Henry Ten Eyck*, preſented to the Houſe an Indenture, wherein he is mentioned to be a Repreſentative for the County of *Orange*; the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, a motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether the ſaid Indenture was a ſufficient Return; it was carried in the Negative.

Reſolved, It is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſaid Indenture is not a ſufficient Return.

The Houſe, according to Order, taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration;

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for reviving the Militia Act.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for ſettling the Exciſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration *Monday* Morning next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 9 o' Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 4, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an* Act *of General Aſſembly, entitled, An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſame into further Conſideration in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 4, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was read the firſt Time; and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for returning able and ſufficient Jurors, for the better Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris*, and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait on his Excellency, and pray an Eſtimate of the ordinary annual Charge of the Government may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Money he has received on the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly paſſed for raiſing Money ſince his being in Office, (the Act for fortifying *New-York* excepted) how the ſame has been diſpoſed, and what is in arrear in any of thoſe Taxes.

Mr. *Morris* acquainted the Houſe, That purſuant to their Order, he had waited on his Excellency; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would lay before this Houſe ſuch an Account, with what Expedition he could.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.

Ordered, That the Officer appointed to collect the Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, do lay before this Houſe an Account of the Receipts on that Duty.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 5, 1710.

THE Deputy Secretary, by Order of his Excellency, attended this Houſe, and laid before them an Eſtimate of the ordinary annual Charge of the Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1710.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

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Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 6, 1710.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they have made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 7, 1710.

COL. *Cortlandt* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Treaſurer attending the Houſe, was called in, and, according to Order, laid his Account before the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sharpas* lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of the Names of the Retailers of ſtrong Liquors within the City and County of *New-York*, for the Year laſt paſt.

The Houſe taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration,

Ordered, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency on the Subject Matter of his Speech; and that the ſame be prepared accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 7, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settling and Aſſuring of Lands in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Officer appointed to collect the Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves (according to Order) laid before the Houſe an Account of the Receipts of that Duty.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 8, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settling and Aſſuring of Lands in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better Settling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The prepared Addreſs to his Excellency, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, The Addreſs be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 8, 1710.

Reſolved,

THAT the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman* and Mr. *Van Brunt*, do wait on his Excellency, with Capt. *Stillwell*, and deſire he may take the Oaths and ſign the Declaration according to Law.

Reſolved, The Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New York*, do know his Excellency's Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 9, 1710.

COL. *Cortlandt* acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency, had been pleaſed to appoint to be attended by this Houſe, at 11 o'Clock this Morning.

Mr. *Lakerman* acquainted this Houſe, that Capt. *Stillwell*, had qualified himſelf to ſit in this Houſe, as a Repreſentative for the County of *Richmond*, he having taken the Oaths and ſigned the Declaration.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, take his Place accordingly.

Ordered, That the Accounts laid before this Houſe by the Treaſurer, be referred to Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Janſſen*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Livingſton* and Capt. *Read*, or any 3 of them.

The Memorial of *Gerardus Beekman* and *Samuel Clowes*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying their Accounts laid before this Houſe, for maintaining a *French* Prieſt and his Interpeter, may be paid.

Ordered, The Accounts be referred to the Committee, to whom the Treaſurer's Accounts are referred.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors, to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Addreſs was preſented to the Houſe.

Then Mr. Speaker with the Houſe attended his Excellency, and preſented their Addreſs; being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, according to their Directions, he had read and preſented their Addreſs to the Governor, which is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency the Governor.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of her Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE *congratulate your Excellency's Acceſſion to the Government of this Colony, and perſuade ourſelves, your Conduct will evince the Prudence of her Majeſty's Choice. We believe it to be our Duty to Support her Majeſty's Government over us, and to take as much Care of the publick Safety and Credit as we can; and we will endeavour to Uſe ſuch Methods, as we think will be moſt conducive to theſe Ends.*

We are very much concerned at the unhappy Circumſtances of our Neighbours, and the bad Condition of our own Frontiers; the laſt ſhould be ſecured and made uſeful for our Defence, and we ſhall provide as well for them as we are able.

What is particularly recommended by your Excellency now, or at any other Time, ſhall always be received by us, with the utmoſt Regard (and as far as our Circumſtances permit) readily comply'd with.

We thank your Excellency, for the Aſſurance you have given us, in the Cloſe of your Speech; we ſhall as much as in us lies, endeavour to avoid either making new Parties, or reviving Old; whoever does, muſt be blind to their true Intereſt, and we hope, will meet with as little Credit, and as much Diſgrace as they deſerve.

His Excellency was pleaſed to anſwer, That he thanked the Houſe for their Addreſs, and ſhould endeavour by a moſt impartial Adminiſtration, to demonſtrate he had nothing more at Heart, than the Welfare and Proſperity of the Country.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; and Capt. *Janſſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 11, 1710.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; and Mr. *Janſſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Secretary *Clark*, by Order of his Excellency, laid before this Houſe, an Order of the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty in Council, of the 15th of *December* 1709, for repealing

An Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*, paſſed the 24th of *May*, 1709.

An Act, *to relieve this Colony, from divers Irregularities and Extortions*, paſſed the 6th of *October*, 1708.

An Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe* Six Hundred Pounds *in two Years*, &c. Paſſed the 16th of *October*, 1708.

An Order of his Excellency and Council, of the 11th of *September*, 1710, That Mr. Secretary lay before this Houſe, the ſaid Order of the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty in Council, and her Majeſty's additional Inſtruction to his Excellency, to Order him to regulate and ſettle the Fees, with the Advice of the Council, and acquaint them, his Excellency has referred the Conſideration of the Fees, to a Committee of the Council, and directed them to regulate the ſame, that they may be eſtabliſhed by an Ordnance of his Excellency and Council, which he hopes may be done in ſuch a Manner, as may be ſatisfactory to this Houſe, and entirely anſwer the End.

And an Order of Council of the 11th Inſtant, That the five Accounts ſent from *Albany*, relating to the Officers that come from *Canada* laſt Winter, with a Flag of Truce, amounting to *Ninety Nine Pounds, Four Shillings* and *Three-pence*, be laid before this Houſe for their Conſideration.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 12, 1710.

THE Meſſage by Mr. Secretary Yeſterday (according to Order) being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That the additional Inſtruction to his Excellency be entered in the Journals of this Houſe, and are as follows, *viz.*

Anne, R.

Additional Inſtruction to our truſty and well beloved Robert Hunter, *Eſq; our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of* New-York *in* America, *or to the Commander in Chief of our ſaid Province, for the Time being.* Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the 30th Day of *December*, 1709, in the 8th Year of our Reign.

WHEREAS, we have thought fit, upon a Repreſentation from our Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, to repeal two Acts, paſſed in our Province of New-York, *the one*, entitled, An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, *paſſed the 24th of* May 1709; *the other, entitled*, An Act to relieve this Colony from divers Irregularities and Extortions, *paſſed the 6th of* October, 1708; *for the Reaſons which will be herewith delivered to you. And whereas, the Table of Fees, ſettled in our ſaid Province of* New-York, *in* September 1693, *will again be in Force, until further Proviſion be made for the Officers in our ſaid Province: It is our Will and Pleaſure, That after your Arrival at* New-York, *you do, ſo ſoon as conveniently may be, re-conſider the ſaid Table of Fees of* 1693, *and with the Advice and Aſſiſtance of our Council there (if need be) prepare ſuch another Table of Fees, as may make a reaſonable Proviſion for the ſaid Officers, and be moſt agreeable to the Circumſtances of our ſaid Province.*

The Houſe being informed, That the Catalogue of Fees, agreed to by the Aſſembly in 1693, never paſſed the Governor and Council;

Ordered, That Capt. *Read*, Capt. *Janſſen* and Mr. *Sebring*, do go to the Secretary's Office, and examine the Records there, if that Bill for Fees, paſt the Governor and Council in the uſual Forms, and make Report to the Houſe, how they find that Matter.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of *James Clement, William Willis, Thomas Jones, Peter Berrian* and *Zachariah Mills*, Supervisors for *Queen's* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to confirm the Purchaſe of a County Hall and Jail, in Truſt for the ſaid County, and to enable the Petitioners and their Succeſſors, to ſell the Old County Hall and two Jails, with the Land whereon they ſtand, and that included between them, towards defraying the publick Charge of ſaid County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 12, 1710.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill, *Thurſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 13, 1710.

CAPT. Read, *informed the Houſe (according to Order) they had examined the Records in the Secretary's Office, if the Bill for Fees paſſed the Governor and Council in the uſual Form, but could find, only an Order of Council of the 20th of* September 1693, *which appointed a Committee of that Board, to conſider of and regulate the Table of Fees.*

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Lakerman*, do attend his Excellency, and pray the

the Favour of him, to communicate to this Houſe, the Reaſons mentioned in the additional Inſtruction to have been delivered to him, for repealing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; and an Act, *to relieve this Colony from divers Irregularities and Extortions*: That they may be the better able to govern themſelves accordingly.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the ſame, without Amendments; and a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill be re-committed? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 13, 1710.

CAPT. *Stillwell* acquainted the Houſe, they had attended his Excellency (according to Order) who was pleaſed to ſay he would communicate the Reaſons to this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to ſell the Old County Hall and Priſons, and to confirm their late Purchaſe of New Ones*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 14, 1710.

MR. Secretary *Clark*, attending the Houſe, was called in, and preſented to the Houſe, the Reaſons mentioned in the additional Inſtruction to have been delivered to his Excellency; which were read.

He alſo preſented a Recommendation from his Excellency and Council, of Capt. *Higby*'s Caſe to this Houſe, for Satisfaction for himſelf and Company's Services at *Albany*, from the 13th of *July* 1704, to the 13th of *April* 1705; which was read.

Col. *Peter Schuyler*'s Petition, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe to conſider of a Method for Payment of his Arrears of 64 Days, as Colonel of one of the Regiments, raiſed for the Expedition to *Canada*, and a reaſonable Conſideration for his Service, in Commanding the *Indians* of this Province on that Expedition, not yet provided for.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the ſelling or giving Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany, was read the third Time.

A Motion was made and the Queſtion was put, that the Bill paſs? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be rejected.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 14, 1710.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Cortlandt* and Capt. *Read*, do wait on his Excellency, with Mr. *De Lancey*, and deſire he may take the Oaths and ſign the Declaration according to Law.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 15, 1710.

THE Petition of ſome of the Creditors of the Government, in Behalf of themſelves and others; was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying their Caſe may be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to ſell the Old County Hall and Priſons, and to confirm their late Purchaſe of New Ones*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed.

The Petition of Capt. *Higby*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying his Service on the Frontiers may be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1710.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe*, &c. and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* acquaint the Council, this Houſe deſire a Committee of that Board, may be appointed to join a Committee of this Houſe, to whom the Accounts laid before this Houſe by the Treaſurer, was referred.

Ordered, That the Committee of this Houſe, to whom the Treaſurer's Accounts are referred, have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1710.

THE Petition of *Johannis Sanderſe, Glen*, &c. Truſtees for the Town of *Schenectady*, in the County of *Albany*, in Behalf of themſelves and the reſt of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, and Places adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for confirming to them their Rights and Privileges.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of the Inhabitants of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Nanning Harmenſen, Francis Winne*, &c. was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying they and others, that carry Goods in their Sloops, up and down *Hudſon's River*, may be relieved from the great Obſtructions they meet with, by ſome of the Officers of her Majeſty's Cuſtoms, by exacting large Fees of them.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

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Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 18, 1710.

TR. *Ten Eyck* preſented to the Houſe, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for the County of *Orange*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, and Lieut. Col. *Schuyler*, do attend his Excellency, and pray Mr. *Ten Eyck* may take the Oath, and Sign the Declaration, according to Law.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 18, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of the Inhabitants of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and that the Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

The Petition of *Andries Nack*, a Volunteer, under the Command of Capt. *Weſſel Ten Broeck*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid for the Time of his Captivity in *Canada*, in the late Expedition, ſince the Expiration of the enacted 90 Days.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Petition of *Garrit Roeloffſon*, under the Command of Capt. *Weſſel Ten Broeck*, in the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, taken Priſoner, and brought to *Albany* to be exchanged, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid to the 26th of *February* laſt.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Mr. *Cuyler* laid before this Houſe an Account, entitled, *An Account due in the City and County of* Albany, *relating to the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in bringing down the ſick Men and Stores from the Camp to* Albany, *amounting to* Two Hundred and 66 Pounds, Eight Shillings and Nine-Pence.

He alſo laid before this Houſe an Account, entitled, *An Account of the Remainder of Debt in the City and County of* Albany, *in carrying up Proviſions*, &c. *on the* Canada *Expedition, amounting to* One Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds, Four Shillings and One Penny Half-Penny.

Ordered, That the Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe, till the Committee of the late Expedition at *Albany*, lay their Accounts of the Stores returned from the Camp, before this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 19, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe to prevent the burning of Woods.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Eaſe of Trade*, was read the firſt Time; and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for Payment of Firewood for the Garriſon there, and to oblige the County (*Schenectady* excepted) to pay their Proportion of the Charge of ſtockading and fortifying the ſaid City; and the Juſtices of the County, with the Petitioners, be enabled to raiſe a Tax, for defraying the Expence from Year to Year; and that they may have another Block-Houſe built on the South Side of the City, at the Charge of the Province.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

An Account of Mr. *De Meyer*, entitled, *An Account the Province of* New-York, *upon the Expedition to* Canada, *Dr.* was laid before the Houſe, amounting to *Nineteen Pounds Six Shillings and One Penny*.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table, till the Commiſſioners of the late Expedition at *Albany*, lay their Accounts of Stores returned from the Camp, before this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 19, 1710.

A Memorial of *Hendrick Bleeker*, Armorer for Col. *Peter Schuyler's* Regiment, in the late Expedition to *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table, and be taken into Conſideration with the Accounts of *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Members for the County of *Albany*, do lay before this Houſe an Eſtimate of the Charge for the Defence of the Frontiers for the Year enſuing.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, to repeal a Clauſe in an Act, entitled, *An Act, againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, which is current Money, in the Colony of* New-York, *and to prevent Abuſes in the Currency of Plate*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 20, 1710.

THE Petition of Mr. *Apple*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may retail Drink, and be exempted from the Exciſe.

Ordered, That this Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Petition of *Dirck Valk*, Storekeeper, at the Camp at the *Wood Creek*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid the Sum of *Thirty Five Pounds Three Shillings and Five Pence Half-Penny*, due for his Service aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

The Application of the Inhabitants of *Oyſter Pond Neck*, in the County of *Suffolk*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying none of them may, during this War, be detached, or ſerve in any publick Service or Expedition.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Tryals at Law*, was read the ſecond Time and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Eaſe of Trade*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Mr. *Renſſelaer*, according to Order, laid before this Houſe an Eſtimate of what is neceſſary for the Defence and Security of the Frontiers at *Albany* and *Schenectady*, amounting to *One Thouſand Pounds*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 20, 1710.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 21, 1710.

AN Account was preſented to the Houſe, entitled, *Delivered to Col.* Peter Schuyler, *for the Uſe of a Smith in the* Indian *Country*, amounting to *Eight Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Nine-Pence*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 22, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have appointed Mr. *Van Dam*, Mr. *Barbarie*, and Mr. *Phillips*, to be a Committee of that Board, to join a Committee of this Houſe, to whom the Treaſurer's Accounts are referred; and that they do appoint the Meeting thereof at Mr. *Swift's*, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Iſlip*, in the County of *Suffolk*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may choſe a Conſtable and Superviſor annually, among them; and that this Houſe will addreſs his Excellency, one of their Freeholders may be a Juſtice of Peace.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 23, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the burning of Woods*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

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Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 25, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the burning of Woods*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 26, 1710.

THE Petition of *John Leigh*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying, he having built a Brigantine here, may be excuſed from paying the Duty of Tonnage.

The Petition being taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, the ſaid Veſſel, or any Veſſels built in this Colony, are not, nor ought to be liable to pay the Duty of Tonnage, as not being within the Meaning of the Act.

Ordered, That the Officer appointed to collect the ſaid Duty, is hereby required to take Notice hereof accordingly.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Clark*, That he was informed the Act for the Encouragement of the Poſt-Office, was near expiring, therefore deſired the ſame may be revived.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the further Encouragement of the Poſt-Office.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and aſſuring of Lands in this Colony*, with Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.; which being taken into Conſideration, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lackerman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments.

Capt. *Janſſen* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Eaſe of Trade*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Stillwell* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Tryals at Law*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the ſame without any Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 26, 1710.

THE Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Sept. 27, 1710.

THE Petition of the Carpenters impreſſed laſt Year, on the Expedition againſt *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be paid ſo much as will make what they have received, *Six Shillings per* Day; and allowed for the Fuzees promiſed them.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Jamaica*, in *Queen's* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be ſupported in their Property of the Lands on which the Goals and Seſſions Houſe ſtood, and the Lands between them.

Ordered, The Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to ſell the old County Hall, and Priſons*, &c.

The Petition of *Barent Staats*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe will take effectual Care for his Arrears and Charges in the late Expedition.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by the Houſe.

Mr. *Cuyler* laid before the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of Diſburſements at* Albany, *towards Spies and Out-Scouts*, &c. amounting to *Two Hundred and One Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Half-Penny.*

Ordered, The Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors, in Tryals at Law*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſſen* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Eaſe of Trade*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Col. *Renſſelaer*, and Major *Schuyler*, two of the Commiſſioners for the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, at *Albany*, in obedience to an Order, laid before this Houſe ſeveral Books and Accounts, relating to Proviſions and other Materials ſent to them; with an Account of Stores received by them from the Camp, and what Stores are now left in *Albany*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for continuing the Act, for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* the 9th of *October* next, conſider further of Ways and Means for the Support of the Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* the 9th of *October* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 ho. P. M. Oct. 9, 1710.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for the Support of the Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 10, 1710.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for the Support of the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein; and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 10, 1710.

A Liſt of the Volunteers that ſerved under Capt. *Cornelius Willet*, on the Expedition to *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration with the other Charges relating to the ſaid Expedition.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to repeal a Clauſe in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, which is current in the Colony of* New-York.

A Motion was made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to naturalize all Proteſtant Foreigners in this Colony.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for the Support of the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 ho. A. M. Oct. 11, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Defence of the Frontiers, and Accounts relating to the Expedition to *Canada*, and other Charges at *Albany*.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee

of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to Support the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 11, 1710.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to ſell the old County Hall and Priſons, and to confirm their late Purchaſe of new Ones*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means to ſupport the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 12, 1710.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Defence of the Frontiers, and Accounts relating to the Expedition, and other Charges at *Albany*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Schuyler* carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, The Houſe have agreed to their Amendment.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to ſupport the Government, and the Defence of the Frontiers, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. October* 14, 1710.

CAPT. *Janſſen* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of Mr. *Johannis Cuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying *Twenty Seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three Pence*, may paſs to his Credit, on his Recognizes for the laſt Quarter's Exciſe to be paid by the City and County of *Albany*, in Conſideration of the Damage ſuſtained by a Prohibition of ſelling ſtrong Liquors to the *Indians*, in the ſaid County, for 9 Months, as limited by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum*, &c. *to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Petition of *Joſeph Aſpinwal*, the Executor of *John Adderly*, one of the Captains of a Foot Company in the Expedition againſt *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Proviſion may be made for Payment of his Arrears to the Petitioner.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration with the other Charges relating to the ſaid Expedition.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to ſupport the Government, and the Defence of the Frontiers, and Accounts relating to the Expedition to *Canada*, and other Charges at *Albany*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1710.

THE Petition of *John Anderſon, James Bennet, George Walding*, and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may receive Satisfaction for bringing Stores from Fort *Nicholſon*, to *Albany*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration with the Charges relating to the Expedition.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to ſupport the Government, and the Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, which is current Money in the Colony of* New-York, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* do prepare and bring into this Houſe, a Bill, for naturalizing all Proteſtants in this Colony, that are Foreigners.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Superviſors of* Queen's *County, to ſell the old County Hall and Priſons, and to confirm their late Purchaſe of new Ones*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Thomas Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to ſupport the Government, and the Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

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Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1710.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to ſupport the Government, and the Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That *Two Hundred Pounds* be allowed to his Excellency, for Firewood and Candle for the Garriſons of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, for the Year enſuing.

And had alſo directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, which is current Money in the Colony of* New-York, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the more Eaſe of her Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1710.

Reſolved,

THE Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to ſupport the Government, and the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony*, without any Amendment.

And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the regulating and returning able ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, without any Amendments.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more Eaſe of her Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the Tranſportation of Wheat in Grain.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1710.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the better laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving publick common Highways, throughout this Colony.

Mr. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act, againſt Forging, Counterfeiting and Clipping of foreign Coin, which is Current Money in the Colony of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to Support the Government, and the Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That *One Hundred* and *Twenty Pounds*, be raiſed for the Paying of Out-Scouts and Spies the Winter Seaſon for the Frontiers at *Albany*.

They alſo directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Eaſe of her Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to Support the Government and the Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That they are of Opinion, the Money to be raiſed for Out-Scouts and Spies, be paid to his Excellency for that Service.

They alſo directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1710.

MR. *Secretary attending without, was called in, and acquainted the Houſe, he was commanded by his Excellency, to lay before them, an Ordnance for the regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, which he hoped, would be agreeable to them.*

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means to Support the Government and the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1710.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act againſt Forging, Counterfeiting and Clipping of foreign Coin, which is current Money in the Colony of* New-York, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Eaſe of her Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to Houſe, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Memorial of Capt. *Handy*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may be paid, as Adjutant to General *Nicholſon*, according to the Proportion of Men raiſed by this Government, that ſerved on the Expedition to *Canada*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration with the other Charges, relating to the ſaid Expedition.

Reſolved, This Houſe will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next 9 of the Clock, in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving publick common Highways, in this Colony*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, This Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee

mittee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1710.

THE Petition of *James Harding*, Ferry-Maſter, and the principal Inhabitants of *Long-Iſland*, on Behalf of themſelves and the reſt of the Inhabitants of the ſaid *Iſland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Act may be made, for continuing, confirming and eſtabliſhing *Counteſs's Key*, or Place near thereunto, to be the certain Landing-Place, for the ſaid Inhabitants and their Effects.

Ordered, The Petition be rejected.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more Eaſe of her Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers; and Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 2500 Ounces of Plate, be levied and raiſed towards defraying his Excellency's neceſſary Expence for one Year.

They alſo directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1710.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways, in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for applying certain Monies, levied on the People of* King's *County, to the Uſe of that County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The Petition of *Robert Milward*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may be paid his Salary for ſecond Juſtice, ſince the Expiration of the Revenue.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1710.

THE Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1710.

THE Petition of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may be ordered the Payment of *One Hundred Pounds*, that was allowed him on the Credit of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying Six Thouſand Pounds*, for his Encouragement towards the Expedition to *Canada*.

Ordered, The ſaid Col. *Schuyler*, be paid the ſaid *One Hundred Pounds*, according to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them, their ancient Rights, Cuſtoms and Liberties, as the ſame are given, granted and confirmed unto them, by their Charter*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Col. *Schuyler*, That he lay before this Houſe a Letter, relating to the Repairing the Fortifications of *Schenectady*, and a Report from the Commiſſioners of the Indian Affairs at *Albany*, relating to a Smith to be continued in the *Oneida*'s Country, and what Tools will be requiſite to ſupply him for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Naturalizing foreign Proteſtants*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for applying certain Monies, levyed on the People of* King's *County, to the Uſe of that County*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1710.

CAPT. *Janſſen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Burning of Woods*, was committed, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether a Bill be brought in for further explaining an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling a Miniſtry, and raiſing a Maintenance for them in the County of* New-York, *County of* Richmond, Weſtcheſter and Queen's *County*. It was carried in the Negative.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1710.

A Certificate was preſented to the Houſe, by Mr. *Cuyler*, recommending to them Major *Weſſel*'s Service, with 49 Perſons and Horſes, in getting the ſick Men and Stores from the Camp, in the Expedition againſt *Canada* to *Albany*, and for preſerving the ſame, *&c.*

Alſo a Certificate, recommending *Johannis Ten Broeck*'s Service as a Storekeeper, relating to the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, and by Order of the Commiſſioners of the Indian Affairs, for diſtributing Proviſions, *&c.* to the Indians.

An Account, entitled, *An Account of Capt.* Weſſel Ten Boeck's *Company on the Expedition, amounting to* Two Hundred *and* Twenty Two Pounds, One Shilling.

And an Account, entitled, *An Account of* Capt. Johannis Sanderſe Glen's *Company on the ſaid Expedition, amounting to* Two Hundred Twenty Four Pounds, Fourteen Shillings *and* Six-pence, was laid before the Houſe.

As alſo a Certificate of Mr. *Jacob Schermerhorn*'s Service, as Surgeon in the ſaid Expedition, remaining unpaid, *Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings*.

Ordered, The ſame be ſeverally taken into Conſideration with other Charges, relating to the ſaid Expedition.

A Meſſage by Mr Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe attended accordingly; the Houſe returning, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to acquaint them, he underſtood by their Votes, the Houſe had reſolved to raiſe 2500 Ounces of Plate, towards his neceſſary Expence for a Year, therefore was obliged to communicate to them, her Majeſty's Inſtructions to him on that Head, and deſired they might be entered in the Journals of this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy, which is as followeth, *viz.*

Article

ARTICLE, XXV.

WHEREAS *ſeveral Inconveniencies have ariſen to our Government in the Plantations, by Gifts and Preſents made to our Governors by the General Aſſemblies; It is our expreſs Will and Pleaſure, That neither you, our Governor, nor any Governor, Lieut. Governor, Commander in Chief or Preſident of the Council of our ſaid Province of* New-York, *for the Time being, do give your or their Conſent, to the paſſing any Law or Act, for any Gift or Preſent to be made to you or them by the Aſſembly; and that neither you nor they, do receive any Gift or Preſent from the Aſſembly or others, on any Account, or in any Manner whatſoever, upon Pain of our higheſt Diſpleaſure, and of being re-called from that our Government.*

XXVI. *And whereas, the Salary of* Six Hundred Pounds Sterling, per Annum, *formerly aſſigned for the Governor in Chief, out of our Revenue ariſing there, was thought ſufficient for his Support; We have thought fit, that* Six Hundred Pounds Sterling, per Annum *more, be added out of our ſaid Revenue, to the ſaid former Salary of the Governor of our ſaid Province, for the Time being, amounting in the whole, to* Twelve Hundred Pounds Sterling, per Annum, *which you are hereby impowered to take to yourſelf as Governor.*

XXVII. *And whereas, by this Increaſe of Salary, the General Aſſembly of our ſaid Province will have an Opportunity, and be in a Condition of applying thoſe Sums, which they uſually gave in Preſents, to the Governors or Lieut. Governors, by temporary Levies, towards ſuch other publick Uſes, as may be moſt neceſſary for the Defence and Safety of the ſaid Province; we do not doubt, but that in Conſideration of our Care, in exempting our good Subjects from the cuſtomary Burthen of Preſents, the ſaid Aſſembly may be more eaſily induced to contribute in a more ample and effectual Manner, to their own Safety and Preſervation.*

XXVIII. *And we do further direct and require, That this Declaration of our royal Will and Pleaſure, be communicated to the Aſſembly at their firſt Meeting, after your Arrival in our ſaid Province, and entered in the Regiſters of our Council and Aſſembly, that all Perſons whom it may concern, may govern themſelves accordingly.*

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers, be referred to next *Tueſday*.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that they deſire this Houſe, to lay the Conveyance mentioned in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the enabling the Supervisors of* Queen's *County, to ſell the old County Hall*, &c. together with what other Papers are in their Cuſtody, relating to the ſaid Bill, before the Committee of that Board, to whom the Bill is committed.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do lay the ſame before the Committee of that Board.

Ordered, That *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; her Majeſty's Collector and Receiver General of this Colony, do on *Monday* next, lay before this Houſe, an Account of all Veſſels that have entered in and cleared out of this Colony, from the 20th Day of *September*, 1709, until the 30th Day of this Inſtant *October*, and the Names and Places of Abode, of the Owners of the ſaid Veſſels, and that the Clerk of this Houſe, do ſerve the ſaid *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; with a Copy of this Order.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them their antient Rights, Cuſtoms and Liberties, as the ſame are given, granted and confirmed, unto them by their Charter*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to oblige the Juſtices and Collectors to pay unto the Treaſurer of this Colony, the Arrears of Taxes unpaid.

Ordered, That the Account of Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, be referred to the Committee, to whom the Treaſurer's Accounts was committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 8 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, which is current Money in the Colony of* New-York, without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, and acquaint them, this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendments, made to the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c.
2. *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony.*
3. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Tryals at Law.*
4. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves.*
5. *An* Act, *to repeal a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act againſt forging, counterfeiting and clipping of foreign Coin, which is current Money, in the Colony of* New-York.
6. *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſurance of Lands in this Colony*; which were publiſhed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 30, 1710.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the burning of Wood*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1710.

COL. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them their antient Rights, Cuſtoms and Liberties, as the ſame are given, granted and confirmed unto them by their Charter:* That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be re-committed? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of Major *John Schuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; praying he may be paid for his Service on the Expedition to *Canada*, above the 90 Days appointed by Act of General Aſſembly, and *Ten Pounds Nine Shillings*, he expended in his Journey to *Boſton*, by the Order of General *Nicholſon*, from the Camp.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration with the Charges, relating to the ſaid Expedition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing of the Block-houſes, Platforms and other Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and the Town of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Sixty Pounds, was brought into this Houſe.

And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That the reading the ſaid Bill might be referred? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The ſame be referred.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1710.

THE Petition of *Peter Fauconier*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying for Relief, and that his Petition may be duly conſidered.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers; That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a

Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the Block-houſes, Platforms and other the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and Town of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County*; was read the ſecond Time and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to collect the Arrears of Taxes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Janſſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them their antient Rights, Cuſtoms*, &c. was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1710.

Reſolved,

THE Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government and the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1710.

MR. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the Block-houſes of the City of* Albany, *and Town of* Schenectady *in the ſaid County*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the applying certain Monies, levied on the People of* King's *County, to the Uſe of that County*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which were read, and the Houſe diſagreeing thereto,

Ordered, The Bill be re-committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government and the Defence of the Frontiers. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had come a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read and agreed to, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Twelve Hundred Pounds* more, be raiſed for, and towards the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1710.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1710.

MR. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to examine the Accounts of the Treaſurer of this Colony, what he has received on the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, paſſed for raiſing Money ſince his being in Office (the Act for fortifiing the City of *New-York* excepted) how the ſame has been diſpoſed of, and what is in Arrear, in any of thoſe Taxes; That they had gone through thoſe Accounts, and made their Report, in what Manner they find the ſame, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Arrears of the ſeveral Taxes, reported by the Committee, be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to collect the Arrears of Taxes.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to collect the Arrears of Taxes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 3, 1710.

Reſolved,

THE Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corportation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them, their antient Rights and Liberties, as the ſame are given and granted unto them by their Charter.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1710.

THE Petition of *Daniel Sayre*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may be paid, *Forty Four Pounds, Four Shillings*, for his Service as Capt. Lieut. and Captain, on the Expedition to *Canada*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration with the Charges relating to the ſaid Expedition.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to lay a Duty on all Goods that ſhall be ſold by Auction or Vendue.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Janſſen*, Capt. *Mulford*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Ten Eyck*, Capt. *Ward* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any five of them, be a Committee, to inſpect the Accounts, and what is due for Services on the ſaid Expedition, and report their Opinion thereof, to this Houſe, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Ordered, That all other Demands that are now before this Houſe, be referred to the ſaid Committee, and that they report the ſame to this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to lay a Duty on all Chimneys and Fire Hearths for the Support of the Government and Defence of the Frontiers.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c. and Capt. *Janſſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee, of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 6, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Chimnies and Hearths*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Goods, that ſhall be ſold by Auction or Vendue*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1710.

THE Petition of *Dirck Benſon*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that it may be Enacted, That ſuch Things, not mentioned in the Catalogue of Fees, inſerted

ſerted in a Leaſe from the City of *New-York*, to *James Hardint*, the Ferryman, which are uſually tranſported, may be aſcertained.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table, till the Members for the ſaid City appear in the Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Chimnies and Hearths*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Goods, ſold by Auction or Vendue*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Iſlip, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Aſſeſſors, a Collector, Conſtable and Superviſor*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold a Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1710.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the Blockhouſes, Platforms and other the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and Town of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for aſcertaining the Wages or Allowance of the Repreſentatives of the General Aſſembly*, was read the firſt Time; and a Motion was made, that the Bill be rejected; and the Queſtion was put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Renſſelaer*, That they deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee to join that Board, or any 5 of them, on a Conference on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the burning of Woods*, at Mr. *Harris's*, between 5 and 6 this Afternoon; and to return the Ordnance for the regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.

Ordered, That the Members of the Counties of *Albany*, *Ulſter*, *Orange* and *Weſtcheſter*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, at a Conference on the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris*, do acquaint the Council, this Houſe have appointed a Committee, to confer with them on the ſaid Bill, and to return the Ordnance for eſtabliſhing Fees.

Capt. *Reade*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to collect the Arrears of Taxes*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 8, 1710.

THE Petition of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying leave to bring in an Act, to enable them to raiſe a Maintenance for the Support of a School-Maſter.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that a Bill be brought in, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Petition be rejected; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, The Petition be rejected.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Support of the Government be re-conſidered; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Support of the Government be reconſidered.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for aſcertaining the Wages or Allowance of the Repreſentatives of the General Aſſembly*, was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, The Bill be rejected.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to collect the Arrears of Taxes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Iſlip, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Aſſeſſors and Collectors, Conſtable and Superviſor*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1710.

A Debate ariſing on the Reflections Mr. *Morris* made in the Houſe Yeſterday, in his Speech;

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that Mr. *Morris* be ordered to withdraw; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Then Mr. *Morris* withdrew accordingly.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That Mr. *Lewis Morris*, in his Speech Yeſterday, has falſely and ſcandalouſly vilified the Integrity and Honeſty of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That Mr. *Lewis Morris*, for the ſaid Offence, be expelled this Houſe.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1710.

CAPT. *Janſſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Chimnies*; and a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Goods ſold by Auction or Vendue*, were committed, That they had gone through the Bills, and made ſeveral Amendments to them, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were ſeverally read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bills with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Dr. *Staats*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the burning of Woods*, with Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being taken into Conſideration, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Willett*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Schuyler*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing of the Block-Houſes, Platforms, and other Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and the Town of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being taken into Conſideration, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

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Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 10, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barberie*, That they deſire the Committee of this Houſe, that joined the Committee of that Board, on the Charge in the Treaſurer's Accounts, may join their Committee on the Diſcharge in the ſaid Accounts, (the ſaid Committee having only gone through the ſaid Charge) at the Houſe of Mr. *Macklenan*, To-morrow, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon; and that the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this Houſe, to join a Committee of the Council, to inſpect the Treaſurer's Accounts, do meet the Committee of Council at Mr. *Macklenan's*, at the Time appointed; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. Nov. 11, 1710.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *laying a Duty on all Chimnies*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Goods ſold by Auction or Vendue*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to collect the Arrears of Taxes*, without any Amendment.

The Memorial of Col. *Renſſelaer*, *Dirck Weſſels* and *Myndert Schuyler*, Commiſſioners at *Albany*, for the late Expedition to *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Remainder of the Stores, Materials, Goods and Money in their Hands, and to be received by them, relating to the Expedition, may be employed for ſatisfying Perſons concerned therein unpaid for their Services.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in according to the Prayer of the Memorial.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately, at the Council Chamber.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; and, being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech, which, with the Queen's Letter to his Excellency, and the Report of the Lords of Trade, he received; which were read, and are as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have waited a long Time, in hopes you would take at laſt into your Conſideration, ſome Things by her Majeſty's ſpecial Commands recommended to you from hence, particularly what relates to publick Debts; that I might lay before you her Majeſty's Letter, earneſtly recommending the Payment of a Debt which She conceives, and I hope every Body will, to be highly reaſonable.

To our Truſty and Well-beloved *Robert Hunter*, Eſq; our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Provinces of *New-York* and *New-Jerſey*, in *America*; and in his Abſence to the Commander in Chief, or to the Preſident.

ANNE, R.

TRUSTY and Well-beloved, we greet you well. Whereas, our Right Truſty and Well-beloved the Lady Charlotte, *Widow of* John, *Lord* Lovelace, *late Governor of our Provinces of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, *has, by her Petition, humbly repreſented unto us, That the Day before the ſaid Lord* Lovelace *died, the General Aſſembly of that our Province of* New-York, *voted the Sum of* Sixteen Hundred Pounds, *to be paid to him, his Executors or Adminiſtrators: But ſoon after they reduced that to* Five Hundred Pounds, *as appears by the Votes to the ſaid Petition annexed. And the General Aſſembly of that our Province of* New-Jerſey, *voted him* Eight Hundred Pounds, *which they are willing to give the Petitioner, if we ſhall think fit to conſent to it, And has further repreſented to us, the great Expence her ſaid Lord was at in making a decent Proviſion, conſiſtent with the Honour of our Governor there, and in his Voyage thither, amounting to at leaſt* Four Thouſand Pounds; *and all that the ſaid Lord* Lovelace *received there, was not above* Four Hundred Pounds, Engliſh; *humbly praying we would order the Payment of the ſaid* Sixteen Hundred Pounds, *and the* Eight Hundred Pounds, *voted by the General Aſſemblies of our Provinces of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, *as aforeſaid; which, with other Sums due to her for Monies expended by her Lord, for the Service of the Government there, will near diſcharge the Debts which her ſaid Huſband, the Lord* Lovelace, *left her to pay. We taking the Premiſes into our royal Conſideration, and being very ſenſible of the Petitioner's great Affliction, Loſſes and diſtreſſed Condition, are graciouſly pleaſed to condeſcend to her Requeſt. Our Will and Pleaſure therefore is, and we do by theſe Preſents ſtrictly charge and require you, That you do, as ſoon as may be, and in ſuch Manner as you ſhall think moſt proper for obtaining that End, intimate to the General Aſſembly of* New-York, *that in Conſideration of the Expences which the ſaid Lord* Lovelace, *has been at in his Voyage to that Province, and to ſettle himſelf and his Family there, we think it highly reaſonable they ſhould grant to his ſaid Widow, the Sum of* Sixteen Hundred Pounds, *which they at firſt intended, and which is apparent they deſigned for the Support of herſelf and her Family, ſince they voted the ſame the very Day before his Death, when he was believed to be paſt Recovery; and that their ſpeedy Compliance with our Will and Pleaſure herein, will be to us highly acceptable and ſatisfactory. And you ſhall likewiſe acquaint the General Aſſembly of* New-Jerſey, *That we not only conſent to their giving the Petitioner the Sum they have voted, of* Eight Hundred Pounds, *but are extremely well pleaſed therewith, and do highly commend their Proceedings in this Reſpect, looking upon it as an Act of the greateſt Juſtice. This we do recommend to you in the moſt earneſt Manner, willing and requiring you to uſe your utmoſt Endeavours to bring the ſaid General Aſſemblies to a Compliance herein, and to cauſe the ſaid ſeveral Sums of Money, voted by the General Aſſemblies of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, *as above-mentioned, when the ſame ſhall have been raiſed and collected, to be paid to the ſaid Lady* Lovelace, *or to Mr.* Cockerill, *or others her Aſſigns, Executors or Adminiſtrators. And ſo, not doubting of your ready Compliance herein, we bid you Farewell.*

Given at our Caſtle of *Windſor*, the firſt Day of *October*, 1709, in the Eighth Year of our Reign.

By her Majeſty's Command,

SUNDERLAND.

This I deſire, Gentlemen, may be entered in the Journals of your Houſe; and I hope it will meet with that Regard, that is due to the beſt of Princeſſes, from a People truly grateful for the greateſt Benefits; of which, at this Time, I have occaſion to remind you of one, that is, that Addition to your Wealth and Strength by the Settling of the Palatines *amongſt you, by her Majeſty's ſignal Bounty, and at her Expence, to be employed here in a Manufacture of infinite Advantage to this Colony in particular.*

By her Majeſty's Orders to put in Execution the Scheme prepared by the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade, and approved by her Majeſty, for employing of that People, I am to take Care that they be naturalized upon their Arrival here.

A Clauſe of the Report of the Lords of Trade, which her Majeſty by her royal Inſtruction has directed his Excellency to cauſe to be put in Execution.

Laſtly, We humbly offer, that the ſaid *Palatines*, upon their Arrival there, be naturalized, without Fee or Reward, that they may enjoy all ſuch Privileges and Advantages as are enjoyed by the preſent Inhabitants of that Province.

Some Mention being made of an Act of general Naturalization in your Houſe, I judged that it would anſwer the Ends; but hearing no more of that Matter, I intreat you to reſume that Bill into your Conſideration.

I acquainted you before, that the Forts of Albany *and* Schenectady, *were in a moſt wretched Condition: I do not think it ſafe to truſt her Majeſty's Forces in them this Winter, if no Care be taken for putting them in a better Condition, which I now again moſt earneſtly recommend to you.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, *Monday* next, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. November 13, 1710.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſpoſing of the Stores in the Hands of the Commiſſioners at* Albany, *for the late Expedition to Canada*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that this Houſe do now take into Conſideration what his Excellency recommended to them laſt *Saturday*; it was carried in the Negative.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, This Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 14, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſpoſing the Stores in the Hands of the Commiſſioners at* Albany, *for the late Expedition to Canada*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c. and Capt. *Janſſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of what his Excellency recommended to them *Saturday* laſt. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſſen* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Ordered, The Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 14, 1710.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *Janſſen*, Major *Van Brunt*, and Mr. *Livingſton*, or any three of them, be a Committee to examine what Damage Mr. *Cuyler*, that farmed the Exciſe laſt Year, in the County of *Albany*, has ſuſtained; and report their Opinion to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 15, 1710.

MAJOR *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to inſpect the Damage Mr. *Cuyler*, that farmed the Exciſe in the County of *Albany*, laſt Year, has ſuſtained, That they are of Opinion, Mr. *Cuyler* hath received the Damage of *Twenty Five Pounds*, by Reaſon an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an* Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany, hath prohibited the *Indian* Traders to diſpoſe of any Liquors to the *Indians*, after he had farmed the ſame; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That Mr. *John Cuyler*, be allowed to deduct the Sum of *Twenty Five Pounds*, out of the Exciſe to be paid for that County laſt Year, by the Treaſurer of this Colony.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſpoſing of the Stores in the Hands of the Commiſſioners at* Albany, *for the late Expedition to* Canada, That they have gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read.

Ordered, The Bill be re-committed to a Committe of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill, That they had gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee, appointed to conſider of what his Excellency recommended to this Houſe laſt *Saturday*, be made To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 15, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Chimnies*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Ward*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do not agree to their Amendments, made to a Money Bill, and that they will take Care to exempt the *Germans* in another Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 16, 1710.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſpoſing the Stores in the Hands of the Commiſſioners at* Albany, *for the late Expedition to* Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Capt. *Janſſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Col. Schuyler, *that his Excellency had communicated to the Council, a Letter directed to him, from the Right Hon. the Earl of* Dartmouth, *her Majeſty's Principle Secretary of State, relating to an Expedition, which her Majeſty deſigns againſt* Canada, *when her Affairs will permit; wherein his Excellency is deſired to communicate the ſame to her Majeſty's Subjects, under his Excellency's Government.*

Which Letter being read in the Houſe, was returned.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be given to his Excellency, for communicating the ſame to them, and pray they may have a Copy of the ſaid Letter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 17, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Renſſelaer*, That they deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to join a Committee of that Board, upon a Conference to be had, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Chimnies*, at the Houſe of Mr. *Swift*, at 6 o'Clock in the Evening.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Major *Van Brunt*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Willet* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join a Committee of the Council, to confer with them, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by that Board to the ſaid Bill, at the Time and Place appointed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 17, 1710.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 18, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſpoſing of the Stores in the Hands of the Commiſſioners at* Albany, *for the late Expedition to* Canada, with Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That Capt. *Ward*, do carry back the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendments made to that Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van*

Dam, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all Goods ſold by Auction or Vendue*, with Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry back the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, they cannot but be well informed, of the ſteady and conſtant Reſolution of this Houſe, that they do not admit of any Amendments, made by that Board to a Money Bill.

Mr. *Philipſe*, delivered from the Governor to this Houſe, a Copy of the Secretary of State's Letter to his Excellency, dated laſt *Auguſt*.

Col. *Thomas Willet*, reported from the Committee on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board, at Mr. *Swift*'s at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſpoſing of the Stores in the Hands of the Commiſſioners at* Albany, *for the late Expedition to* Canada.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board, at Mr. *Swift*'s at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon, on the ſubject Matter of the Meſſage, by Mr. *Lakerman*.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Ten Eyck*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Capt. *Read*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet the two Committees of Council, on the ſaid Bills, at a Conference, at the Time and Place appointed.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Iſlip, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Aſſeſſors, a Collector, Conſtable and Superviſor*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 20, 1710.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be prepared and brought in, to retrench the growing Intereſt of the Bills of Credit, iſſued on the two *Four Thouſand Pounds* Taxes.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 21, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*, with ſome Amendments; to which the deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being read,

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendments.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to retrench the growing Intereſt of Bills of Credit*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 21, 1710.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to retrench the growing Intereſt of Bills of Credit*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Iſlip, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Aſſeſſors, a Collector, Conſtable and Superviſor*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 22, 1710.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to retrench the growing Intereſt of Bills of Credit*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board, at a Conference, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*, at Mr. *Harris*'s, in the Afternoon, at 5 o'Clock.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Lakerman*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of Council, at a Conference, at the Time and Place appointed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 23, 1710.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, appointed to manage the Conference with the Council, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*, the Reaſons the Council inſiſted on their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, in the following Words.

The Council inſiſt on their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, becauſe by her Majeſty's Inſtructions to the Governor, he is directed not to ſuffer any publick Money, to iſſue otherwiſe, than by Warrant paſſed by him, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Council.

Secondly, The Council inſiſt on their ſaid Amendments, becauſe the Practice both here, and for ought they can learn||,

Ordered, That Mr. *Ward*, do go to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe deſire a Conference, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, being on their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, at Mr. *Harris*'s, at 5 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered, That the Committee, who managed the laſt Conference, do manage this.

The Reaſons why this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments, inſiſted on by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*, being as followeth, *viz.*

1. That which the Council call Amendments, would deſtroy the very Eſſence and Intent of the Bill.

2. The Bill is entirely conſonant to the Inſtructions (although thoſe Inſtructions are not directed to the Aſſembly) an Act of Governor, Council and Aſſembly, being a good Warrant of the Governor, with the Advice and Conſent of the Council.

3. If the Council will pleaſe to examine, the ſeveral appropriating Acts made in this Colony, ſince the happy Revolution, the many Acts of Parliament in all Ages to the ſame Purpoſe, this will be far from appearing

|| Note, *This Report is imperfect.*

ing a Novelty; not to mention the ſeveral appropriating Acts, the very Perſons now in the Council, have without any Scruple conſented to, too lately to have eſcaped their Memory.

4. Either the Council deſigned the Money ſo mentioned in the ſaid Bill, ſhall be diſpoſed as the Bill expreſſeth, or they do not; if they do, there is no Difficulty in conſenting to the Bill; if they do not, plain dealing is beſt.

5. The Miſapplication of the publick Money's of this Colony, have been to apparent to avoid the Notice of the Aſſembly; to prevent the like is the Intent of this Bill, which they muſt eſteem much preferable to any poſterior Remedy.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, Capt. *Hamilton*, had communicated to him, Mr. *John Shorter*'s Commiſſion, from the Lords Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of *Great-Britain*, &c. to be Maſter and Commander of her Majeſty's Packet Boat, the *Royal Anne* (which was read) deſiring the Opinion of the Houſe, relating to her paying the Duty of Tonnage, *&c.*

Reſolved, It's the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Packet Boats in her Majeſty's Service ſeems to them, not to be within the Meaning of the Act, for laying a Duty on Tonnage, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 24, 1710.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to retrench the growing Intereſt of Bills of Credit*, without any Amendment.

And that they have alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Iſlip, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Aſſeſſors, a Collector, Conſtable and Overſeer*, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That they deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board at a Conference, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, on the Amendments made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*, at the Houſe of Mr. *Harris*, at 5 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered, That the Committee who managed the laſt Conference, do manage this Conference.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 24, 1710.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 25, 1710.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this Houſe and the Door Keeper, be paid and allowed their Salaries or Wages due to them for their Services, from the 18th of this Inſtant, to this Day, being accounted in all ſix Days.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That he carry their further Reaſons, for that Board's inſiſting on their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money*, which were read.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen,

I *Have ſent for you to be Witneſſes, to the paſſing of ſuch Bills as now lie before me*, which are thus entitled.

An Act, *to prevent the burning of Woods.*

An Act, *for repairing the Block-houſes, Platforms and other the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *&c.*

An Act, *to collect the Arrears of Taxes.*

An Act, *to retrench the growing Intereſt of Bills of Credit.*

An Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Iſlip, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Aſſeſſors, a Collector, Conſtable and Superviſor.*

Gentlemen,

I *Have waited with great Patience, hoping that at laſt, ſome Temper might have been found, by Means of which her Majeſty's Government here might have found its neceſſary Support, and ſome other Matters recommended to you by her, might have met with Returns in ſome Meaſure, proportioned to ſo matchleſs Goodneſs; but being diſappointed in my Hopes, the Seaſon far advanced, and many of your Members gone Home, I have thought fit to prorogue you, to the firſt Day of* March *next; and you are prorogued accordingly, to the firſt Day of* March; *by which Time, ſecond Thoughts and better Acquaintance, may perhaps, create a better Diſpoſition.*

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated at *Burlington*, the 3d Day of *February* 1710, prorogued the General Aſſembly to the 3d Day of *April* 1711.

Die Martis, April 3, 1711.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed to Prorogue the General Aſſembly by Proclamation, to the 5th Inſtant.

Die Jovis, April 5, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, April 6, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned to 11 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 11 *ho. A. M. April* 11, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 11 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 11 *ho. A. M. April* 12, 1711.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe immediately.

The Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, His Excellency had made a Speech, which he obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Hope you are now come with a Diſpoſition to anſwer the Ends of your Meeting, that is, to provide a ſuitable Support for her Majeſty's Government here, in the Manner ſhe has been pleaſed to direct, to find out Means to reſtore the public Credit, and to provide better for your own Security.

They abuſe you who tell you that you are hardly dealt by in the Augmentation of Sallaries; her Majeſty's Inſtructions which I communicated to you at our laſt Meeting, might have convinced you, that it was her Tenderneſs towards her Subjects in the Plantations, who ſuffered under an eſtabliſhed Cuſtom of making conſiderable Preſents to their

their Governors, by Acts of Aſſembly, that induced her to allot to each of them, ſuch a Sallary as ſhe judged ſufficient for their Support in their reſpective Stations, with a ſtrict Prohibition of all ſuch Preſents for the future; which Inſtruction has met with a chearful and grateful Compliance in all her other Colonies.

If you have been in any Thing diſtinguiſhed, it is by an extraordinary Meaſure of her royal Bounty and Care: I hope you will make ſuitable Returns, leſt ſome Inſinuations, much repeated of late Years, ſhould gain Credit at laſt, that however your Reſentment has fallen upon the Governors, it is the Government you diſlike.

It is neceſſary at this Time that you be told alſo, that giving Money for Support of Government, and diſpoſing of it at your Pleaſure, is the ſame with giving none at all; her Majeſty is the ſole Judge of the Merits of her Servants; it is a Right which has never yet been diſputed at Home, and ſhould I conſent to give it up abroad, I ſhould render myſelf unworthy not only of the Truſt repoſed in me, but of the Society of my fellow Subjects, by incurring her higheſt Diſpleaſure.

If I have tired you with a long Speech, I ſhall make Amends by putting you to the Trouble of a very ſhort Anſwer.

Will you ſupport her Majeſty's Government in the Manner ſhe has been pleaſed to direct? or are you reſolved that Burthen ſhall lye ſtill upon the Governor, who cannot accuſe himſelf of any Thing that may have deſerved this Treatment at your Hands?

Will you take Care of the Debts of the Government? Or, to increaſe my Sufferings, muſt I continue under the Torture of the daily Cries of ſuch as have juſt Demands upon you and are in Miſery, without the Power of giving them any hopes of Relief?

Will you take more effectual Care of your own Safety, in that of your Frontiers? Or are you reſolved for the future to rely upon the Security of an open Winter, and the Caprice of your ſavage Neighbours.?

I ſhall be verry ſorry if this Plainneſs offends you: I judged it neceſſary toward the eſtabliſhing and cultivating a good Underſtanding between us: I hope it will be ſo conſtructed, and wiſh heartily it may have that Effect.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Clark*, do lay before this Houſe, a Copy, or the Record of his Excellency's Commiſſion for this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1711.

MR. Secretary *Clark*, according to Order, laid before this Houſe, the Record of his Excellency's Commiſſion for this Colony; and then withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, and Capt. *Reade*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, That it is the humble Deſire of this Houſe, he will be pleaſed to communicate to them, that Part of his Inſtructions *relating to his exerciſing the Powers of Government here, when his Excellency is out of the Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to next *Tueſday*.

Die Martis, P. M. April 17, 1711.

CAPT. *Reade* acquainted the Houſe, That, according to Order, he and Mr. *De Lancey* had waited on his Excellency, and acquainted him with the humble Deſire of this Houſe, *Friday* laſt; to which his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, He would lay before this Houſe, *that Part of his Inſtructions relating to his exerciſing the Powers of Government, when he is out of the Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 18, 1711.

MR. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, The Deputy Secretary had directed to him, a Copy of two Paragraphs of a Letter of Inſtructions, from the Rt. Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations; which was read.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1711.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether they might act as a General Aſſembly? Twelve of the Members were of Opinion, they neither were, nor could act as an Aſſembly, ſince his Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated the 3d of *February* laſt, at *Burlington*, in the Province of *New-Jerſey*, to prorogue them to the 3d Inſtant, *April*; and Five were of Opinion they might act as a General Aſſembly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, A. M. April 20, 1711.

Memorandum.

A A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. Secretary.
Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands your Attendance at Fort Anne, *immediately.*

Where his Excellency was pleaſed to diſſolve the General Aſſembly.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

The ROLL *of the several Members of the General Assembly.*

City of *New-York.*
Col. *Cortlandt*,
Capt. *Reade*,
Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*,
Major *David Provoost.*

City and County of *Albany.*
Robert Livingston, jun. Esq;
Johannis Cuyler, Esq;
Col. *Johannis Schuyler.*

County of *Suffolk.*
Mr. *William Nicoll*,
Capt. *Mulford.*

County of *Ulster.*
Col. *Henry Beekman*,
Capt. *Thomas Garton.*

Queen's County.
Col. *Thomas Willet*,
Col. *John Jackson.*

King's County.
Mr. *Cornelius Sebring*,
Major *Cornelius Van Brunt.*

County of *Westchester.*
Col. *William Willet*,
Capt. *Edmond Ward.*

County of *Richmond.*
Mr. *Abraham Lakerman*,
Capt. *John Stillwell.*

County of *Orange.*
Mr. *Hendrick Ten Eyck.*

Borough of *Westchester.*
Col. *Lewis Morris.*

Manor of *Rensselaer Wyck.*
Capt. *Henry Rensselaer.*

Die Lunæ, July 2, 1711.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clark.* *Gentlemen, His Excellency commands your Attendance at the Council Chamber immediately.*

And they attended accordingly; where they took the Oaths, and made and signed the Declaration, according to Law.

Then his Excellency directed them to chuse their Speaker; whereupon they returned, and unanimously chose Mr. *William Nicoll*, for their Speaker; whom they presented to his Excellency, and was approved.

Then his Excellency was pleased to make his Speech; and the House being returned, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and acquainted them, he had obtained a Copy of his Excellency's Speech; which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

WHAT *I have chiefly to impart, and recommend to you at this Time, is, the Expedition her Majesty has undertaken against the common Enemy in these Parts, for ascertaining her just Rights, and procuring a solid and lasting Security, amongst other Blessings, to her good Subjects on this Continent, and their Posterity; as it is most pathetically set forth in the Preamble of her royal Instructions for that Purpose, which I am commanded to communicate to you.*

I am far from entertaining the least Doubt of your ready Compliance with what is expected on your Part on this Occasion, her Majesty's Honour, and your Interest inseperable from her's, being the Prize you contend for. I must only with all Earnestness recommend Dispatch, upon which the whole Design seems now to depend, the Fleet and Forces being already arrived at Boston, *in good Condition and Health, compleatly furnished with all Things necessary for so great and glorious an Enterprize, and wait for nothing but the expediting of what is necessary and required on your Part.*

According to the Repartition of the Land Forces appointed to act on this Side, under the Command of General Nicholson, *agreed upon in the Council of War assembled at* New-London, *by her Majesty's Order, your Quota amounts to* 600 *private Centinels, besides Officers, as you'll observe by the Schedule marked* (A).

Besides the necessary Provisions for that Number, it will be requisite you find Ways and Means for their Pay, and that of their Field, Staff, and other Officers; for building a sufficient Number of Battoes, for transporting them and their Provisions; for subsisting the Indians *of the* 5 *Nations, and River* Indians; *for paying and subsisting those of* Long-Island, *who were found to be of great Use in the last Attempt of this Kind; for the* 12d per *Day Augmentation of the Lieutenants Pay sent hither, as her Majesty has directed; and for such other contingent Charges as must arise upon such Occasions, and you yourselves shall judge requisite.*

By the Invoice marked (B) *you will be made acquainted with her Majesty's signal Bounty, in arming, cloathing and equipping the Forces to be raised by you, and furnishing very considerable Stores of*

War for this Undertaking; all which are arrived at Boston, *and what is deſtined for us, expected here every Moment.*

There is one Thing that would contribute much toward the redeeming of Time, which is all that can be thought of which may be wanting on this Occaſion, that is, the entering forthwith upon Reſolves (if you ſo pleaſe) for the Encouragement of Volunteers; an Act for that Purpoſe being of ſuch a Nature as may require Time; during which, upon the Credit of your Votes, the Levies may proceed.

One Thing more is neceſſary, that you ſtate the Prices of Proviſions, and other Requiſites, by a Reſolve of your Houſe, to prevent extravagant Demands at this Time.

When you have gone through what is requiſite for this important Service, I muſt recommend to you the Support of Government, the publick Debts, and the Care of your Frontiers; all which very much require your Conſideration at this Time.

And that he had received the Agreement of the Council of War at *New-London*, and an Invoice of Stores of War for the Expedition; which were read; and her Majeſty's Inſtructions; and additional Inſtructions to his Excellency; and her Majeſty's Inſtructions to Col. *Joſeph Dudley*, Governor of *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, and *New-Hampſhire*.

The Speaker alſo acquainted the Houſe, That he had in their Name demanded their antient Privileges; and prayed his Excellency's Confirmation of them, *viz.*

Freedom from Arreſts for themſelves; acceſs to his Excellency on all Occaſions.

Freedom of Debate and Speech in the Houſe, and a favourable Conſtruction of the Proceedings; with all other their antient Privileges.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Lackerman* go with Capt. *Stillwell*, and deſire he may take the Oaths, and ſign the Teſt, according to Law.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That the humble Addreſs of this Houſe be offered to her Majeſty, gratefully to acknowledge her matchleſs Bounty to her Subjects, in the preſent Undertaking to reduce *Canada* to her Majeſty's Empire and Subjection.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Schuyler*, and Capt. *Stillwell*, attend the Honourable General *Nicholſon*, from this Houſe, and congratulate his Arrival to this Colony; and render him the Thanks of this Houſe for his ſignal Services to her Majeſty's Colonies, and ſedulous Application to her Majeſty for reducing *Canada*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 3, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT *the Sum of* Three Pounds, *ſhall be advanced and paid, to every Volunteer, at the Time he ſhall liſt himſelf to go on the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada.

Reſolved, *That every ſuch Volunteer, ſhall be paid* Eighteen Pence, per *Day, and his Proviſion during the Service.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 4, 1711.

THE Speaker, preſented to the Houſe, a Letter directed to him, from Major *Provooſt*, dated in *New-York*, the 2d Inſtant, which was read; ſignifying that he being elected one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, was detained a cloſe Priſoner, in the Cuſtody of the Sheriff of the ſaid City and County, and cannot attend the Service of this Houſe; therefore humbly prays, the Privileges of this Houſe for his Enlargement, that he may attend the ſaid Service.

The Petition of *Cornelia Spratt*, *John Spratt* and *Mary Spratt*, Children of *John Spratt*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth; That *David Provooſt*, Eſq; their Father-in-Law, is detained in Cuſtody on their Behalf, he having not paid their Portions, therefore humbly hope, this honourable Houſe, will conſider their Caſe, being Orphans.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Letter and Petition into Conſideration, To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe being informed, General *Nicholſon*, had ſomething to communicate, being in the Houſe, gave them Thanks for their Congratulating his Arrival, and acknowledging his eminent Services to theſe Colonies, he expreſſed a peculiar Zeal for their Welfare and Proſperity, and the particular Care he had, and would have for the Forces raiſed in this Colony; and put them in Mind, Proviſion ſhould be made for a Chaplain, to attend thoſe Forces, and then withdrew.

Reſolved, That Proviſion be made for a Chaplain accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe addreſs his Excellency, to ſignify by Prolamation, the Reſolves of this Houſe, for the Encouragement of Volunteers, to ſerve on the Expedition againſt *Canada*, beſides what her Majeſty in her Royal Bounty, has been graciouſly pleaſed to direct, and that Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Sebring*, attend his Excellency with the Addreſs of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 4, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT there ſhall be raiſed in this Colony, 600 effective Men, their Officers included, of which 150 to be *Indians*, to go on the Expedition to *Canada*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1711.

THE Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying, That *David Provooſt*, Eſq; may be called to ſit in this Houſe.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Conſideration of Major *Provooſt*'s Letter.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration, the Letter of Major *Provooſt*, and the Petition of *Cornelia*, *John* and *Mary Spratt*, and the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*; after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Saturday* Morning next, take the ſame into further Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will raiſe *Eighteen Pence*, *New-York* Money, *per Diem*, to be paid to ſo many of the Lieuts. arrived here from *Europe*, as ſhall ſerve in the Forces, to be raiſed in this Colony, on the preſent Expedition againſt *Canada*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 5, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 6, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in, for continuing the Exciſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 6, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 7, 1711.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking into further Conſideration, the Letter of Major *Provooſt*, the Petition of *Cornelia*, *John* and *Mary Spratt*, and the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred to next *Monday*.

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon on *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. July* 9, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer of this Colony, lay before this Houſe, an Account of all publick Money in his Hands.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners for managing the late Expedition to *Canada*, in relation to purchaſing and procuring Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, *&c.* appointed in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying* Six Thouſand Pounds, paſſed in the 8th Year of her Majeſty's Reign, pay forthwith to the Treaſurer ſuch publick Money as is in their Hands, and his Receipt ſhall be their Diſcharge for the ſame.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for lay an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 9, 1711.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of Major *Provoſt's* Caſe, and the Petition of *Cornelia*, *John* and *Mary Spratt*, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 10, 1711.

THE Houſe, (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To morrow, take Major *Provoſt's* Caſe, *&c.* into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 10, 1711.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada; and Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 8 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 11, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 11, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, *New-York* Money, be raiſed for defraying the Charge of the Expedition to *Canada*.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Brunt*, do return the Bill, and acquaint the Council, that this Houſe have agreed to their Amendment made to the ſaid Bill, *Provided*, the Words (as his Excellency ſhall think fit to appoint) be inſerted in Folio 7, Line 3, after the Word *raiſed*, omitting the reſt of that Clauſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Amendments made by that Board, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition againſt* Canada.

A Meſſage by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe at the Fort.

The Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had aſſented to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada; which was publiſhed.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt's* Caſe, be referred till To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 12, 1711.

THE Petition of *Thomas Whitehead*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring a Bill into this Houſe, to enable him to ſell ſome unimproved Land, in *Queen's* County, for paying Debts and further Improvement of his Eſtate.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, do humbly addreſs her Majeſty for Relief, relating to the unſupportable Charge and Burthen, this Colony has been at, on the late intended Attempt and preſent Undertaking to reduce *Canada*, ſetting forth our own Wretchedneſs and Poverty, and the Inequality of the Proportions expected from us, in theſe Expeditions, compared with the neighbouring Colonies and Plantations.

Col. *De Peyſter*, the Treaſurer of this Colony, attending without, was called in, and preſented to this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of Chimney Money, and* Two Shillings *on every Negro*, &c. *ſince the 20th of* November, 1710. *And an Account of what received, on the Exciſe of this Colony, ſince the 20th of* October, 1710. *And an Account of what have received and paid, on the following Acts (therein mentioned)* viz.

Ordered, The Accounts lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Reſolved, That Capt. *Robert Walter's*, Col. *Robert Lurting* and Capt. *John De Peyſter*, are appointed Commiſſioners, to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Expedition to *Canada*.

Reſolved, That the Proviſions herein after named, to be provided by the Commiſſioners, ſhall not exceed the following Prices, *viz.*

Good firm Pork, well ſaved, each Barrel, 31 Gallons and a Half	£.	3	10 0
Other Pork in Proportion to Goodneſs and Gage of the Barrel, to be valued by the Commiſſioners appointed by this Houſe			
Peaſe, *per* Buſhel		0	5 0
Bacon, *per* Pound		0	0 8
Buttock of Beef, ſmoaked, *per* Pound		0	0 7
Cheeſe, *per* Pound		0	0 6
Indian Corn, *per* Buſhel		0	2 6
Well baked Biſcuit, made of Meal, as comes from the Mill, with all the Flour, only the Bran taken out, without Mixture of Cornell, *per* Hund.		0	17 6
Rum, *per* the Gallon.		0	3 6

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 12, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT the Commiſſioners appointed this Day, by this Houſe, ſhall have Power to take all Proviſion and ſuch Materials, they ſhall judge neceſſary for the Expedition, at ſuch Prices as they ſhall think equitable, not exceeding the Prices reſolved on by this Houſe, and that a Bill be brought in, for impowering the Commiſſioners ſo to do, and the effectual Paying ſuch Contracts they ſhall make, purſuant to the Power given them, by the Appointment of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe the ſaid *Ten Thouſand Pounds*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garton*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *William Willet*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Mulford* and Col. *Schuyler*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee of Grievances, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 13, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Expedition to reduce* Canada; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the Currency of Bills of Credit, for *Ten Thouſand Pounds*.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe *Ten Thouſand Pounds*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Read* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, be raiſed on real and perſonal Eſtates, to be paid as followeth, *viz.*

Two Thouſand Pounds thereof, to be paid the laſt of *May*, and laſt of *November* - - -	1714
Two Thouſand Pounds more, the laſt of *May*, and laſt of *November* - - -	1715
Two Thouſand Pounds, the laſt of *May*, and laſt of *November* - - -	1716
Two Thouſand Pounds, the laſt of *May*, and laſt of *November* - - -	1717
Two Thouſand Pounds, the laſt of *May*, and laſt of *November* - - - -	1718

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 13, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 14, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT the Commiſſioners, appointed to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Expedition to *Canada*, are directed to purchaſe the following Proviſions, *viz.*

27 Tons of Biſcuit.
135 Barrels of Pork, Bacon, Smoaked Beef and Cheeſe, each *Six Hundred Pounds*.
1200 Gallons of Rum.
400 Buſhels of Peaſe.
600 Buſhels of *Indian* Corn.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Intail*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to appoint Commiſſioners, to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, and Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 16, 1711.

THE humble Addreſs of ſeveral Militia Officers of the City and County of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, propoſing that *Six Pounds* a Man, may be added to the *Three Pounds*, given by an Act, as an Encouragement to Volunteers, to be levied by Tax, on the ſaid City and County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

They alſo propoſed, that a ſufficient Number of Men, might be appointed at the Charge of the Colony, to mount the Guard Night and Day in her Majeſty's Fort here, during the Abſence of her Majeſty's regular Forces.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 17, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *William Willet* and Major *Van Brunt*, do in the Name of this Houſe, wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, this Houſe have not made any Calculation for any Proviſions, for the five Nations and River Indians, in Conſideration of the extreme Poverty of this Colony, and the unequal and great Burthen (ſtill unpaid) to be borne alone by this Plantation, by which in the laſt unhappy Attempt, they were wholly ſubſiſted and ſuſtained, without any Contribution from the neighbouring Colonies, or otherwiſe; and humbly to requeſt his Excellency, the Proviſions for thoſe Nations and Indians, may be paid out of the Funds appointed by her Majeſty for the Furtherance of this Expedition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Encouragement of Volunteers, that ſhall liſt themſelves to go on the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *to make up the Number of Men, to be levied by the City of* New-York, *purſuant to an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed this preſent Seſſions*, entitled, *An Act, for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Ten Thouſand Pounds; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *John Coenrad Codwels*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe, to preſent him to his Excellency, to read divine Service, to the Forces in the Expedition, in the *Engliſh*, *Dutch* and *German* Languages.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 17, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Willet*, Col. *Jackſon*, Capt. *Mulford* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 3 of them, and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to give timely Notice thereof to his Relations, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 18, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for*

for the Expedition to reduce Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 18, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Ten Thouſand Pounds, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Encouragement of Volunteers, that ſhall liſt themſelves to go on the preſent Expedition, to make up the Number of Men, to be levied by the City of* New-York, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Queen*'s County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying, that if their Apprentices be compelled to go on the Expedition to *Canada*, their Maſters may reap the Benefit.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Grievances, have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 19, 1711.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Intail*, was committed; That his Relations had conſented to the paſſing the Bill, and that they had added a Clauſe, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Clauſe be engroſſed.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether this Houſe ſhould take Major *Provooſt*'s Caſe into Conſideration? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That this Houſe (according to Order) proceed to take into Conſideration the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* Ten Thouſand Pounds. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, without Amendment.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Intail*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 19, 1711.

COL. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Encouragement of Volunteers, that ſhall liſt themſelves to go on the preſent Expedition to* Canada, *to make up the Number of Men to be levied by the City of* New-York, *&c.* That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Ten Thouſand Pounds, was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein; and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 20, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Encouragement of Volunteers, that ſhall liſt themſelves to go on the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *to make up the Number of Men, to be levied by the City of* New-York, *purſuant to an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed this preſent Seſſion*, entitled, *An Act for raiſing Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of *Johannis Schuyler* and *Johannis Viſcher*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining, That in *March* laſt, they ſhipped on a Sloop, *Goſen Van Schaaick*, Maſter, ſundry Goods to be tranſported to *Albany*, the Maſter, reporting his Lading at the Cuſtom-Houſe, Mr. *William Davis*, one of the Officers ſeized the ſame, ſo that the Petitioners are ordered to ſtipulate to pay Coſt, if the Goods be acquitted, and pray this Houſe to grant them Relief.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Grievances.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 20, 1711.

Reſolved,

THE Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Ten Thouſand Pounds.

Reſolved, and *Ordered*, That *Two Hundred and Eighty Two Pounds*, be paid by the Treaſurer of this Colony, to his Excellency the Governor, or his Order, for the *Three Pounds* Bounty Money, allowed to the *Palatines*, that are to go on the preſent Expedition.

Mr. *Livingſton* preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further rewarding of Volunteers, on the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *to be levied in the City of* New-York *and* Albany; *and the Pay of other Officers and Uſes relating to the ſame Expedition*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ſaid Bill was read a ſecond Time; and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 21, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further rewarding of Volunteers, on the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *to be levied in the Cities of* New-York *and* Albany; *and the Pay of other Officers and Uſes relating to the ſame Expedition*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for*

laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Ten Thouſand Pounds; and Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 23, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Mompeſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds, without any Amendment.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* Ten Thouſand Pounds, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barberie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands deviſed to him by his Father*, &c. with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barberie*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further rewarding of Volunteers, on the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *to be levied in the Cities of* New-York *and* Albany, &c. without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barberie*, That he put this Houſe in Mind of employing armed Sloops to cruize on this Coaſt, during the Expedition eſpecially, the Men of War on this Station being ordered to go on the Expedition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual putting in Execution an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Johannis Ten Broeck*, and *Thomas Williams*, Farmers of the Exciſe of the City and County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that their Hardſhips to raiſe the Money agreed for the Exciſe, be remitted to them ſo much as the Accidents may appear to this Houſe to be prejudicial to them.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 23, 1711.

MR. *Guyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was committed; and an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual putting in Execution an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was committed, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to each Bill, which they have directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Forces to go on the preſent Expedition, be allowed 12*d. per* Man every Day they ſtay in the City of *New-York*, in Lieu of their Proviſions, not exceeding 4 Days, that come from the neighbouring Counties.

Ordered, That the Officer appointed to collect the Duty of Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, do lay before this Houſe the Receipts and Payments on that Duty.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 24, 1711.

THE Petition of *William Apple*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be licenced to ſell Drink by retail, and exempted from paying any Exciſe during his Life.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Petition into Conſideration.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill that Proviſion be made for a ſufficient Number of Men to mount the Guard in her Majeſty's Fort in the City of *New-York*, with Allowance for Candles and Firewood.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual putting in Execution an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe, to make ſome further Addition to the Price of *Three Shillings and Six-Pence, per* Gallon, to Rum.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That Mr. *William Bradford*, the Printer, be paid *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, quarterly, for one Year, to commence from the 2d Inſtant, and end the 2d Day of *July*, 1712, for printing the Acts and Votes of this Houſe; and *Forty Pounds* for printing Bills of Credit to be iſſued for *Ten Thouſand Pounds*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 2 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 2 *ho. P. M. July* 24, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 25, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* 25,000 *Ounces of Plate*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of Col. *John Schuyler*, and *John Viſcher*, was committed, That they had ſent for Mr. *Davis*, and heard and conſidered his Allegations, and come to a Reſolution; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe; and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Seizure of the Goods, Wares and Merchandizes of the ſaid Petitioners, was, and is illegal, of ill Conſequence, contrary to the Laws and the Faith of this Government, publickly given, to the great Injury of the Petitioners, and the Reſt of her Majeſty's Subjects trading in this Colony; and humbly pray this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency, for the taking the ſaid Mr. *Davis* in Arreſt, till he, the ſaid *Davis*, reſtore the ſaid Goods, with the Damages ſuſtained, to the ſaid Petitioners.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer*, and Mr. *Livingſton*, do attend his Excellency with the Addreſs of this Houſe, humbly deſiring the Petitioners may be relieved, purſuant to the Reſolve of this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* 25,000 *Ounces of Plate*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Addreſs to her Majeſty, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; to which the Houſe agreed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. July 25, 1711.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for* 25,000 *Ounces of Plate*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Petition of *Dirck Schryvers*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 ho. A. M. July 26, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing of* Dirck Schryvers, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying a Tax on the City and County of* New-York, *for a Guard of her Majesty's Fort* Anne, *in the Colony of* New-York, *during the present Expedition against* Canada, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The said Bill was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York* and *Albany*, or any three, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Resolved, That this House will take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, relating to the Support of Government, and the publick Debts.

Capt. *Rensselaer*, and Mr. *Livingston*, reported, They had attended his Excellency with the Address of this House, relating to the Report from the Committee of Grievances; to which his Excellency was pleased to answer, That he was of the same Opinion with the House, that the Seizure is illegal; and considering that Matter is now depending at common Law, he could not recall it; but that he would endeavour that the same should be speedily tried and determined.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. July 26, 1711.

CAPT. *Reade*, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying a Tax in the said City and County of* New-York, *for a Guard of her Majesty's Fort* Anne, *in the Colony of* New-York, *during the present Expedition against* Canada, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying a Tax on the City and County of* New-York, *for a Guard of her Majesty's* Fort Anne, *&c.* was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That they have passed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving, an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent selling or giving of Rum, or other strong Liquors to the* Indians, *and to prevent the Embezzeling of any of the Cloathing, Arms or Accoutrements, sent by her Majesty, for the Service of the present Expedition*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Ordered, The Bill be read; and the Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeson*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, without Amendment: That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit for*, 25,000 *Ounces of Plate*, without an Amendment. And that they have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual putting in Execution, an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels and Slaves*; without an Amendment.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent selling or giving of Rum, or other strong Liquors to the* Indians, *&c.* was read the second Time, and the House made the following Amendment to the said Bill, *viz.*

In the last Line, of Folio 2, after the Word *(thereto)* insert, unless the Person or Persons, actually in the present Service, or their Assigns in Case of Death.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, being read the third Time,

Resolved, The Bill with the Amendment do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Ward*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the said Bill with Amendment; to which they desire the Concurrence of that Board.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary, That they are informed, the Officer for collecting the Duty on Tonnage of Vessels and Slaves, has damanded the Tonnage of the Transports, that brought her Majesty's Stores for the Expedition for this Port, and desire this House to pass a Resolve, for exempting them from that Duty, in Regard they are actually in her Majesty's Service, and are to remain during the Expedition.

Resolved, That the said Transports be exempted from the said Duty, during the Time they are in her Majesty's Service on the Expedition, and that the Officer for collecting the same, do clear the said Vessels accordingly.

Mr. Secretary acquainted the House, his Excellency commanded their Attendance at the Council Chamber immediately.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, do sign the two Addresses to her Majesty, and present them to his Excellency, that they may be transmitted to *Great Britain*, which are as follows, *viz.*

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of your most loyal and faithful Subjects, the General Assembly of your Colony of *New-York*, in *America*.

Most gracious Sovereign,

BEING *sensible in the highest Degree of the many Blessings we have enjoyed during your Majesty's most happy and glorious Reign, we humbly take this Occasion, to tender your Majesty, our due Acknowledgments and hearty Thanks for the same, and in particular for your Majesty's great Grace and Favour in the present Expedition, to reduce* Canada *and* Newfoundland, *entirely to your Majesty's Subjection and Dominion, which as its grounded not only, on the many Wrongs, Injuries and Losses, sustained by your Majesty's good Subjects from those* French *Incroachments, but on the vast Advantages that will accrue to the* British *Empire on the Success of the Undertaking, is an undeniable Proof of your Majesty's great Prudence and inimitable Goodness to, and Care of all your Subjects.*

We do not fail in using our utmost Endeavours, in contributing towards attaining the desired End (which with the Favour of Almighty God) seems indisputable, and its our hearty Prayers, this and many other Conquests may be added to your Majesty, with a long and prosperous Reign.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE *your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects of your Colony and Plantation of* New-York *in* America, *in General Assembly convened and met, most humbly crave Leave to offer to your Majesty's royal Consideration;*

That not only during the whole Course of the late and present War with France, *this Colony has been greatly burthened with extraordinary Levies, for it's Defence against the common Enemy, but the Charge of the ordinary Support of the Government, has been very great and exorbitant, in Proportion with the Colonies adjacent.*

That this your Plantation (though one of the least in your Majesty's Dominions in America) *has long laboured under many Hardships and Difficulties, by Occasion whereof, our Trade is decayed, the Rents of our Houses and Lands decreased, the little Wealth it possessed, and the best and most industrious of it's Inhabitants driven into the neighbouring Colonies, enticed by the Ease and Indulgence of the Government in those Parts.*

That in the last intended Attempt on Canada, *induced by the Commands of your Majesty, and the solid Reason of the Design, we not only chearfully supplied our Proportion of Men allotted, though very unequal to our Neighbours* (Connecticut *having twice as many, and* New-Jersey *an equal Number of People) but solely bore the Charge of Victualling the* 5 *Nations, and all other* Indians, *your Majesty's standing Forces, the building and making Bottoes and Canoes, and many other incidental Charges, too many to enumerate to your Majesty.*

That in the present Expedition (to which Almighty God grant good Success) although we are very sensible of the vast Disproportion of Men and Money required of us, compared with those in favour of our Neighbours, yet with all alacrity we are doing our utmost to obey your royal Commands, though our extream Poverty and Inability obstructs our Inclinations to fulfill them as we desire.

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The Diſadvantages we ſink under, it's our Apprehenſion, muſt proceed from the ſiniſter Inſinuations made to our Prejudice, the Miſrepreſentation of the State and Condition of this Colony, by ſuch who find it their Intereſt to be our Enemies, and the Want of a Perſon fitly authorized and enabled to ſpeak and act for us at your Majeſty's Court, and upon all Occaſions to appear on our Behalf, and anſwer to ſuch Matters and Things as may concern this Colony.

We therefore are moſt humble Suitors to your moſt ſacred Majeſty, that graciouſly weighing our preſent and paſt Circumſtances, you will pleaſe to accept of our moſt hearty Endeavours as far as we are able, and that wherein we are deficient, your Majeſty's royal Commiſeration, Clemency and Bounty, will ſupply the Defects, and grant us ſuch further Relief, as is agreeable to your Majeſty's great Goodneſs and Juſtice. We moſt fervently pray to Almighty God, for the long Continuance of your Majeſty's mild, pious and happy Reign.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe attended accordingly; being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their two Addreſſes to her Majeſty to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would tranſmit them to her Majeſty; he alſo acquainted them, his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and publiſh the following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to purchaſe Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for the Expedition to reduce* Canada.

An Act, *to enable* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father,* &c.

An Act, *for levying the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds.

An Act, *for the better rewarding of Volunteers on the preſent Expedition againſt* Canada, *to be levied in the Cities of* New-York *and* Albany, *and the Pay of other Officers and Uſes, relating to the ſame Expedition.*

An Act, *for continuing an Act,* entitled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony.*

An Act, *for the more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly,* entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves.* And,

An Act, *for the Currency of Bills of Credit, for* 25,000 *Ounces of Plate.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 27, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 27, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote,* That they have agreed to the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act,* entiled, *An Act, to prevent ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, *and to prevent the Embezzeling of any of the Cloathing, Arms or Accoutrements, ſent by her Majeſty for the Service of the preſent Expedition.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 28, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT the Commiſſioners appointed to purchaſe Proviſions, *&c.* do put the Order of this Houſe, of the 23d Inſtant in Execution, relating to the Forces, that ſtay in the City of *New-York,* and that they be allowed the ſame in their Accounts.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 28, 1711.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon,* That they propoſe the recommending to this Houſe, to give proper Directions to the Commiſſioners, for providing Neceſſaries for the Expedition, to defray the Charges of Building the Battoes, for Tranſportation of the Quota of Stores raiſed in this Province for the Expedition.

And that he alſo acquaint this Houſe, his Excellency in Council, propoſed to recommend to this Houſe, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for recruiting her Majeſty's Land and Sea Forces on this preſent Expedition, by enabling Juſtices of the Peace, to apprehend and ſecure Deſerters from the Land and Sea Service, and to raiſe and levy ſuch able bodied Men, as have not any lawful Calling or Employment, or do not follow or exerciſe the ſame, or do not make Uſe of any lawful Means for their Support or Maintenance, with proper Pains and Penalties for rendering the ſaid Act more effectual: And that he communicate to this Houſe, to think of proper Methods for defraying the Expence of erecting Beacons, tranſporting of Guns and ſending Expreſſes, and other neceſſary Charges that may accrue upon that Occaſion, and that a Committee of that Board, had laid before his Excellency, a Scheme for the Security and Defence of this Province during the Expedition, which was received, and read in the Houſe.

And that this Houſe prepare and bring in a Bill for recruiting her Majeſty's Land and Sea Forces, on this preſent Expedition.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the Security and Defence of the Province, during the Expedition.

Reſolved, That the Commiſſioners for providing Neceſſaries for the Expedition, do defray the Charges of Building the Battoes, for the Tranſportation of the Quota of Forces, raiſed in this Province for the Expedition, and that the Treaſurer do furniſh them with Money to pay the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 o'Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 30, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 30, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Security and Defence of this Colony, during the Expedition to* Canada; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ſaid Bill, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, which they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 31, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 31, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT its the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Time being, do pay to *William Bradford,* ſenior, or his Aſſigns, the Sum of 100 Ounces of Plate, for Printing 6500 Bills of Credit, made to be current in this Colony, on the Fund of *Ten Thouſand Pounds,* to be raiſed by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds, *paſſed this preſent Seſſion,* whoſe Receipt, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge for the ſame.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Security and Defence of this Colony, during the Expedition to* Canada. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris,* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris,* do in Behalf of this Houſe, acquaint his Excellency, that the Country having no Ordnance nor Ammunition, deſire his Excellency to furniſh them with the ſame, to be placed by the Beacons.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 1, 1711.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act,

Act, *for the Security and Defence of this Colony*, and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Morris* acquainted the Houſe, he had attended his Excellency, according to Order, and his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would find Ordnance and Ammunition for the Beacons.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be returned to his Excellency for the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 2 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 1, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, to deſire this Houſe, to prepare a Bill, for the effectual Puniſhing of Mutiny, Deſertion and Diſobedience, in any of the Troops raiſed for the preſent Expedition againſt *Canada*, and the Militia of this Province, during the ſaid Expedition.

Reſolved, That the General Aſſembly of this Colony, are content with the Laws as they are. But if the Council will propoſe any Law they conceive neceſſary, on the preſent Exigency of Affairs, the Aſſembly will give their Conſent to any ſuch Law, if it ſhall to them appear reaſonable.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Security and Defence of this Colony, during the Expedition to* Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 2, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT the Reſolve of this Houſe, of the 28th of *July* laſt, relating to the Battoes be put in Execution, not exceeding *Three Hundred Pounds*, and that the Commiſſioners providing Neceſſaries for the Expedition, *&c.* be ſerved with the Reſolves of this Houſe.

A Motion being made, that according to the Reſolve of this Houſe, the Support of the Government and Payment of the Debts, be taken into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That his Excellency be addreſſed, that in Regard of the Seaſon of the Year, and the Time the furthering the Expedition has taken up, and the threatning Danger from the Enemy, the Conſideration of thoſe Matters may be reſpited till the next Meeting his Excellency ſhall appoint, *and that the Supream Courts of Judicature, for the ſame Reaſon, may be adjourned during the preſent Danger.*

Ordered, That Mr *Sebring* and Capt. *Ward*, do wait on his Excellency, with the Addreſs of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 2 *ho. P. M. Aug* 2, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 3, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Security and Defence of this Colony during the Expedition to* Canada, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 3, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 4, 1711.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Security and Defence of this Colony*, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do return the Bill, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to all their Amendments, except the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, immediately at Fort Anne.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to an Act, *for the Security and Defence of this Colony, during the Expedition to* Canada; and *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent ſelling or giving Rum or ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, *and to prevent the Embezzeling of any of the Cloathing, Arms or Accoutrements, ſent by her Majeſty for the Service of the preſent Expedition*; and made the following Speech, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Think myſelf obliged to thank you in her Majeſty's Name, for what you have done at this Time, towards aſſiſting her in this great Expedition now in Hand, againſt her and your Enemies; and I make no doubt, but by the Bleſſing of God, your Endeavours will meet with ſuitable Succeſs. The Apprehenſion of Danger, the Seaſon of the Year, and your own Deſires, have determined me to prorogue you for ſome ſmall Time, and you are accordingly prorogued to the 10th *of* September *next enſuing; at which Time, I hope to meet you here, with a chearful Diſpoſition, to take effectual Care of what has been ſo long under Deliberation, and what ſo nearly concerns you; that is, the Support of Government, the publick Debts, and the Security of your Frontiers.*

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

A ROLL *of the General Aſſembly.*

City of *New-York.*
Col. *Cortlandt,*
Capt. *Reade,*
Mr. *Stephen De Lancey,*
Major *David Provooſt.*

City and County of *Albany.*
Robert Livingſton, jun. Eſq;
Johannis Cuyler, Eſq;
Col. *Johannis Schuyler.*

County of *Suffolk.*
Mr. *William Nicoll,*
Capt. *Mulford.*

County of *Ulſter.*
Col. *Henry Beekman,*
Capt. *Thomas Garton.*

Queen's County.
Col. *Thomas Willet,*
Col. *John Jackſon.*

King's County.
Mr. *Cornelius Sebring,*
Major *Cornelius Van Brunt.*

County of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *William Willet,*
Capt. *Edmond Ward.*

County of *Richmond.*
Capt. *John Stillwell,*
Mr. *Abraham Lakerman.*

County of *Orange.*
Mr. *Hendrick Ten Eyck.*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *Lewis Morris.*

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck.*
Capt. *Henry Renſſelaer.*

Die Lunæ, P. M. Sept. 10, 1711.

THERE being not a Quorum of the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly, to *Thurſday* next.

Die Jovis, P. M. Sept. 13, 1711.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly, to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Sept. 17, 1711.

HIS Excellency prorogued the General Aſſembly, to *Thurſday* next.

Die Jovis, P. M. Sept. 20, 1711.

HIS Excellency prorogued the General Aſſembly, to *Monday* the 1ſt of *October* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Oct. 1, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 2, 1711.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Houſe attended accordingly; being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech; which he obtained a Copy of, with ſeveral Letters and Accounts from *Albany*, and was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THOUGH *your Meetings have been frequent, I find with unſpeakable Sorrow the Occaſions for them, to multiply the*

the Miscarriage of that great, that well concerted Enterprize, the chief Advantage of which was to redound to you, to her Majesty only, the Glory and Pleasure of having purchased for you, at a very dear Rate, a lasting Tranquility. I say, this fatal Miscarriage, calls loud for your utmost Application at this Time, to obviate the Designs of an Enemy, animated by our ill Success, and prompted by Revenge, who without Doubt, will speedily make some Attempt upon her Majesty's Subjects, where they find them most unprovided.

For this Cause, I must now again, with all the Earnestness imaginable, intreat you to take into your Thoughts, the present State of her Majesty's Government here, which hitherto hath had no Support, that the Officers thereof, may be enabled with chearful Hearts and ready Hands, to undertake what may be necessary for our common Defence.

That you would also consider, and find a speedy Remedy, for the woeful State of your Frontiers of Albany *and* Schenectady, *of which these Letters from the Mayor and Corporation of* Albany, *and the Commissioners of* Indian *Affairs, will sufficiently inform you. For this Purpose, I believe, you will judge it necessary, to continue in Pay during this Winter,* 200 *Men at least, of the Troops raised by this Province, for strengthening those Garrisons, and to find Means to repair those Forts, which at present are in Ruins.*

I must also put you in Mind, that the Militia Act will quickly expire by its own Limitation, and so wants a Continuation by another.

The Debts of the Government cry so loud, that I am confident there is no Body here, who has not been sometimes moved with a generous Compassion, for those who suffer under them.

Find out Remedies for those Evils, and the best of Princes will thank you; your Enemies fear you, your Fellow Subjects applaud you, your Posterity bless you, and I, with all the Efforts of my Life, endeavour to serve you.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House, be given to his Excellency, for his favourable Speech.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for continuing the Militia Act.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow Morning, take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, to authorize the surviving Commissioners, for the Expedition to reduce *Canada*, to Act and pursue the Powers committed to them, as fully, as if Capt. *John De Peyster*, deceased, were still alive, and to make Provision in Case of the Death of any other of the Commissioners.

Then the House adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more useful, for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the surviving Commissioners for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, *to act and pursue the Powers committed to them, as fully, as if Capt.* John De Peyster, *deceased, were still alive, and to make Provision in Case of the Death of any other of the Commissioners*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackson* and Mr. *Sebring*, do attend his Excellency from this House, to know his Pleasure, if the Guards and Centinels, placed at the several Beacons, may not at present be discharged from their Attendance, the Reason of their being posted there, seeming to be ceased.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1711.

COL. *Jackson* reported, that (according to Order) he and Mr. *Sebring*, had waited on his Excellency, with the Order of this House, and his Excellency was pleased to say, that he was of the same Opinion, but would communicate it to the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the surviving Commissioners for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, *to act and pursue the Powers committed to them, as fully, as if Capt.* John De Peyster, *deceased, were still alive*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, take his Excellency's Speech into further Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct*, 4, 1711.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the surviving Commissioners, for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, *to act and pursue the Powers committed to them*, &c. was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Ward*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better settling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony, do lay before this House, an Account of all publick Money in his Hands, and that the Clerk of this House, do serve him with this Order.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 4, 1711.

THE House (according to Order) taking those Parts of his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, relating to the Support of the Government and the Defence of the Frontiers;

Resolved, That the House will proceed To-morrow, to take the same into further Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 5, 1711.

COL. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better settling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the surviving Commissioners, for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, *to act and pursue the Powers committed to them*, &c. without an Amendment.

He also laid before the House, Lieutenant General *Nicholson's*, and Col. *Schuyler's* Letters to his Excellency, of the 2d instant, relating to the Forces and Frontiers, and acquainted the House, His Excellency finds it absolutely necessary for him to go to *Albany*, To-morrow, and desires this House to pass such Resolves to Day, as they judge necessary for repairing the Fortifications at *Albany*, and *Schenectady*, and retaining the Number of Men proposed for the Defence of the Frontiers, that his Excellency may be enabled to give necessary Directions there, the Season of the Year admitting no Delay.

A Message by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this House immediately, at the Council Chamber.

The Speaker with the House attended accordingly; being returned, the Speaker acquainted the House, His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to, and proclaimed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorise the surviving Commissioners for the Expedition to reduce* Canada, *to act and pursue the Powers committed to them*, &c.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1711.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better settling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Resolved,

Reſolved, And it's the Opinion and Deſire of this Houſe, That his Excellency, on his Arrival at *Albany*, do diſcharge the Forces raiſed in this Colony, for the Expedition to reduce *Canada*.

Reſolved, That 150 of the Troops raiſed in this Colony for the Expedition to reduce *Canada*, be entered into Pay, and continue in her Majeſty's Service at *Albany*, and the Parts adjacent, for the Defence of the Frontiers the enſuing Winter; and this Houſe do humbly recommend to his Excellency's Conſideration, that thoſe of the Forces raiſed in this Colony may principally be pitched upon for continuing in the Service, who, beſides the Money allowed by the Country, have received Rewards from their Neighbours to ſerve in their Steads.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will raiſe a Sum of Money for the Support and Payment of 150 Men, their Officers included, towards the Defence of the Frontiers, at and about *Albany*, the enſuing Winter; and this Houſe do moſt humbly requeſt his Excellency to uſe his Intereſt with the neighbouring Colonies, to ſupply their Proportion for the Security of that Frontier, it being abſolutely neceſſary for the common Defence.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will raiſe a competent Sum of Money, towards the repairing the Fortifications on the Frontiers at *Albany* and *Schenectady*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1711.

THE Treaſurer being without, was called in, and preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *The Colony of* New-York, *Dr. and Cr.* which was read.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of the Colony do lay before this Houſe in a Book, the Accounts of his Receipts and Payments of the publick Money that has come to his Hands ſince his being in Office; with an Account of the Arrearages of the Taxes due from the ſeveral Cities and Counties, or otherwiſe, by Act of Aſſembly, during that Time, in order to auditing his Accounts, and the Payment of thoſe Arrearages.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary, from his Excellency, to acquaint the Houſe, the Magazine in Fort *Anne*, was defective, and the Powder therein damnified, deſiring this Houſe to take Care for remedying the ſame.

Reſolved, The Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer lay his Accounts before this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 8, 1711.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Aſſigning of Sheriffs*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1711.

THE Petition of *David Provooſt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Circumſtances (long Impriſonment) may be conſidered, being elected one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*, he offering to give in ſufficient Security to the *De Peyſters*, to bring his Matters forthwith into *Chancery*, and comply with the Decree of that Court.

A Debate ariſing thereon,

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Aſſigning of Sheriffs*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *John Clement*, *Barent Blom*, &c. of *Fluſhing*, in *Queen's* County, in Behalf of themſelves and others, inhabiting near the *Freſh Meadows* there, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a Way may be laid from the ſaid Meadows to the main Road.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the further laying out, regulating, and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct* 10, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1711.

THE Tonnage Officer (according to Order) laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That *Three Thouſand Eight Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds*, be raiſed for the Support of this Government, until the 13th of *June* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 11, 1711.

COL. *Cortlandt* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment; and for confirming to them their antient Rights, Cuſtoms and Liberties, as the ſame are given, granted and confirmed unto them by their Charter*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1711.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for the Support of this Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That a Quarter of an Ounce of Plate be laid on every Chimney and Fire Hearth in this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1711.

THE Houſe taking into further Conſideration Ways and Means towards the Support of the Government,

Reſolved, That *One Shilling* more *per* Ton be laid on the Tonnage of Veſſels.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in to lay a Quarter of an Ounce of Plate on every Chimney and Fire Hearth in this Colony.

Reſolved, That $\frac{1}{8}$ of an Ounce of Plate be laid on every Male from 16 Years and upwards, within this Colony; thoſe who receive Alms, and Slaves, excepted.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, *Tueſday* next.

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Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1711.

THE Petition of ſeveral Merchants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying them to conſider of the Encouragement of the Trade and Navigation of this Port; and to impoſe ſome other Impoſition on all Veſſels, or their Lading, not belonging to this Colony (Veſſels directly from *Great-Britain* excepted) and to find out effectual Means for the better ſecuring this Coaſt againſt the *French* Privateers.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves; and for repealing the Acts heretofore made relating to thoſe Duties*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to prevent the impairing the Fortifications in this Colony.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Chimnies and a Poll*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enforcing the Bills of Credit*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them their antient Rights*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Capt. *Garton* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Aſſigning of Sheriffs*, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame without an Amendment; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Aſſigning of Sheriffs*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the impairing the Fortifications*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves; and for repealing the Acts heretofore made relating to thoſe Duties*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Chimnies, and a Poll*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enforcing the Bills of Credit*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1711.

THE Petition of *Johannis Ten Broeck*, and *Thomas Williams*, Farmers of the Exciſe of the City and County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to remit them ſo much of the Sum agreed for, as may appear reaſonable to this Houſe.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Mr. *Livingſton*, jun. reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves*, &c. was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein; and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the impairing the Fortifications*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolving into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into further Conſideration the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves*, &c. and Mr. *Livingſton*, jun. reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1711.

THE Petition of Major *Provooſt* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe to conſider his Hardſhips, and grant him Relief.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Petition be taken into Conſideration; it was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſame be taken into Conſideration immediately; it was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration *Wedneſday* next.

The Petition of ſeveral Officers of the Regiments late raiſed by this Colony for the Expedition, in Behalf of themſelves and the Soldiers lately under their Command, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be allowed the Pay eſtabliſhed for 100 Days.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the ſame be taken into Conſideration; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration next *Wedneſday*.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1711.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committe of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels*, &c. and Mr. *Livingſton*, jun. reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Regulation and Eſtabliſhment of Fees*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating, and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Regulation and Eſtabliſhment of Fees*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Dirck Schryvers*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct*, 23, 1711.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, to acquaint this Houſe, that his Excellency did, on his Arrival, at *Albany*, purſuant to their Deſire, diſband the Forces raiſed by this Province to ſerve in the Expedition againſt *Canada*; retaining in Pay 150 Men, or near that Number, for the Defence of the Frontiers; ſeveral whereof his Excellency is informed are ſince deſerted, and that he will complete the Number out of the *Palatines*.

That his Excellency has given Directions for repairing the Fortifications of *Albany* and *Schenectady*; which is now doing.

That purſuant to her Majeſty's Commands, he has contracted for the building two Forts, with a Chapel in each, in the *Indian* Country, with Accommodations for Miſſionaries; the Expence whereof, her Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to defray.

Ordered, That the hearty Thanks of this Houſe, be returned to his Excellency for his great Care therein, and regard to this Colony, relating to that Affair.

And Mr. Secretary, at the ſame Time, laid before this Houſe, by the Order of his Excellency, an Account of the Governor of *Connecticut*'s Expences, in procuring 28 *Indians* above the Quota of that Province for his Excellency, amounting to *Fifty Five Pounds, Eight Shillings* and *Five-pence*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Petition of *John Hamilton*, Eſq; and Mr. *Robert Lurting*, Agents to the Packet Boats, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying the reſpective Packet Boats, may be diſcharged from the Duty of Tonnage, purſuant to a reſolve of this Houſe.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow.

The Petition of the Juſtices and Superviſors of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Act may paſs, for paying the Arrears of Taxes, due from the Manors in that County.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1711.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of *John Hamilton*, Eſq; and Mr. *Robert Lurting*;

Ordered, That the Packet Boats, in Regard of their reſtraint of Freight, ſhall be obliged only to pay Half of the Duty of Tonnage.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to thoſe Duties*; was read the third Time, with an Amendment; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of ſeveral Officers of the Regiments, late raiſed by this Colony for the Expedition, *&c.*

Reſolved, That it's the Opinion of this Houſe, the Officers and Forces raiſed in this Colony on the late Expedition, have faithfully performed their reſpective Duties, but in the preſent Circumſtances of the Colony, cannot judge it proper to make any Alteration in the Acts already paſſed for that Service.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of Major *Provooſt*, after a Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof, be referred to *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1711.

COL. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Chimnies and a Poll*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1711.

COL. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Chimnies and a Poll*. That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Regulation and Eſtabliſhment of Fees*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *John Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Capt. *Read* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Impairing the Fortifications*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways through this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1711.

COL. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Chimnies and a Poll*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Impairing the Fortifications*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Read*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Secretary *Clark* being without, was called in, and preſented to the Houſe, by his Excellency's Command, a Letter from *Albany*, dated the 22d Inſtant, which was read, giving Account of the late Hoſtility committed by the *French* Indians, on ſome Inhabitants above *Albany*, deſiring the Frontiers may be well garriſoned, and a Provoſt Marſhall to levy the Fines of the Inhabitants there, who are very negligent in their Duty, on the Night Guards.

Reſolved, That 3750 Ounces of Plate, be raiſed in this Colony, towards the Fortifications and Defence of the Frontiers the enſuing Winter.

Reſolved, This Houſe will in the Afternoon, conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1711.

Reſolved,

THE Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An*

An Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony.*

The House taking into Consideration, the Ways and Means to raise the 3750 Ounces of Plate; after a Debate thereon,

Ordered, The further Consideration thereof, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1711.

THE House taking into further Consideration the Ways and Means, to raise the 3750 Ounces of Plate, after a Debate thereon,

Ordered, The further Consideration thereof, be referred till *Tuesday* next.

Ordered, The Consideration of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways*, &c. be referred to Col. *Willet*, Col. *Jackson*, Col. *Beekman*, Major *Van Brunt* and Mr. *Sebring*, or any 3 of them.

The House adjourned till *Tuesday* Morning next, 10 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agency for* New-York *at* Great-Britain, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, The Consideration of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways*, &c. be referred till To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1711.

THE House taking into Consideration the Ways and Means, to raise 3750 Ounces of Plate, and came to no Resolution therein.

Resolved, The further Consideration thereof, be referred till the Afternoon.

Ordered, That any 3 of the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c. do go through the Bill, and report the same to the House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1711.

THE House taking into further Consideration the Ways and Means, to raise 3750 Ounces of Plate, and a Motion was made, and the Question was put, That a Tax be laid on Money at Interest. It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, The Consideration of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways*, &c. be referred till *Monday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1711.

THE House adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1711.

A Message from his Excellency in Council, That the Secretary lay before this House, the Petition of *David Provoost*, praying his Excellency, to recommend his Proposals, concerning the Dispute between him and the *De Peysters*, which was read.

The Treasurer of this Colony being without, was called in, and presented to the House, a Book endorsed on the outside Ledger, (A) belonging to the Colony of *New-York*, begun 1707, and another Book, endorsed on the outside thereof, Book of all particular Payments, relating to Ledger (A) then withdrew.

The House taking into Consideration, the Ways and Means to raise 3750 Ounces of Plate, came to a Resolution, *viz.*

Resolved, That 2855 Ounces of Plate, be raised and levied on real and personal Estates in this Colony, towards the Defence of the Frontiers this Winter.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1711.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Barberie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels and on Slaves*, &c. with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act, for the better settling the Militia of this Province*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Byerley*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Chimnies and a Poll*, with Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, and that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Impairing the Fortifications*; without any Amendment.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* 2855 *Ounces of Plate*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Speaker communicated to the House, several Letters from *Albany*, relating to the Frontiers; which were read.

The Petition of some of the Creditors of the Government, &c. was presented to the House and read, praying this House to take their Case into Consideration.

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1711.

MR. Secretary *Clark* laid before this House, the Address to her Majesty, prepared by the Council, and desired the Concurrence of this House thereto; which was read.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, acquaint the Council, that this House do agree to the Address to her Majesty, prepared by that Board, with some Amendments; to which they desire their Concurrence.

That Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Claims of Debt from the Government, and the Petition of *Roger Mompeson*, *Peter Schuyler*, Esqrs, and others, being taken into Consideration,

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in, to appoint Commissioners to receive, examine and State the several Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government, and make Report to the House, the Sums and Nature of such Claims, how they came to be contracted, and for what Necessaries and Services, and how it appears to them, the same, or any of them are reasonable Charges on the People of this Colony, or otherwise.

A Message from his Excellency in Council, by Mr. Secretary, That he acquaint this House, his Excellency has given Orders to send 100 *Palatines* to *Albany*, to compleat the Detachment left there, for the Defence of the Frontiers, and that near 300 Palatines were employed in the late Expedition, 100 were in the Countries Service, and the rest incorporated in the regular Forces.

That Col. *Schuyler*, has *Two Hundred* and *Eighty Two Pounds*, for Bounty Money, and desires to know the Pleasure of this House, whether it shall be given to the 100 only, who served in the Country Troops, or divided among the Number, that went on the Expedition, in regard that before the Detachment was made, for those to serve in the Country Troops, they would neither agree, it should be wholly paid to those who should be drawn out to serve under Col. *Schuyler*, nor before the Draught should be made, that it should be paid among the whole.

Resolved, And its the Opinion of this House, That the Bounty Money, allowed to the Volunteers on the late disappointed Expedition, should be paid to those only, who served in the Troops paid by this Colony.

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The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of the Juſtices and Superviſors of the County of *Weſtcheſter*;

Ordered, A Bill be brought in, for paying the Arrears of Taxes, due from the Manors in that County.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* 2855 *Ounces of Plate*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer to pay his Excellency*, 8025 *Ounces of Plate*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Capt. *Glen* and Lieut. *Vrooman*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying, they may be impowered by an Act, to lay a Tax of *Twelve Pounds* annually, on the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of *Schenectady*, for defraying the neceſſary Charges thereof, and be obliged to ride Wood for the Town Watches.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Nov. 5, 1711.

Ordered,

THE Conſideration of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways*, &c. be referred till To-morrow.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain the bringing of any perſonal Action, in the Supream Court in this Colony, under the Value of* Twenty Pounds, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1711.

CAPT. *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* 2855 *Ounces of Plate*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed too.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

William Bradford the Printer, preſented to the Houſe an Account, of Fifteen Pounds, entitled, *The General Aſſembly of the Colony of* New-York, *Dr.*

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agency for* New-York *at* Great-Britain, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain the bringing of any perſonal Action, in the Supream Court in this Colony, under the Value of* Twenty Pounds, was read the ſecond Time; and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 6, 1711.

CAPT. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces, late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *&c.* was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That they have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Soldiers and Sailors from deſerting her Majeſty's Service, and Servants and Slaves deſerting their Maſters or Miſtreſſes*; and a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better Recovery of her Majeſty's Quit-Rents*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c. That they had altered the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when they will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1711.

THE Petition of *Hendrick Hanſen*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying, this Houſe to take effectual Care, *Forty Pounds* may be paid him, towards making a new Block Houſe in the City of *Albany*, in the Year 1709.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Mr. *Cuyler*, preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of Charges diſburſed by ſeveral Inhabitants of the City and County of* Albany, *towards Spies and Out-Scouts, ſent out by the Commiſſioners, appointed for managing the* Indian *Affairs at* Albany, *in the Year* 1710, &c. amounting to *Two Hundred and One Pound, Thirteen Shillings* and *Eleven-pence Halfpenny*; and prayed Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Read*, preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of Proviſions and other Neceſſaries and incidental Charges for the Expedition for reducing* Canada, *by the Commiſſioners appointed at* New-York, *is Dr.* amounting to *One Thouſand, Nine Hundred* and *Twenty One Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Six-pence.*

Ordered, The Account be committed.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, &c. which was read.

Ordered, The Bill be re-committed.

Ordered, The Clerk of this Houſe, deliver to Mr. *Livingſton*, jun. An Account of Mr. *John Collins*, which was delivered accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 802; *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Cuyler* preſented to the Houſe, a Liſt of Warrants, which is ordered by Mr. *Peter Van Brugh*, and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, what Goods was bought, and Charges of the Commiſſioners relating to the Expedition at *Albany*, amounting to *Four Hundred and Eighty Four Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Five Pence Half-Penny.*

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Committee appointed to audit the Account of the Commiſſioners at *New-York.*

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain the bringing any perſonal Actions in the Supreme Court of this Colony, under the Value of* Twenty Pounds; That they had made an Amendment to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the Treaſurer to pay *One Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds* to his Excellency, for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* 2855 *Ounces of Plate*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1711.

A Bill, entitled *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 3750 *Ounces of Plate*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agency for* New-York, *at* Great-Britain, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for encouraging of Seamen*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, &c. was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 8, 1711.

THE Petition of the *Britiſh* Lieutenants, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to take their Caſe into Conſideration, and make Proviſion for an Increaſe of their Pay during their Stay here.

A Meſſage by Col. *Schuyler*, from the Governor and Council, that, that Board hopes this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration, and provide for ſo many of the Lieutenants as were employed in the late Expedition, eſpecially ſince his Excellency intends to ſend them to the Frontiers, and alſo intends to recommend to the Governments of *Connecticut* and the *Jerſies*, to do the ſame to thoſe they employed.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council by the Deputy Secretary, that the Gentlemen of that Board that were preſent, had ſigned the engroſſed Addreſs to her Majeſty, and ordered the ſame to be ſent to this Houſe, to do the ſame alſo; which was read and ſigned by all the Members of the Aſſembly in like Manner.

The Petition of Capt. *John Shaw*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Treaſurer may be ordered to reimburſe him what he has paid to the *Indians* of *Connecticut*, under his Command, on the laſt Expedition, and pay him the Remainder of his Pay, being 12 Days.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, The Clerk of this Houſe return the engroſſed Addreſs to the Council.

The Houſe taking the Petition of the *Britiſh* Lieutenants into Conſideration;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will allow *Eighteen Pence per* Day, to 8 of the *Britiſh* Lieutenants, for 150 Days, that ſerved in the Forces raiſed in this Colony laſt Summer; the Houſe being informed that the others are commiſſioned in the preſent Service.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 3750 *Ounces of Plate, to his Excellency*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1711.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *for the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col *De Peyſter*, to lay before this Houſe a Letter from Governor *Dudley*, and a Vote of the Aſſembly of *Maſſachuſets-Bay*, relating to a Meeting of the Governors on the Affair of the preſent War with *Canada*; and a Letter from General *Nicholſon*, and one from Col. *Soltonſtal*, on the ſame Affair; and likewiſe her Majeſty's Inſtructions, relating to the Quotas of the neighbouring Provinces, and Money for building the Forts at *Albany* and *Schenectady*, and for the Repartion of Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, in Caſe they be invaded by an Enemy.

He alſo laid before the Houſe, a Letter from the Commiſſioners at *Albany*; and a Paper with Advice from the *Senekas*, requeſting this Houſe to revive the Act, to prevent the ſelling or giving ſtrong Liquor to the *Indians*, purſuant to the Deſire of the Commiſſioners.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to revive the Act to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors, to the *Indians*.

The ſeveral Letters from the Governors of Maſſachuſets *and* Connecticut, *Votes of the General Court at* Boſton, *and Extract of Inſtructions, being taken into Conſideration, this Houſe is humbly of Opinion, the Inequality of the Burthen ſuſtained already by this Colony, affords little Encouragement to engage in any Conqueſt of that Nature; being wholly unacquainted with the Projections in Hand, renders them uncapable of giving any proper Advice; they therefore leave it entirely to his Excellency's Prudence, to act as he ſhall think convenient.*

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain the bringing of any perſonal Action in the Supreme Court in this Colony, under the Value of* Twenty Pounds, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of Col. *Schuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he and the Officers and Soldiers under his Command, in the Expedition about two Years ago, that brought from the Camp a conſiderable Quantity of Ammunition, *&c.* may be paid.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Commiſſioners of *New-York*, and *Albany*, relating to the laſt intended Expedition, and find the Account of *New-York*, agreeable to the Vouchers, amounting to *One Thouſand Nine Hundred and Thirty One Pounds, Nine Shillings and Six-Pence*; and the Account of *Albany*, to *Five Hundred Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Five Pence Half-Penny*; wherein is included, *Fifteen Pounds*, to *Philip Livingſton*, for aſſiſting them in writing Accounts and Warrants; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

The Petition of *Robert Walter*, and *Robert Lurting*, Commiſſioners appointed by Act of Aſſembly, for purchaſing Proviſions, *&c.* for the Expedition, and for ſigning and cancelling Bills of Credit, in Behalf of themſelves and Capt. *John De Peyſter*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to conſider their Trouble in purchaſing and ſhiping ſaid Proviſions and Neceſſaries (having no Clerk allowed them) and order them Payment; and alſo for ſigning ſaid Bills of Credit, and cancelling the ſame when required.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *P. M. Nov.* 12, 1711.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 13, 1711.

CAPT. *Reade* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enforce the Bills of Credit*, was committed, That they having made ſome Progreſs therein, had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Col. *Jackſon* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 3750 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 14, 1711.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, and had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *impowering the Commiſſioners of the* Indian *Affairs at* Albany, *to draw upon the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Payment of* Two Hundred and One Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Half-Penny; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors, to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Manors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to pay their Arrears of Taxes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors, to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſundry Sums of Money to be paid by the Treaſurer*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 14, 1711.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 3750 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* do return the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves*, &c. and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Chimnies, and a Poll*, to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe is well aſſured they cannot but be ſufficiently informed of the undoubted Right, and conſtant Reſolves of this Houſe, not to admit of any Amendments to be made by that Board to Money Bills.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 15, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *impowering the Commiſſioners of the* Indian *Affairs at* Albany, *to draw upon the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Payment of* Two Hundred and One Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Half-Penny; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Manors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to pay their Arrears of Taxes*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſundry Sums of Money to be paid by the Treaſurer*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 16, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Livingſton*, and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait upon his Excellency, and humbly deſire, that in Regard the cold Seaſon of the Year is advanced, and ſeveral of the Members neceſſitated to depart to their Habitations, his Excellency will ſignify his Pleaſure to what Time this Houſe may beſt be adjourned.

Mr. *Ten Eyck*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſundry Sums of Money to be paid by the Treaſurer*, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 16, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That, that Board was ſurpriſed to find in the Order of this Houſe to Mr. *Cuyler*, of the 14th Inſtant, to return to that Board two Money Bills, to which they had made ſome Amendments; that this Houſe ſay, They are well aſſured the Council cannot but be ſufficiently informed of the undoubted Right, and conſtant Reſolves of this Houſe, not to admit of any Amendments to be made by the Council to Money Bills; for that Board is not ſufficiently informed either of the one or the other; on the contrary, the Council find, that in an Act paſſed 1703, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* One Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds, *towards erecting two Batteries at the* Narrows, to which the Council made many Amendments; that the Aſſembly agreed to 23, without any Alteration or Addition, and to another with ſome Addition. That this Board likewiſe finds that the Aſſembly agreed to ſome Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to charge the ſeveral Cities and Counties in this Colony with* One Hundred and Forty Three Pounds, Ten Shillings and Three Pence, *for fitting and furniſhing a Room for the General Aſſembly, with a Lobby, in the City Hall of the City of* New-York; both which, not to Inſtance in others, (which it is eaſy to do from the Beginning of the Aſſemblies here) are enough to ſhew that the Council are not ſufficiently informed of the Aſſembly's undoubted Right, and conſtant Reſolves not to admit of any Amendments to be made by the Council to Money Bills.

That the Council conceive that they have a Right to alter or amend Money Bills, both from the Practice, and likewiſe by their being a Part of the Legiſlature, conſtituted, as they conceive, by the ſame Power as the Aſſembly are, which is, by the mere Grace of the Crown, ſignified in the Governor's Commiſſion. And we know of no Power the Crown has given to the Aſſembly, to take that Right from the Council, by any Reſolves of theirs; the Council rather believe, if it wanted any Ratification, that her Majeſty would be pleaſed to grant it to the Council, for they find that the Lords of Trade and Plantations are of Opinion, that the Council have undoubtedly as much to do in forming of Bills for the granting and raiſing of Money, as the Aſſembly; and conſequently have a Right to alter or amend any ſuch Money Bills, as well as the Aſſembly, as it may be ſeen by the Lord *Cornbury's*

Cornbury's Speech to the Assembly of this Province, the 27th of *September*, 1706, which is printed with the Journals of the Assembly.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, to prevent the selling or giving of Rum or other strong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 17, 1711.

THE Message from the Council Yesterday, by Capt. *Walter*, being taken into Consideration,

Ordered, That the following Answer be returned to that Board, *viz.*

The General Assembly of this Colony, by many clear Reasons, are fully satisfied with the Right they have, not to admit of any Amendments by the Council, to Money Bills, and therefore continue their former Resolutions.

'Tis true the Share the Council have (if any) in the Legislation, does not flow from any Title they have, from the Nature of that Board, which is only to advise, or from their being another distinct State or Rank of People, in the Constitution which they are not, being all Commons, but only from the meer Pleasure of the Prince, signified in the Commission.

On the contrary, the inherent Right the Assembly have to dispose of the Money, of the Freemen of this Colony, does not proceed from any Commission, Letters Patent, or other Grant from the Crown, but from the free Choice and Election of the People; who ought not to be divested of their Property (nor justly can) without their Consent.

Any former Condescentions of other Assemblies, will not prescribe to the Council, a Privilege to make any of those Amendments, and therefore they have it not.

If the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, did conceive no Reason, why the Council should not have Right to amend Money Bills, is far from concluding there are none; the Assembly understand them very well, and are sufficiently convinced of the Necessity they are in, not to admit of any Incroachment so much to their Prejudice.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry this Answer to the Council.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *De Peyster*, to acquaint this House, they do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raising* 2855 *Ounces of Plate*; without any Amendment.

Another by Doctor *Staats*, to acquaint this House, they do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to prevent the selling or giving of Rum, or other strong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany; without an Amendment.

Another by Capt. *Walter*, to carry to this House, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer to pay to his Excellency,* 8025 *Ounces of Plate, and acquaint them, they have agreed to the same*, with an Amendment; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Another by Mr. *Barbarie*, to carry to this House, the Bill, entiled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces, late raised in the County of* Suffolk, *&c.* and acquaint them, they have agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Another by Mr. *Byerley*, to acquaint this House, that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying* 3750 *Ounces Plate, to his Excellency*; without any Amendment.

A Message from his Excellency in Council, by Mr. Secretary, to acquaint this House, that as soon as those Bills, which lie now before the Council and this House, for the Support of Government, and other emergent Occasions, are passed; his Excellency will prorogue them till the next Spring.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 17, 1711.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for sundry Sums of Money to be paid to the Treasurer*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Votes of this House be printed.

Resolved, That its the Opinion of this House, That the Commissioners at *Albany*, for the late Expedition, to dispose of the Provision and Rum remaining in their Hands, to the best Advantage, and return the Produce thereof, to the Treasurer for the Use of the Colony, allowing them to dispose of, to the *Indians* that are serviceable on the Frontiers this Winter, 20 hundred Weight of Bread and 7 Barrels of Pork.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock, in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 19, 1711.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Sebring*, do return the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*; and also, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces, late raised in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition against* Canada, *in the Year* 1709; to the Council for their Concurrence, this House, admitting of no Amendments to Money Bills.

Then the House adjourned to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. Nov. 19, 1711.

LIEUT. Col. *Willet*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Manors in the County of* Westchester, *to pay their Arrears of Taxes*, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 20, 1711.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Manors of the County of* Westchester, *to pay their Arrears of Taxes*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 22, 1711.

A Reſolve of the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That, that Board, do adhere to their Amendments, made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*; and alſo, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears, due to the Forces, late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709; and that they inſiſt on their Right to make Amendments to Money Bills.

Mr. Secretary, laid before this Houſe, a Letter from Governor *Dudley*, Governor *Saltonſton* and Governor *Cranſton*, communicated to the Council by his Excellency, concerning the Engaging the five Nations, to an actual Rupture, with the *French* in *Canada*, and deſire this Houſe to take it into Conſideration, and that if the five Nations be engaged in an actual War with the *French*, it will be abſolutely neceſſary, that a greater Number of the Country Troops, be conſtantly employed, on the Frontiers during the War, for our Safety and Defence, which will require conſiderable Sums of Money to defray the Expence, and to give their Opinion to his Excellency, what they think proper for him to do on this Occaſion.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Manors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to pay their Arrears of Taxes*, without any Amendment; and that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſundry Sums of Money to be paid by the Treaſurer*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 23, 1711.

THE Houſe taken into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Council Yeſterday, by Mr. Secretary,

Ordered, That the following Opinion of this Houſe, be carried to his Excellency.

In Obedience to your Excellency's Deſire, ſignified to us Yeſterday, in a Meſſage from the Council, the Aſſembly ſay, that being not a Part of a Government that is independent, and *Sui Juris*, they find very much Difficulty in coming to any abſolute Determination, as well from Arguments of Right, as Conveniency and Utility.

They have never yet undertaken any offenſive War, but in Compliance with the Orders of Superiors, who had indiſputable Right ſo to do, for what relates to Self-Preſervation and Defence, they think themſelves juſtified both by the Law of Nature and the Nation.

Your Excellency or any of the Council's going to the Congreſs propoſed, not repreſenting the People of this Colony, as the Governors and Councils of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Iſland*, and Council of the *Maſſachuſett*'s, do reſpectively of thoſe Colonies, being their Choice, might give a Colour, but no Right, to oblige or charge this Colony by any Agreement whatſoever made there.

If it ſhould be agreed, That they have a Right to make an offenſive War, this Colony, ought never to come into any Confederacy, without being allowed a Negative in all Concluſions to be made, they being the beſt Judges of their own Abilities and Strength, the Want of which in other Undertakings, this Colony has felt to their Loſs and Smart.

Mr. *Vaudruel*'s Aſſertion or the Contents of his Letters to *France*, are to the Aſſembly unknown, they are of Opinion, the ſeveral fruitleſs Attempts, ſo much to the opprobrious Scandal of the *Engliſh* Nation, by whom projected, or by whom betrayed or retarded, remains a Miſtery to many, have infuſed a Contempt and Rage, in an inſulting Enemy, and not a little contributed to encourage their Spoils and Barbarities.

The Obſtructions made by the Council, in the paſſing of Money Bills here, will wholly debilitate this Colony, in this, as well as all other Affairs, in which recourſe muſt be had to the Purſes of the People, the ſole diſpoſing whereof, ought juſtly to reſide in the Owners, or their Repreſentatives, and is a Right which the Aſſembly never can recede from, without betraying the Truſt repoſed in them, by their Electors.

The Seaſon of the Year is ſo far advanced, that no Progreſs can well be made this Winter, the Spring may produce freſh Orders from *Britain*, or new Occurrences, which may give riſe to other Councils than now can be taken. In the mean Time, they offer this to your Excellency, as the Opinion of the General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Willet*, do carry the Opinion of this Houſe to his Excellency, and return the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſundry Sums of Money to be paid by the Treaſurer*, to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned to 10 o'Clock, Tomorrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 24, 1711.

Reſolved,

THAT the Erecting a Court of Equity, without Conſent in General Aſſembly, is contrary to Law, without Precedent and of dangerous Conſequence to the Liberty and Property of the Subjects.

Reſolved, That the eſtabliſhing Fees, without Conſent of the General Aſſembly is contrary to Law.

The Petition of Mr. *Henry Beys*, V. D. M. was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe to take his pious Intentions, ſincere Endeavours, as a Miſſionary to the Congregation of *New-Harlem*, and unhappy Circumſtances into their ſerious Conſiderations, and find a convenient Expedient for his better Support and Encouragement, the leaſt of which he hath never met with, ſince he came into this

Country, nor received a Farthing for his performing the Duties of a Miniſter to the ſaid Congregation.

This Colony being at preſent involved in a vaſt and great Expence, cannot think of any proper Remedy for the Petitioner.

The Houſe adjourned to 2 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 2 ho. P. M. Nov. 24, 1711.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, to return the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſundry Sums of Money to be paid by the Treaſurer*, That, that Board made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which was ſent to this Houſe, but they neither returned the ſaid Amendments, nor ſignified their Concurrence, nor Diſagreement to all, or any of thoſe Amendments, which that Board conceives to be very immethodical and irregular.

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſundry Sums of Money to be paid by the Treaſurer*, with the Amendments, be returned to the Council, with the reiterated Reſolve of this Houſe, not to admit of any Amendments to Money Bills, and that Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the ſame.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c.

An Act, *to prevent the Impairing the Fortifications.*

An Act, *for raiſing* 2855 *Ounces of Plate.*

An Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 3750 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act, to prevent the ſelling or giving Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany.

An Act, *to oblige the Manors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to pay their Arrears of Taxes.*

The Speaker and the Houſe being returned.

The Houſe adjourned to the firſt *Thurſday* in *April* next.

Die Veneris, March 28, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the Houſe to the 15th of *April* next.

Die Martis, April 15, 1712.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, adjourned the Houſe to the 23d Inſtant.

Die Mercurij, P. M. April 23, 1712.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, further adjourned the Houſe to *Monday* next, being the 28th Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, P. M. April 28, 1712.

THE Governor adjourned the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Martis, P. M. April 29, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 10 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Cortlandt* and Lieut. *John Schuyler*, do wait on his Excellency, with Major *Provooſt*, and deſire he may take the Oaths and ſign the Teſt appointed by Law; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That a Warrant be iſſued to the Clerk of the Crown, to make a new Writ, for electing a Member to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of Mr. *Edmund Ward*, deceaſed.

The Petition of *John Vander Heul* and *John Rooſevelt*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prohibit the Erecting any Mill in this Colony, for grinding Flax Seed and making Linſeed Oil, but by Leave of the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 30, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 1, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. Secretary, to require the Attendance of this Houſe, immediately at the Council Chamber; then the Speaker, with the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech, which he had obtained a Copy of, and was read; being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Can never perſuade myſelf, that you have any real Pleaſure, in hearing the daily Cries and Complaints, of the Officers of the Government and others, who have juſt Demands upon it, whilſt the Remedy is ſo much in your Power; and yet it ſeems ſtrange, that during the Space of two Years, that I have had the Honour to be at the Head of it, in a very active Time, and conſequently at great Expences, there has not been one Farthing given towards its Support, for what Bills have been offered for that Purpoſe, have either been ſo deficient, or clogged with ſuch Clauſes and Circumſtances, as made it impoſſible for the Council to paſs them, without an apparent Breach of her Majeſty's Inſtructions, which are the conſtant and fixed Rules of their and my Proceedings, whatſoever Weight they may bear with you; and when they as it was their Duty, amended them, you have as often reſolved not to admit ſuch Amendment, upon a very ill grounded Pretence, that the Council had no right to amend Money Bills. I have ſufficient Warrant to affirm that Pretence to be ill grounded, from this Paragraph in the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade's Letter to me, of the 13th of *November* laſt, in theſe Words;

'As to the Aſſembly's Pretence, that the 'Council cannot amend a Money Bill, it is 'groundleſs, and will not be allowed of here,

'the Council having an equal Right with 'them in granting of Money, there being 'nothing in her Majeſty's Commiſſion to you 'under the great Seal of this Kingdom to the 'contrary, by Virtue of which Commiſſion, 'they ſit an Aſſembly, and therefore you 'will do well to acquaint them herewith, 'that they may no longer inſiſt upon what is 'ſo ill grounded.'

In the next Place, I am to put you in Mind of the Danger on your Frontiers, which you will ſufficiently underſtand by this Repreſenſentation from the People there. The two Forts now a building in the *Indian* Country, muſt be garriſoned forthwith by her Majeſty's Troops in this Province; and theſe Letters from the Governor of *Bermudas*, as well as other good Advices, which I have received, will convince you of the Neceſſity I lie under, of calling for one more of the Independent Companies from *Albany*, for the Security of this Place, not being very ſure upon what Parts this Storm is to break, it being alſo more than probable, that the Effort will be made where they judge we are leaſt prepared to receive them. This I think ſufficient to convince you of the Neceſſity of raiſing a Force proportioned to the preſent Exigency.

If I may prevail with you at this Time, to lay aſide all Animoſities and needleſs Diſputes, and heartily to take into your Conſideration, what ſo nearly concerns your Peace and Welfare, and that of your Poſterity, I have my Wiſh, if not, I muſt reſt ſatisfied with the Comfort of having done my Duty, in Admoniſhing you, and the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience, for what have I neglected within the Compaſs of my Power, by Night or Day, for your Service? And whoſe Ox or whoſe Aſs have I taken?

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 1, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT his Excellency's Speech, and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, This Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary lay before this Houſe, a Copy of, or the Record of his Excellency's Commiſſion, and that the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve Mr. Secretary with this Order.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 2, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported form the Committee, That having come to no Reſolution, they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 2, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they having come to no Reſolution, had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock in the Morning, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1712.

THE Petition of Capt. *Thomas Higbee*, in Behalf of himſelf, Officers and Company, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Condition may be conſidered, and their Service on the Frontiers rewarded.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Petition of *Joſeph Aſpinwall*, ſole Executor of the laſt Will and Teſtament of Capt. *John Adderley*, one of the Captains in Col. *Schuyler*'s Regiment, in the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Proviſion may be made for paying his Arrears to the Petitioner.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1712.

MR. Speaker was pleaſed this Day to appoint *Cornelius Poſt*, to attend this Houſe as Doorkeeper; who was approved of by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for the better preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of *Negroe*, and other Slaves.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 7, 1712.

THE Petition of *Henry Swift*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he prepared a Dinner for the late Lord *Lovelace*, on his Arrival, amounting to *Forty Six Pounds, Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and that he hath alſo a Warrant, for *Sixteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, for boarding of French Priſoners from *Canada*, praying a Method may be taken, for paying the ſaid Sums.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Deputy Secretary, ſignifying his Excellency had communicated to them, a Letter from the Earl of *Dartmouth*, her Majeſties Principal Secretary of State, to order that Part of the Stores allotted for the Expedition to *Canada*, which were left under his Excellency's Care, ſhould remain for the publick Service here. And alſo a Meſſage from his Excellency, that Care ought to be taken to repair the Magazines and Fort Wall, which is in a bad Condition,

Condition, and that ſome good Law be paſſed, for putting Slaves under a better Regulation, and to encourage the Importation of white Servants. He alſo recommended to this Houſe, Unanimity and Diſpatch in the Matters ſo nearly concerning them.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, Mr. *Livingſton* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or two of them be a Committee of this Houſe, to view the Magazines, and take to their Aſſiſtance able Workmen, to compute the Charge of repairing the ſame, and make their Report thereof to this Houſe.

Ordered, That Part of the Meſſage from his Excellency, relating to Slaves be referred to the Committee, appointed to bring in a Bill for the better preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Governor's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 8, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT Major *Provooſt*, Capt. *Mulford*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, appointed to examine the publick Accounts, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Garton* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 8, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Capt. *Garton* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 9, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the making Linſeed Oil*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*, That having made ſome Progreſs therein, they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 9, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 10, 1712.

AN Order from his Excellency and Council, That Mr. Secretary lay before this Houſe, the Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany* to his Excellency, and the Interpreters Report, which were read.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe immediately.

The Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and his Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue them to the 13th Inſtant.

Die Martis, 6 *ho. P. M. May* 13, 1712.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT Major *Provooſt*, Capt. *Mulford*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, appointed to examine all publick Accounts, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, Mr. *Livingſton* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 2 of them, view the Magazines, and take to their Aſſiſtance, able Workmen, to compute the Charge of repairing the ſame, and make their Report thereof to this Houſe.

The Petition of the *Britiſh* Officers, ſent by her Majeſty to be employed in the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe will comply with her Majeſty's Intentions, graciouſly ſignified in her Inſtructions to his Excellency, of paying them 12*d. per* Day Sterling.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration *Friday* next.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Support of the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein; and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 14, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT the Members for the City of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for the better preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves.

The Petition of *John Vanderheul* and *John Rooſevelt*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prohibit the erecting any Mill in this Colony, for grinding Flax Seed and making Linſeed Oil, without Leave of the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the better and further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government, and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, They directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT a Warrant be iſſued to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for electing a Member to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of Mr. *Edmund Ward*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to impower the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, to draw on the Treaſurer, for *Two Hundred and One Pound, Thirteen Shillings* and *Eleven-pence Half-penny*.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and further laying out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*,

Colony, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the making Linſeed Oil*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of Government, and Col. *Morris*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 16, 1712.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by the Deputy Secretary, to recommend to this Houſe, the preparing a new Bill, to explain the laſt Act, for ſettling the Militia of this Province, and to render it more uſeful and effectual, by adding the ſeveral Clauſes recommended by his Excellency, and the Clauſe relating to the City of *Albany*, mentioned in the Act, made in *September* 1710.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of the *Britiſh* Lieutenants, be referred until *Tueſday* next.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *impowering the Commiſſioners of the* Indian *Affairs at* Albany, *to draw upon the Treaſurer for Payment of*, Two Hundred and One Pound, Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence Half-penny, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. May* 16, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government, and Col. *Morris*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 17, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the making Linſeed Oil*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *impowering the Commiſſioners of the* Indian *Affairs at* Albany, *to draw upon the Treaſurer for Payment of*, Two Hundred and One Pound, Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence Half-penny, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what publick Money, is in his Hands.

Major *Provooſt*, reported that (according to Order) he and Mr. *Livingſton*, had viewed the Magazines, and preſented to the Houſe, an Eſtimate of the Maſon and Carpenter's Work, about the old and new Magazines within her Majeſty's *Fort Anne*, amounting to *Three Hundred and Fifteen Pounds*, and the Charge of removing the Powder, Cooperage and Stowage, *One Hundred and Forty Pounds*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration *Thurſday* next.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government, and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That 8025 Ounces of Plate, be paid to the Governor, towards the Support of Government, in paying his own Salary, for the Firewood and Candles uſed in the Garriſons at *New-York* and *Albany*, for a Smith to reſide among the *Indians*, for an Intepreter of the *Indian* Language, and towards defraying other contingent Charges of the Government.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

They alſo directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. May* 19, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Defence of the Frontiers at *Albany*, be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe in the Afternoon.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, concerning Aſſignments of Specialties, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and further laying-out, regulating, and clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill.

The Petition of ſundry Officers and Soldiers, that went upon the late Expedition to *Canada*, and ſeveral Freeholders of the reſpective Towns in *Queen's* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Act, to enable them to recover and receive *Six Pounds*, for each Defaulter in not appearing, purſuant to an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe Forces to aſſiſt in the Expedition to* Canada.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 20, 1712.

THE Treaſurer attending this Houſe, was called in, and preſented to the Speaker an Account, entitled, *An Account of what is received on the Act, for levying* 1*s. on every Chimney, and* 2*s. on every Negro Slave, to the* 20*th of* May 1712.

An Account of what is received on the Exciſe, to the 20*th of* May, 1712.

And an Account of what Money is in the Treaſurer's Hands, May 20, 1712, *amounting to* Three Thouſand, Seven Hundred and Eighteen Pounds, Four-pence.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of the *Britiſh* Lieutenants, be referred to the Committee appointed to examine all publick Accounts; and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the making Linſeed Oyl*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read;

And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Bill be re-committed; it was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Report be approved; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration the Defence of the Frontiers;

Ordered, That the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, do lay before this Houſe an Eſtimate of the Charge thereof for the Year enſuing.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Support of the Government; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1712.

THE Petition of the Commissioners for managing the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying the Money paid by Mr. *John Cuyler*, to Out-Scouts last Winter, and other Charges unpaid, may be allowed him on the present Year's Excise at *Albany*, amounting to *One Hundred and Sixty Six Pounds*.

Ordered, The same be referred to the Committee of Accounts; and that they report their Opinion thereof to this House.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the Estimate of the Charge of repairing the Magazines in Fort *Anne*, be referred to next *Tuesday*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, suppressing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Support of Government.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, for paying the Officers of the Government.

The House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 26, 1712.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, *Thursday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Support of Government.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the making Linseed Oyl*, was read the third Time, and an Amendment made to the Bill.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1712.

THE Petition of *William Huddleston*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, to encourage the pious Work of settling a yearly Income on the Petitioner, for teaching the Children of the poor Inhabitants of the *English*, *Dutch* and *French* in the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raised in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition against* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine all publick Accounts, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *impowering the Commissioners of the* Indian *Affairs at* Albany, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House.

They also had directed him to report, That they have considered the Petition of the Commissioners for managing the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, and are of Opinion, the Excise of the City and County of *Albany*, for last Year, amounting to *One Hundred and Sixty Six Pounds*, be applied for paying Out-Scouts, to the last of this Instant *May*; the Overplus (if any) to be paid the Treasurer.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that this House agree to the Reports; it was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Reports be re-committed; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The Reports be re-committed.

They also directed him to report, They had considered the Petition of the *British* Officers, &c. to them referred: That they are of Opinion, the Officers ought to be paid *Eighteen Pence*, *per* Day, *per* Man, from the first of *November* last, to the last of this Instant.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Report be re-committed; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, The same be re-committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for assigning of Sheriffs*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agency for* New-York, *at* Great-Britain, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commissioners to examine and state several Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enforcing the Bills of Credit*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Memorial of Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, and *Samuel Clowes*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That they have, at the Request of the Commissioners appointed for the Management of the first Expedition to *Canada*, grounded on an Order of Council, maintained a *French* Priest and his Interpreter (who were taken Prisoners) a considerable Time, and supplied them with divers Necessaries, as per Accounts presented to this House; praying they may be satisfied for the same.

Ordered, The same be referred to the Committee appointed to examine all publick Accounts.

The Members of the City and County of *Albany*, according to Order, laid on Estimate of the Charge of the Frontiers for the Year ensuing, before this House; and are of Opinion, it's absolutely necessary a Company of 60 Men, including a Captain, and 4 Serjeants, be posted at *Schenectady*, *Canestiagione*, the *Half-Moon* and the *Flats*, the ensuing Year. If the Captain be allowed *Eight Shillings*, *per* Day, the Serjeants *Eighteen Pence*, *per* Day, and the private Centinels *Twelve Pence*, *per* Day, the Amount will be *One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Pounds*, *Five Shillings*. Twenty Five Christians, one to be a Captain, at *Eight Shillings*, *per* Day; the others at *Three Shillings and Six Pence*, *per* Day, and 50 *Indians*, at *Two Shillings*, *per* Day, for Out-Scouts, the ensuing Year, or 240 Days, will amount to *One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Four Pounds*; in all to *Three Thousand One Hundred and Forty Three Pounds*, *Five Shillings*.

Ordered, The same be referred to the Consideration of this House in the Afternoon.

The Bill concerning Assignments of Specialties, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 27, 1712.

THE Petition of *John Quittance*, and *Benjamin Vanderwater*, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may be heard before the Bill concerning Assignments of Specialties do pass.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard, according to the Prayer of their Petition.

Resolved, That this House will, *Friday* Morning next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill concerning Assignments of Specialties.

The House taking into Consideration the Estimate of the Charge of the Frontiers for the Year ensuing, laid before them by the *Albany* Members; after some debate thereon,

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 28, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for assigning Sheriffs*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agency for* New-York, *at* Great-Britain, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commissioners to examine and state several Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enforcing the Bills of Credit*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of Government*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 28, 1712.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*; and Major *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee, appointed to examine all publick Accounts, relating to the *Britiſh* Officers, be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe, *Saturday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill concerning Aſſignments of Specialties; and Col. *Jackſon* reported from the Committee, That they had heard the Petitioner's Allegations againſt the Bill, by their Council, and directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, next *Wedneſday*, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, and Col. *Morris*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 30, 1712.

THE Petition of *Garrit Viele*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid the Ballance of his Account, thereunto annexed, which is *Thirty Seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six-Pence*, for procuring *Indians* from *Long-Iſland*, that ſerved on the Expedition to *Canada*, in the Years 1709, and 1711.

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee appointed to examine all publick Accounts; and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

The Petition of *John Parmyter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, that none but the Petitioner, may be permitted to make Lamb Black for 14 Years.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Charge of the Frontiers,

Reſolved, That there ſhall be allowed and paid, *Six Hundred Pound*; *Three Hundred Pounds* of which to be applied for employing Spies and Out-Scouts for 150 Days enſuing, for ſecuring the Frontiers; and the other *Three Hundred Pounds*, for a full Diſcharge of Debts and Demands, of what Kind and Nature ſoever relating to the public Service, due to, or made by Order of the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, before the firſt Day of this preſent Seſſion.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in, purſuant to a Reſolve of this Houſe made Yeſterday, for ſecuring the Frontiers.

Col. *Morris* reported, That Col. *Cortlandt*, and he (accordcording to an Order of this Houſe) had carried up the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, but not finding the Council ſitting, delivered it to his Excellency; and they addreſſed him in the following Words:

The Houſe have commanded us to wait upon your Excellency with this Bill; and are extremely pleaſed they have had an Opportunity in this Manner to demonſtrate their Affections, and Senſe they had of your Excellency's Merits.

His Excellency was pleaſed to reply,

"I Heartily thank the Gentlemen of your Houſe, and ſhall "be very ready to teſtify my Gratitude, by exerting the "Powers I am cloathed with, upon all Occaſions, for the "Safety and Eaſe of all her Majeſty's Subjects in this Pro-"vince; and particularly in paſſing all ſuch Laws as may be "offered for that Purpoſe, conſiſtent with her Majeſty's In-"tereſts, her Inſtructions to me, and the Dignity of her "Government; and I am confident they will never willingly "and adviſedly offer any of another Nature."

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Petition of the *Britiſh* Officers; and Col. *Jackſon* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Preſent of *Three Hundred and Fifteen Pounds*, be made to the *Britiſh* Officers that have petitioned this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Byerly*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*, without any Amendment.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Six Hundred Pounds, wes read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1712.

THE Petition of Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, and Col. *Heathcote*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a Bill may be brought in, for diſcharging the Petitioners from paying the Remainder of *Five Hundred Pounds*, and Intereſt, advanced upon the Credit of an Act of General Aſſembly, for raiſing *One Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds*, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Six Hundred Pounds, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of the Owners of the Slaves lately executed for the late Conſpiracy, and Murder committed in the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, or add a Clauſe to a Bill for Relief of the Petitioners, intended them in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves*, was committed.

Col. *Willet* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agency for* New-York, *at* Great-Britain, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Col. *Jackſon* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for aſſigning Sheriffs*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act made in the first Year of her Majesty's Reign, for raising* One Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uses therein mentioned, and for discharging the remaining Part of the Money still due on the Sum advanced upon the Credit of the said Act, with the Interest thereof*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to prevent illegal Seizures.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the* British *Officers*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act made in the first Year of her Majesty's Reign, for raising* One Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds, *&c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 4, 1712.

THE House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1712.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine all publick Accounts, That there are considerable Arrears of Taxes due from several Counties in this Colony.

That by an Account of the Treasurer of this Colony, laid before this House, there appears to be in his Hands, the Sum of *Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen Pounds, and Four Pence*, to the 20th of *May* last.

And that there is due from the Tonnage Officer, the Sum of *One Hundred and Ninety Five Pounds, One Shilling and one Farthing*, his Sallary being paid to the 24th Instant.

And likewise due from the several Cities and Counties, for Excise, to the first of next *November*, the Sum of *One Thousand and Eighty Five Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence*; in which Sum the Cities of *New-York* and *Albany* are included, who are to deliver in their respective Recognizances; besides several Counties that have not delivered in their Recognizances; which was read and approved by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in that the respective Dues be collected and paid to the Treasurer.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agency for* New-York, *at* Great-Britain, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lackerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for assigning of Sheriffs*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 5, 1712.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the* British *Officers*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Petition of several Masters and Owners of Vessels trading to and from the Cities of *New-York*, *Albany* and *Ulster*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that they may be acquainted, whether they ought to be considered by the Custom House Officers, as Vessels going beyond Seas, or to other Colonies; or as Boats and Vessels that carry Goods from one Place to another in this Colony.

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Six Hundred Pounds, was committed, That they have amended the Title of the Bill, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Capt. *Mulford* reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raised in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition against* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, That they had directed him to move they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1712.

THE Petition of *Teunis Amack*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may be cleared from paying Excise for his Life.

Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raised in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition against* Canada, *in the Year* 1709, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agred to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the making Linseed Oil*; without Amendment.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. *Secretary*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker, with the House, attended accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker acquainted the House, his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for paying* 8025 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency.*

An Act, *to encourage the making Linseed Oil*; which were published.

Then the House adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1712.

THE House adjourned to 8 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1712.

THE Petition of *William Anderson*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable him to sell a Lot of Ground in *Queen's-Street*, he stands seized of in Right of *Deborah*, his late Wife, for paying her Debts, and to support and educate his Children by her.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for teaching the poor Boys of the City of* New-York; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces, late raised in the County of* Suffolk, *&c.* was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to examine all publick Accounts, That they have examined an Account of Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, amounting to *Twenty Pounds, Ten Shillings and Nine-pence Half-penny*, and are of Opinion, he ought to be paid, *Sixteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Nine-pence Halfpenny*; and an Account of Mr. *Samuel Clowes*, of *Eighteen Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Eight-pence Half-penny*, that he ought to be paid *Fifteen Pounds, Two Shillings and Eight-pence Half-penny*; and that *Garrat Viele*, ought to be paid his Account of *Thirty-Seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six-pence*; which was read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the* Britiſh *Officers*, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Major *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 1500 *Ounces of Plate*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderſon, *to ſell a Lot of Ground in* Queen Street, *late the Eſtate of* Deborah *his Wife, deceaſed, for the Payment of Debts, contracted by his ſaid Wife, before their Intermarriage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for teaching the poor Boys of the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Mary Brat*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to diſpoſe of the Eſtate of *Johannis Brat*, her late Huſband, for Payment of his Debts and Educating his Children.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the* Britiſh *Officers*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1712.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of *John Parmyter*,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves*, was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Capt. *Stillwell*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned*, &c. was committed; That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Renſſelaer*, to lay before this Houſe, a Letter from the Juſtices of the Peace in *Albany*, deſiring the Act, to prohibit the ſelling or giving Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the *Indians*, may be revived, with a Requeſt from that Board, that this Houſe will paſs a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for that Purpoſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe of his Lands and Tenements, for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderſon, *to ſell a Lot of Ground in* Queen Street, *late the Eſtate of* Deborah *his Wife, deceaſed, for the Payment of Debts contracted by his ſaid Wife, before their Intermarriage*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves*; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1712.

THE Petition of the Juſtices of *King*'s County, in Behalf of themſelves and the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, that the Overplus of publick Taxes, in the Hands of the Collectors of that County, may be paid to the Treaſurer of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Governor and Council, by Col. Renſſelaer *and Mr.* Philipſe, *That they lay the Letters from the Commiſſioners of the* Indian *Affairs at* Albany, *of the 7th and 8th Inſtant before this Houſe, and acquaint them, they will thereby ſee the* French, *are uſing all poſſible Endeavours to bring the five Nations to their Intereſt, and it may be apprehended, if ſome ſpeedy Meaſures be not taken, they will effect their Deſign. Wherefore that Board is of Opinion, its abſolutely neceſſary, to ſend ſome Men of Credit to undeceive them, of the ill Impreſſions they have received from the* French, *and engage them to a firm Adherence to their Covenants and Promiſes to this Government; and in order thereto, that Board is of Opinion, it will be requiſite, to make the* Indians *a ſuitable Preſent at this Time; and therefore, earneſtly recommend it to this Houſe, to take the ſame into Conſideration, and provide ſuch a Supply of Money, as may be neceſſary to defray the Charges and Expences of ſending ſuch Meſſengers as aforeſaid, with Interpreters, and for ſuch a Preſent.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to thoſe Duties*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany, *and for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better watching and guarding the City of* Albany, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Lamb Black*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe*

his Lands and Tenements, for payment of his Debts and educating his Children; was read the second Time, and committed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 13, 1712.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit given by an Act, made in the first Year of her Majesty's Reign, for raising* One Thousand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uses therein mentioned*, &c.

Resolved, That the House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, suppressing and punishing, the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negroes and other Slaves.*

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commissioners, to examine and state several Claims alledged as Debts of the Government.*

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to pay certain Monies, levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, into the Hands of the Treasurer of that County*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the selling or giving Rum or strong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany, *and for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better watching and guarding the City of* Albany; was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Lamb Black*, was read the second Time, and committed.

The House taking into Consideration the Message Yesterday, from his Excellency and Council;

Resolved, *Two Hundred and Fifty* Ounces of Plate, be raised and paid to his Excellency, to enable him to send proper Persons to the *Indians* on this Occasion.

Ordered, That all Committees be adjourned to *Monday* next.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock, in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1712.

A *Message from the Governor and Council, by Col.* De Peyster, *to lay before this House, the Letters from* Baltus Van Kleeck, *acquainting him that the* Katskill Indians, *had sent a Belt of* Wampum *to the* Indians *in* Dutchess *County, warning them to prepare for War, and that* 9 *Days after the Date of the Letter, the* Seneka's *and* Shawanas, *would fall upon the Inhabitants along* Hudson's River; *and to inform this House, that the Council, does once more recommend to this House, the Consideration of the defenceless Condition of the Frontiers.*

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Lamb Black*, That they had gone through the Bill and altered the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Capt. *Stillwell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to dispose of Part of the Lands and Tenements formerly belonging to the said* Brat, *for payment of his Debts and educating his Children*, was committed; That they had examined and considered the same, and found the Allegations therein contained to be true, and the Committee had made some Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels, and on Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to those Duties*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels and on Slaves*, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Capt. *Stillwell*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit given by an Act, made in the first Year of her Majesty's Reign, for raising* One Thousand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uses therein mentioned*; *and for discharing the remaining Part of the Money still due on the Sum advanced, upon the Credit of the said Act, with the Interest thereof*, That they have gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Major *Provoost*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderson, *to sell a Lot of Ground in* Queen Street, *late the Estate of* Deborah *his Wife, deceased, for the Payment of Debts contracted by his said Wife, before their Intermarriage*, That they had examined and considered the same, and found the Allegations to be true, and the Committee had made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Petition of several Inhabitants of this Colony, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to naturalize them.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the said Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to pay certain Monies, levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, into the Hands of the Treasurer of that County*; was read the second Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1712.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the selling or giving of Rum or other strong Liquors to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany, *and for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better watching and guarding the City of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rensselaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to dispose of his Lands and Tenements, for payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting all Persons, but* John Parmyter *and his Assigns, to make Lamb Black, during the Space of five Years*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more easy Carriage of Goods by Land or Water, within the Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderson, *to sell a Lot of Ground in* Queen Street. *the Estate of the said* William, *in right of* Deborah *his Wife, deceased, for the Payment of Debts contracted by his said Wife before their Intermarriage*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Provoost*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the respective Dues in*

Arrear and to be collected; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed, Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels and on Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to those Duties*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, suppressing and punishing, the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes *or other Slaves*, was committed, That they had made a further Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next *Friday*, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Ordered, *That Lieut. Col.* Schuyler *and Mr.* Lakerman, *do attend his Excellency and desire, since the approaching Harvest, the Season of the Year and their other Occasions, will necessitate the Absences of many of the Members from the Service of this House, he will please to signify the Time most proper for their next Meeting.*

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more easy Carriage of Goods by Land or Water within this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Schuyler*, reported that Mr. *Lakerman* and he, had attended his Excellency, according to the Order of this House, to know the proper Time his Excellency would signify of their next Meeting, and he was pleased to say, he would communicate the same to the Council.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1712.

MAJOR *Provoost*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *that certain Monies levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County*, &c. was committed; That they had made an Amendment to the Title, and several Amendments to the Bill, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Petition of *Direk Benson*, was presented to the House, and read, praying it may be Enacted, that the Things that are not mentioned in the Catalogue of Fees, inserted in the Lease of the Ferry, from the City of *New-York* to *James Hardine*, may be likewise ascertained.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the said Petition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing foreign Protestants living in the Colony of* New-York, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the respective Dues in Arrear and to be collected*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, The House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for teaching the poor Boys of the City of* New-York.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1712.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, that they have passed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving, amending or continuing of sundry Acts relating to the Militia of this Province, and for making the Militia more useful for the Security and Defence thereof*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have passed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Recovery of her Majesty's Quit Rents*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Clerk of the Council, in Answer to the Message from this House, by Lieut. Col. Schuyler, *and Mr.* Lakerman, *to the Governor, to acquaint this House That so soon as the Business now depending before the Council and this House is dispatched, the Assembly may be adjourned till after Harvest.*

The Petition of *Frederick Philipse*, a Minor, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to impower the Petitioner to remove *King's Bridge*, to a more commodious Place; and for confirming the Toll thereof.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Major *Provoost*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more easy Carriage of Goods by Land or Water, within this Colony*, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Frederick Philipse, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge, *to a more commodious Place, and for confirming the Toll thereof*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Major *Provoost*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, That they have made some Progress in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the respective Dues in arrear, and to be collected*; and directed him to move they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1712.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and more easy Carriage of Goods by Land or Water, within this Colony*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Provoost*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Frederick Philipse *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge, *to a more commodious Place and for confirming the Toll thereof*; was read the second Time and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing foreign* Protestants, *living in the Colony of* New-York, was read the second Time, and committed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1712.

MAJOR *Provoost*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Frederick Philipse, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge, *to a more commodious Place*; *and for confirming the Toll*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer to pay divers Sums*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1712.

THE Petition of the Volunteers that went out of *Queens* County, in the last Expedition against *Canada*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for the better explaining an Act, for raising Forces to assist in the Expedition to *Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, That they had considered the Bill, entitled, *An Act for teaching the poor Boys of the City of* New-York, but that

to no Conclusion; and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Members for the City of *New-York*; and that they report their Opinion theſeof to this Houſe, *Monday* next.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to pay certain Monies, levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, into the Hands of the Treaſurer of that County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer to pay divers Sums*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. Juue* 23, 1712.

MAJOR *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer to pay divers Sums therein ſpecified*, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Frederick Philipſe, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge, *to a more commodious Place*; *and for confirming the Toll thereof*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Sums of Money therein ſpecified*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do go to the Council, and put them in Mind of the ſeveral Bills ſent up from this Houſe, *to wit*, That for an Agency, ſo neceſſary for the good of this Colony, as well as juſt in itſelf. That for the Aſſignment of Sheriffs, ſo agreeable to, and not in the leaſt repugnant to the Laws of *England*. That for the Payment of the Officers of the Government, purſuant to his Excellency's Recommendation. And that for the Duty on Tonnage and *Negroes*, ſo fitting for the Diſcharge of the Expence impending on this Colony, by the Unſteadineſs and Infidelity of the *Indians*, and other Exigencies of this Plantation, neceſſitating extraordinary Supplies; his Excellency having ſignified his Willingneſs to the Receſs of this Houſe, as ſoon as the Matters now depending may be diſpatched.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, *in the County of* Albany; *and for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better watching and guarding the City of* Albany; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Beekman*, That they do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting all Perſons but* John Parmyter, *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamb Black, during the Space of* 5 *Years*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Deputy Secretary, that his Excellency had communicated to that Board, a Letter from the Aldermen and Magiſtrates of Albany, *acquainting him, That the* 5 *Nations inclined to join with the* Tuſcora Indians; *and that the ſaid Letter be ſent to this Houſe. And his Excellency acquainted that Board, that one* Teunis Quick, *of this City, had acquainted him, ſeveral* Indians *have lately bought up great Quantities of Powder, in this City; his Excellency deſired this Houſe to ſend for ſaid* Quick, *to examine him thereto.*

Ordered, That the Door-keeper of this Houſe, do immediately require the ſaid *Quick* to attend.

The ſaid *Quick* attended accordingly; and being called in, was examined by Mr. Speaker, and informed the Houſe, He having ſold Bread to the *River Indians*, and ſome that inhabited the *Jerſies*, for ſeveral Years paſt, had weighed about 15 Pieces of Eight for them, with which they bought Powder, as they ſaid, to uſe in Hunting; and then withdrew.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Rates and Aſſizes of the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland of* Naſſau, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, for *reviving, amending or continuing of ſundry Acts relating to the Militia of this Province*; *and for making the Militia more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the* 7*th Year of the Reign of her preſent Majeſty*, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Renſſelaer*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear, and to be collected*; and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, and added ſome Clauſes to the Bill; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and additional Clauſes, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 25, 1712.

COL. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy, and Inſurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves*; and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing ſeveral Perſons hereafter named, being foreign* Proteſtants, *living in the Colony of* New-York; and made an Amendment to the Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing ſeveral Perſons hereafter named, being foreign* Proteſtants, *living in the Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Recovery of her Majeſty's Quit-Rents*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Rates and Aſſizes of the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland of* Naſſau; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Meſſage

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, that they agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* 1500 *Ounces of Plate, for Security of the Frontiers about* Albany; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the* Britiſh *Officers*; that they have gone through the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately, at the Council Chamber.

The Speaker and the Houſe attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for paying* 1500 *Ounces of Plate, for Security of the Frontiers about* Albany.

An Act, *for paying the* Britiſh *Officers.*

An Act, *for paying the Arrears due to the Forces late raiſed in the County of* Suffolk, *for the late Expedition againſt* Canada, *in the Year* 1709.

An Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors, to the* Indians *in the County of* Albany; *and for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better watching and guarding the City of* Albany.

An Act, *for prohibiting all Perſons, but* John Parmyter, *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamb Black, during the Space of* 5 *Years.*

Then his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Speech, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

HAVING *had it intimated to me at the Beginning of this Seſſion, that it was the general Inclination of the Members of your Houſe, that you ſhould be prorogued for ſome ſhort Time, that by theſe Means they might be enabled to fall upon new and ſeaſable Meaſures for the Support of the Government: I conſented to it. But nothing having been offered by you ſince that Time for it's future Support, and but little of what was due for the paſt; the Harveſt begun, and the Members both of Council and Aſſembly for that Reaſon deſirous of a ſhort Receſs; in order to put it once more in your Power effectually to puruſe the good Reſolution which I have mentioned, and which I am willing to perſuade myſelf you ſtill retain, and find proper Remedies for the other Exigencies of this Colony and Government, I have thought fit to Prorogue you to* Thurſday, *the* 17*th of* July *next; and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.*

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation ſince, to Prorogue the Aſſembly to the firſt Day of *Auguſt*, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, further to Prorogue the Aſſembly to *Tueſday* the 5th of *Auguſt*, 1712.

Die Martis, P. M. Auguſt 5, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed this Day by Proclamation, further to Prorogue the Aſſembly, to *Monday*, the 11th Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Auguſt 11, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to Prorogue the General Aſſembly, to *Thurſday* next, being the 14th Inſtant.

Die Jovis, P. M. Auguſt 14, 1712.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed to Prorogue the General Aſſembly, to *Monday* next, being the 18th Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Auguſt 18, 1712.

THE Aſſembly was prorogued to *Monday* next, the 25th Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Auguſt 25, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this Houſe ſearch the Secretary's Office, for a Return made of the Choice of a Repreſentative for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of Mr. *Edmund Ward*, deceaſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 26, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be prepared and brought in, for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear and to be collected.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and Slaves.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of *Negroes*, and other Slaves.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do ſignify to Mr. *John Haite*, returned for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, to ſerve in General Aſſembly, in the Room of Mr. *Edmund Ward*, deceaſed, to attend the Service of this Houſe forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 27, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 4 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 27, 1712.

Ordered,

THPT the Clerk of this Houſe do ſignify to the abſent Members, that they attend the Service of this Houſe *Wedneſday* the 10th of *September* next; to which Time the Houſe adjourned.

Die Mercurij, P. M. Sept 10, 1712.

THE Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Family was very much indiſpoſed, and ſundry Members being wanting, the Houſe inclined to adjourn to next *Tueſday*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, P. M. Sept. 16, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in Arrear and to be collected*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 17, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to thoſe Duties*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed the* 7*th Year of the Reign of her preſent Majeſty*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at the Council Chamber.

The Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted them, his Excellency made

made a Speech, and had obtained a Copy thereof, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I *Flatter myself, that this Session may put an End, to all Disputes and Misunderstandings, that have fallen out between the several Parts of the Legislature of this Colony, about the Revenue for Support of Government; the more because the contending Parties seem agreed, as to the Necessity of settling such a Revenue, and to differ only about the Measures and Means. The Reasons given for the extraordinary Caution in the Proceedings relating to that Matter, and which I assure you have had their due Weight with me, are, former Misapplications of publick Funds, by which Means, private Persons are deprived of their Due, and the Province loaded with unnecessary Debts.*

I wish from my Heart, it were as easy a Matter to find a Remedy for past Miscarriages, as I am confident it is to assign one for effectually preventing the like for the Future; which last, I now offer you, and make no doubt of your Acceptance of it, it being sufficient for the End proposed, and indeed, the only one in my Power, her Majesty's royal Instructions to me, containing, the following Commands; "You are not to suffer any publick Money whatsoever, to be issued or disposed of, otherwise than by Warrant "under your Hand, by and with the Advice and Consent of the "Council; but the Assembly may be nevertheless, permitted from "Time to Time, to view and examine the Accounts of Money, "or Value of Money disposed of, by Virtue of Laws made by "them, which you are to signify to them, as there shall be Occasion." Which is but the Repitition of a Clause in my Patent.

The Expedient I propose, is contained in the following Heads; It may be Enacted in the Bill or Bills for settling a Revenue, that the Receiver General, who has a Patent under the Broad Seal, who has given Security in England, *and shall if demanded, give the same within the Colony, for the due Execution of his Office, be obliged at the Expiration of every three Months, or upon every Quarter Day, to lay before the Governor and Council, an Account of the Money by him received for that Use during that Time.*

That every Quarter Day, all Persons who have been during the preceeding three Months, employed in the Service of the Government, deliver in their Accounts of Service, Money or Goods so employed, which being examined and allowed by the Governor and Council, that if the Revenue for that Quarter, amounts to a Sum sufficient for that Demand, then the Governor with the Consent of the Council, may issue his Warrant for such Sums, on the Receiver General; if the Revenue in that Quarter falls short of that Demand, the Governor is then, to grant Warrants for so much only, as it does amount at, and whensoever the Revenue shall exceed that Quarter, what has been left unpaid in any preceeding Quarter, to be paid out of that Overplus, by Warrants then granted as formerly, that all be obliged to pay them in Course as numbered.

And for the more effectual preventing the Issue of any Warrants for more Money, than there may be in the Receiver's Hands, at the Expiration of every Quarter, It may be enacted, *That it be expressed in each Warrant, that Sum be payable out of such other Sum, being the amount of the Revenue for such a Quarter; no Warrants to be issued, until such Time as the Receiver General, shall have laid before the Governor and Council, an Account of the Revenue by him received that Quarter; that he be obliged to pay all such Warrants, as shall be drawn for that Sum in their Course, within a certain Number of Days, if demanded, and upon his refusal or non-compliance, the Person or Persons, having such Warrants, to have an Action of Debt against him for the same.*

That the Receiver General, be obliged to lay before the Assembly, when sitting and requiring the same, an Account of the Revenue received, and of the Warrants paid by him.

That all Persons demanding the same, may at the Office Hours, have recourse to his Book of Accounts of the Revenue.

By these Means, the only material Objection being removed, I can hardly be induced to believe, that you will any longer defer, the doing of what is so absolutely necessary, and what her Majesty most assuredly expects from you; or that you can expect from me, what I cannot do, without incurring her highest Displeasure, the heavy Penalty annexed to the Breach of her royal Instructions.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 17, 1712.

THE Letters and Papers relating to the Frontiers, mentioned in his Excellency's Speech, being read;

Resolved, That his Excellency's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the respective Dues in Arrear and to be collected*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this House be printed.

Then the House adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 18, 1712.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the respective Dues in Arrear and to be collected*; and Capt. *Mulford*, reported from the said Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Resolved, That this House will consider of his Excellency's Speech *Saturday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Veneris, P. M. Sept. 19, 1712.

THE House met, and adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1712.

THE Petition of *William Anderson*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable him to sell a Lot of Ground, in Right of *Deborah* his late Wife, for paying the Debts of his said Wife, and the Support and Education of his Children.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The House (according to Order) taking his Excellency's Speech into Consideration,

Resolved, That this House will take the same into Consideration, when there shall be a fuller House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, suppressing and punishing, the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negroes and other Slaves*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels and on Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to those Duties*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the respective Dues in Arrear and to be collected*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rensselaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderson, *to sell a Lot of Ground in* Queen Street, *the Estate of the said* William, *in Right of* Deborah *his Wife, deceased, for the Payment of Debts, contracted by his said Wife, before their Intermarriage*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Sept. 22, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderson, *to sell a Lot of Ground, in* Queen Street, *the Estate of the said* William, *in Right of* Deborah *his Wife, deceased, for the Payment of Debts contracted by his said Wife, before their Intermarriage*; was read the second Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till *Thursday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 25, 1712.

THE House met, and adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 26, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer to pay* Two Hundred Pounds, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to naturalize the Petitioners, or all foreign Proteſtant Inhabitants in this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany *and Town of* Schenectady, *and providing their Military Watches with Firewood*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Col. *Peter Matthews*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may be paid *Fifty Pounds, Fourteen Shillings*, paid Capt. *John Collins*, that provided two *French* Officers and an Interpreter, that arrived at *Albany* from *Canada*, to exchange Priſoners in 1709, and a Prieſt from *New-York*, with neceſſary Lodging and Diet.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen, of the City of *Albany*, and *Johannis Sanderſe Glen*, Eſq; one of the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying they be reimburſed, the *Sixty Pounds, Sixteeen Shillings and Ten-pence Three Farthings*, laid out on the Fortifications of the ſaid City, and *Forty Pounds, Nine Shillings and Eleven-pence*, laid out on the Fortifications of the Town of *Schenectady*, more than was allowed by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 3750 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency*; in all, *One Hundred and One Pound, Six Shillings and Nine-pence Three Farthings.*

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 26, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *that certain Monies levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, remaining in the Hands of the Collectors to be paid to the Treaſurer of that County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1712.

CAPT. *Read*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany *and Town of* Schenectady, *and providing their Military Watches with Firewood*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary, from his Excellency and Council, to lay before this Houſe, the Petition of the Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *New-York*, in the Abſence of the Mayor, praying his Excellency earneſtly to recommend to them, the Conſideration of a Maintenance for the *French* Priſoners, put on Shore by Capt. *Elford*, being above 60 in Number.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *P. M. Sept.* 29, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Provoſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderſon, *to ſell a Lot of Ground in* Queen Street, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* Two Hundred Pounds, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants, *living in the Colony of* New-York, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* Two Hundred Pounds, That they had altered the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 30, 1712.

THE Petition of ſome of the Creditors of the Government in Behalf of themſelves, and the reſt concerned, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the Debts of the Government.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better and further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways, through this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

On reading an Order of his Excellency and Council, That the Secretary lay before this Houſe, a Petition of the Owners of the Slaves, lately executed for the Conſpiracy and Murder, perpetrated in the City of *New-York* laſt *April*, praying his Excellency to recommend it to this Houſe, to paſs a Law to enforce the Payment intended to the Owners of ſuch Slaves, as ſhould be executed, by Virtue of an Act, made for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves; in regard the Juſtices of the Peace have neglected to execute the Powers inveſted in them for ſo doing.

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering the more effectual, a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed the 7th Year of the Reign of her preſent Majeſty*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*, be read the ſecond Time To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1712.

THE Petition of *Gerardus Beekman* and Col. *Heathcoth*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for diſcharging them from paying the Remainder of a Debt and Intereſt, advanced on the Credit of an Act of Aſſembly, for raiſing *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe, in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed the 7th Year of the Reign of her preſent Majeſty*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the* Iſland Naſſau; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time. A Motion was made the City may have Notice thereof;

Ordered, That the City have Notice thereof accordingly.

The engroſſed, Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 250 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency, and that* Col. Peter Schuyler's *Receipt, ſhall diſcharge the Treaſurer, for* One Hundred Pounds, *formerly allowed him*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to thoſe Duties*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report

report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants, *in the Colony of* New-York, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland of* Naſſau; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways, through this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to thoſe Duties*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit given by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned, and for diſcharging the remaining Part of the Money ſtill due, on the Sum advanced upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, with the Intereſt thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1712.

THE Petition of Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, in Behalf of himſelf, and the other Executors of the laſt Will and Teſtament, of *John Abeel*, late of the City of *Albany*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be paid the Diſburſements for the *French* Meſſengers and their Servants from *Canada*, in 1710, for Neceſſaries amounting to *Eighteen Pounds Two Shillings*, as *per* Account annexed.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 3, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1712.

THE Petition of *Mary Brat*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe, to order the Payment of *Thirty Five Pounds*, for the conſiderable Service her Huſband did on the Frontiers of this Colony, by Order of the Commiſſioners for the *Indian* Affairs in 1704, beſides ſundry Charges to *Chriſtians* and *Indians*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts*, &c.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *Oct.* 6, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe of Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the ſaid* Brat, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear, and to be collected*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *that certain Money, levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, remaining in the Hands of the Collectors, be paid to the Treaſurer of that County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Motion was made, that this Houſe take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 250 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency, and that Col.* Peter Schuyler's *Receipt ſhall diſcharge the Treaſurer for* One Hundred Pounds, *formerly allowed him*, without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe of his Land, &c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration,

Reſolved, This Houſe will To-morrow Morning, conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1712.

MAJOR *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *&c.* That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame, without an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderſon, *to ſell a Lot of Ground*, &c. with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, This Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and on Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to thoſe Duties*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing foreign* Proteſtants, *in the Colony of* New-York, was referred; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1712.

THE Petition of ſeveral Merchants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to this Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe will reſolve to indemnify them and others, engaged for the Payment of the *Hunter Galley*, belonging to Capt. *Pinkerman*, as ſhe ſhall be appraiſed, if loſt on this Expedition, victualled and manned at her Majeſty's Charge, ſent after a *French* Privateer, that was at *Sandy Hook*, *Saturday* laſt, who had taken 23 Prizes.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M Oct.* 10, 1712.

THE Houſe taking the Petition of the Merchants of the City of *New-York* into Conſideration;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will indemnify the Petitioners and others, who ſtand engaged for Payment of the *Hunter Galley*, Tackle and Furniture, as ſhe ſhall be appraiſed, in Caſe ſhe be loſt on that Expedition.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims, alledged as Debts of the Goverment*, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read; and the Queſtion was put, that the Houſe agree to the Report. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of Capt. *Iſaac De Riemer*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Petitioners, *Henry Coerten* and *Iſaac De Riemer*, jun. or any 2 of them, to diſpoſe of the Eſtate of *Margaritha Selynus*, deceaſed, being three of the Executors of the ſaid *Margaritha*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners, to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants *in the Colony of* New-York.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſaac De Riemer, *ſen.* Henry Coerten *and* Iſaac De Riemer, *jun. to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate, left by* Margaritha Selynus, *late of the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed to, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Duty of Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed, be continued and made more beneficial for the Publick, until the Year 1720.

Reſolved, That a Duty of 3 *per Cent.* be laid on all Houſes, Lands and Goods, ſold in Auction or Publick Vendue, during the ſame Term, except Goods taken by Execution, and of Perſons dying, to be ſold by the Executors or Adminiſtrators; They alſo directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Capt. *Garton*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing foreign* Proteſtants *in the Colony of* New-York, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *October* 13, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, to To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants *in the Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to make* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe of his Lands and Tenements, for Payment of his Debts, and educating his Children*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, to put this Houſe in Mind of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear and to be collected*; and the Bill, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves; and for repealing the Acts heretofore made relating to thoſe Duties*; alſo agreed to by that Board, with Amendments, and returned to this Houſe.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for continuing the Excife, and making the ſame more beneficial for the Publick, until 1720; and laying 3 *per Cent.* on all Houſes, Land and Goods, ſold by Auction during the ſame Term, purſuant to the Reſolves of this Houſe made *Saturday* laſt.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned; and for diſcharging the remaining Part of the Money ſtill due upon the Sum advanced upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, with the Intereſt thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſaac De Riemer, ſen. Henry Coerten, *and* Iſaac De Riemer, jun. *to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate left by* Margaritha Selynus, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 14, 1712.

MR. *Livingſton*, jun. reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of this Government*, was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*, without any Amendment.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration the Meſſage of Yeſterday by Capt. *Walter*;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Teunis Tiebout*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to erect a Horſe Mill within the City of *New-York*, (never before ſeen in theſe Parts) for 20 Years.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 15, 1712.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1712.

Ordered,

THAT the further Conſideration of the Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, be referred till To-morrow.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1712.

MAJOR *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *that certain Monies levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, remaining in the Hands of the Collectors, be paid to the Treaſurer of that County*; That they had directed him to report the ſame without any Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Meſſage by Capt. *Walter*; a Debate ariſing, a Motion was made, if the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear, and to be collected*, is any new Grant of Money; it was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, The Debate be referred till To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) entered on the Debate on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Reſpective Dues in arrear, and to be collected*; a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, if the Houſe agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, October 21, 1712.

A Motion was made, that the City of *New-York* have Leave to bring in a Bill, to repair the Highways on *Manhatten's* Iſland.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1712.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately.

The Speaker and the Houſe immediately attended accordingly; being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, That he had received from his Excellency, the Copy of the Letter from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade, to his Excellency, of the 12th of *June* laſt; which was read.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *John Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their ſaid Amendments.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *that certain Monies levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, remaining in the Hands of the Collectors, be paid to the Treaſurer of that County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and Town of* Schenectady, *and providing their military Watches with Firewood*; That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame without Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and Town of* Schenectady, *and providing their military Watches with Fire-wood*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Major *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſaac De Riemer, *ſen.* Henry Coerten, *and* Iſaac De Riemer, *jun. to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate left by* Margaritha Selynus, *of the City of* New-York, That they had conſidered the Bill, and gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage by the Secretary, from his Excellency and Council, to lay the Petition of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, before this Houſe, praying his Excellency to recommend to this Houſe, the rewarding the Petitioners, and others, that went with him to *Onondaga*, on the Negotiation to the *Indian* Nations, purſuant to his Excellency's Letters and Inſtructions to him the 16th of *June* laſt; and an Account of Expences of *Forty Four Pounds, Three Shillings and Six-Pence*, beſides other Services; and acquaint this Houſe, that Board do recommend the Conſideration thereof to them.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of his Excellency's Speech, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing* 4 *Aſſeſſors in the City and County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſaac De Riemer, *ſen.* Henry Coerten, *and* Iſaac De Riemer, *jun. to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate left by* Margaritha Selynus, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed*, was read the third Time; and the Houſe made ſome Amendments to the Bill, to which the Houſe agreed.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1712.

MAJOR *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned, and for diſcharging the remaining Part of the Money ſtill due*, &c. That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, to acquaint this Houſe, they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign Proteſtants in the Colony of* New-York, without an Amendment.

And a Meſſage by Mr. *Mompeſon*, that they have alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe of Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the ſaid* Brat, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Tueſday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves, and for repealing the Acts heretofore made, relating to thoſe Duties*; the Houſe diſagreed to them.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for reviving an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof.*

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit given by an Act, of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *&c.* That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* Kingſbridge; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Ordered, That the Petition of Col. *Peter Matthews*, be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and*

and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned, and for diſcharging the remaining Part of the Money, ſtill due on the Sum advanced upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, with the Intereſt thereof*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Johannis Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt* and Mr. *Livingſton*, do wait on his Excellency, with the humble Deſires of this Houſe, That a Copy of the Repreſentation of the Council, to the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, concerning the Aſſembly, may be laid before them. As alſo, that his Excellency will be pleaſed to communicate ſo much of the Letter from the ſame Lords to his Excellency, of the 13th of *November*, mentioned in their Letter of the 12th of *June*, as relate to this Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1712.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for appointing 4 Aſſeſſors in the City and County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auction and Vendues*; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*, and Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing 4 Aſſeſſors in the City and County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1712.

THE Petition of *William Apple*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying a Clauſe may be inſerted, in a Bill, for exempting him from paying Exciſe during his Life.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*, and Col. *Jachſon* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, to acquaint this Houſe, That, that Board do deſire a Conference with a Committee of this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a further Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and on Slaves*, &c. at Mr. *Harris's*, at 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Petition of *Nicholas Tienhoven*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid his Account, amounting to *Twenty Pounds*, for piloting the *Hunter Galley*, on a Cruiſe after a *French* Privateer.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*, and Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 30, 1712.

THE *Houſe taking into Conſideration the Meſſage this Morning, by Capt.* Walter, *a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, if this Houſe agree to a Conference with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of Amendments to a Money Bill. It was carried in the Negative.*

Reſolved, *That this Houſe cannot agree to a Conference with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of Amendments to a Money Bill.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1712.

MR. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, he had received from the Deputy Secretary, the Copy of a Letter from the Lords of Trade to his Excellency, dated at *Whitehall, November* 13, 1711, which being read and taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Inconveniencies attending this Colony, are principally owing to the Want of an Agent in *Great-Britain*, truly to repreſent its State and Condition, and to negotiate the Affairs of the Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do addreſs her Sacred Majeſty, for Permiſſion to appoint and ſupport ſuch an Agent.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe, in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, ſo far as relating to the Payment of the Officers for the Proſecution of Slaves, purſuant to that Act*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That out of the Money given and granted to her Majeſty for the Uſe of this Colony, there ſhall be paid to his Excellency, *Robert Hunter*, Eſq; for and towards the Support of this Government, until the 13th of *June* next, 4250 Ounces of coined Plate, Dollars equivolent, or in Bills of Credit.

Reſolved, That there be paid to *Roger Mompeſon*, Eſq; the Chief Juſtice, for three Years Service, ending the ſame Time he going the Circuit, 975 Ounces of ſaid Plate, or as aboveſaid.

Reſolved, That *George Clark*, Eſq; the Secretary, be paid for Incidents in his Office, 225 Ounces of like Value as aboveſaid; and to him as Clerk to the Council, for his Service to the 13th of *June* next, 225 Ounces, or as aforeſaid; and the Door Keeper of the Council, to the ſaid Time, 150 Ounces, or as aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That there be paid to *William Bradford*, the Printer, for his Service, ending the 13th of *June* laſt, 300 Ounces of Plate, or as aforeſaid; and 125 Ounces of ſaid Plate, or as aforeſaid, for his Service ending the 13th of *June* next, he doing the Duty of the Printer of this Colony; for printing Bills of Credit for *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, 100 Ounces of ſaid Plate, or as aforeſaid; and for ſixteen Books of Acts and Votes, delivered by Order of this Houſe, more that was agreed for, 40 Ounces of Plate, or as aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That the *Indian* Interpreter, be paid 62 Ounces and a ½ of Plate, or as aforeſaid, for a Year's Service, ending the ſaid 13th of *June* next.

Reſolved, That there be paid to *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk to this Houſe, *Suſanna* the Widow of *William Churchill*, late Door Keeper, and *Cornelius Poſt*, the preſent Door Keeper to this Houſe, *what ſhall appear under the Hand of the Speaker by Order of this Houſe for their Services.*

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1712.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government, and defraying neceſſary Expences*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The humble Petition and Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of *New-York*, in *America*, to the Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and approved.

Ordered, The Addreſs be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, ſo far as relating to the Payment of the Officers for the Proſecution of Slaves*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock, in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov* 3, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government, and defraying neceſſary Expences*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

And the Houſe immediately reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill, and Major *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Dr. *Staats*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany *and Town of* Schenectady, *and providing their military Watches with Firewood*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for electing or appointing* 4 *Aſſeſſors in the City and County of* Albany, without any Amendment; and alſo to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned, and for diſcharging the remaining Part of the Money, ſtill due on the Sum advanced upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, with the Intereſt thereof*, without an Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *that certain Money levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, remaining in the Hands of the Collector, be paid to the Treaſurer of that County*, without any Amendment.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that according to the Meſſage from this Houſe to the Council, of the 28th Inſtant, the Deputy Secretary had delivered to him the Copy of the Repreſentation of the Council, to the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations concerning this Houſe, which was read.

The Petition of *Samuel Bayles*, Eſq; and other Inhabitants and Freeholders of *Queen's* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to leſſen the Rewards for killing Squirrels, Crows or Black Birds, and their Young Ones, in the County of *Suffolk*, *Queen's* County and *King's* County; or repeal that Clauſe or Clauſes contained in ſaid Act.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An*

An Act, *for paying the Officers of the Goverment*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 5, 1712.

MR. *John Hoit*, preſented to the Houſe an Indenture, that he was returned for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of Mr. *Edmund Ward*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Hoit*, and requeſt the Governor, he may take the Oaths and ſign the Teſt according to Law.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1712.

MR. *Cuyler*, acquainted the Houſe, that purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, Mr. *Hoit*, had taken the Oaths, &c. according to Order.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hoit*, take his Place in this Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the* Iſland Naſſau, be committed to the Members of *New-York*, and the Members of the *Iſland Naſſau*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Major *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*, &c. That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The engroſſed Petition and Addreſs of this Houſe, to the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ſigned by Mr. Speaker, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To the QUEEN'S *moſt excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Petition and Addreſs, of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York *in* America.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

IN the whole Extent of your Majeſty's Empire, there is not a People who have a livlier Senſe of your Majeſty's Bounty and Juſtice, nor on whoſe Hearts are truer Impreſſions of Gratitude for the ineſtimable Benefits of your Majeſty's Governments, than your faithful and loyal Subjects of your Colony of *New-York*.

Our Aſſemblies have always cheerfully, as well as liberally contributed (without conſidering our Abilities) towards defraying the Charges of their Governors, and without moleſting their Superiors with Murmurs or the leaſt Complaints, born the Miſapplication of the publick Monies, and the Enormities of thoſe cloathed with a deligated Power, with the ſame Patience and Temper, as they have the Inclemency of the Air, and other inevitable Accidents and Afflictions.

It is with the ſame Chearfulneſs, that our Aſſemblies have from Time to Time, and do ſtill continue (notwithſtanding the extraordinary Levies, which on Occaſions of the Expeditions againſt *Canada*, have of late, been very conſiderable and unequal upon us) to raiſe Money for the Support of the Government, by ſuch Ways and Means, as is conceived leaſt Burthenſome to the Inhabitants of this Colony, and the Diſputes which aroſe on that Occaſion, were chiefly in whoſe Hands the ſaid Money ſhould be lodged, and how iſſued, which (on our Parts) was only to prevent ſuch Miſapplications and Inconveniencies neceſſarily attending, and with no other Intent whatever.

It is with the greateſt Grief, we find our ſelves under a Neceſſity of offering to your Majeſty's Conſideration, the Apprehenſions we are under of being prejudiced by Miſrepreſentations, which we fear may too eaſily gain Credit, and Affairs of the utmoſt Conſequence be determined, without examining what thoſe who are chiefly intereſted can ſay for themſelves.

We therefore, moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, to give Inſtructions to your Governor here for the Time being, to give Aſſent to Law to be paſſed, for the General Aſſemblies appointing an Agent or Agents, to attend your Majeſty's Court and Councils, to preſent ſuch Things on their Behalf, as may be tho't neceſſary, and to anſwer any Objections may be made to the Conduct of your Majeſty's Subjects in theſe Parts, and alſo, that they may be permitted to raiſe ſuch Sums of Money, for defraying the Expences of ſuch Negotiation, as your Majeſty in your royal Wiſdom ſhall judge expedient.

This (as we conceive) agreeing with natural Juſtice and Equity, we hope from your Majeſty's matchleſs Piety and eminent Goodneſs, that has been ſo extenſive to all your Subjects, moſt fervently praying Almighty God, for a long Continuance of your Majeſty's moſt juſt, mild and glorious Reign.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 6, 1712.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Officers of the Government*, &c. Major *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had amended the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Amendments be agreed to.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on all Auctions and Vendues*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Support of Government*; was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, that the Bill do paſs; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe, in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, ſo far as relates to the Payment of the Officers for the Proſecution of Slaves*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1712.

THE Houſe taking in Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*; diſagreed to the Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hoit*, do carry the Bill, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendments, made to that Bill.

Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game*, &c. That they had added a Clauſe thereto, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Clauſe be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, *A. M. Nov.* 12, 1712.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 13, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe*, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendring more effectual a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, ſo far as relates to the Payment of the Officers for the Proſecution of Slaves*, &c. That they had mended the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and recommended a Clauſe to be added thereto, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and the Clauſe be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 14, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they do deſire a Conference with this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*, at the Houſe of Mr. *Harris*, at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Reſolved, That this Houſe cannot agree to a Conference with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments to a Money Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hoit*, do acquaint the Council with the Reſolve of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 14, 1712.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 15, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendring more effectual a certain Clauſe, in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, and alſo for rendring more effectual one other certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year of our Lord* 1701, entitled, *An Act for Allowance to the Repreſentatives*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do ſearch the Journals of the Council for their Proceedings on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Support of Government*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe ſignify to the abſent Members, that they attend the Service of this Houſe, according to Adjournment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next come Fortnight, being the firſt Day of *December* next.

Die Lunæ, *P. M. December* 1, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Martis, *December* 2, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, *December* 3, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till *Monday* next.

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Die Lunæ, December 8, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Decem.* 9, 1712.

Ordered, THAT Col. *Jackſon*, and Major *Provooſt*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him of the Members of the Houſe, and that they do not expect any preſent Addition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Decem.* 9, 1712.

MAJOR *Provooſt*, acquainted the Houſe, he and Col. *Jackſon*, had waited on his Excellency, according to Order, and his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, if the Houſe would adjourn till To-morrow Morning, he would call a Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Decem.* 10, 1712.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Fort immediately.

Ordered, That the Council's Repreſentation to the Lords of Trade, may be printed.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and publiſh the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear, and to be collected.*
2. *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves.*
3. *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderſon, *to ſell a Lot of Ground in* Queen-Street, *the Eſtate of the ſaid* William, *in Right of* Deborah, *his Wife, deceaſed, for the Payment of Debts contracted by his ſaid Wife, before their Intermarriage.*
4. *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 250 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency, and that Col.* Peter Schuyler's *Receipt, ſhall diſcharge the Treaſurer, for* One Hundred Pounds, *formerly allowed him.*
5. *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government.*
6. *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe of his Lands and Tenements, for Payment of his Debts and educating of his Children.*
7. *An* Act, *that Monies levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, remaining in the Hands of the Collectors be paid to the Treaſurer of that County.*
8. *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany *and Town of* Schenectady, *and providing their Military Watches with Firewood.*
9. *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned; and for diſcharging the remaining Part of the Money ſtill due on the Sum advanced upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, with the Intereſt thereof.*
10. *An* Act, *for appointing* 4 *Aſſeſſors in the City and County of* Albany.
11. *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c.

Then his Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly, until the 25th Day of *March* next.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Amendments be agreed to.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1712.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on all Auctions and Vendues*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Support of Government*; was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, that the Bill do paſs; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ten Eyck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe, in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, ſo far as relates to the Payment of the Officers for the Proſecution of Slaves*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1712.

THE Houſe taking in Conſideration the Amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*; diſagreed to the Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hoit*, do carry the Bill, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendments, made to that Bill.

Col. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game*, &c. That they had added a Clauſe thereto, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Clauſe be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, *A. M. Nov.* 12, 1712.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 8 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 13, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe*, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendring more effectual a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, ſo far as relates to the Payment of the Officers for the Proſecution of Slaves*, &c. That they had mended the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and recommended a Clauſe to be added thereto, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and the Clauſe be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 14, 1712.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they do deſire a Conference with this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Exciſe, and laying a Duty on Auctions and Vendues*, at the Houſe of Mr. *Harris*, at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Reſolved, That this Houſe cannot agree to a Conference with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments to a Money Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hoit*, do acquaint the Council with the Reſolve of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 14, 1712.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 15, 1712.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for rendring more effectual a certain Clauſe, in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 7th Year of her Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves, and alſo for rendring more effectual one other certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year of our Lord* 1701, entitled, *An Act for Allowance to the Repreſentatives*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Major *Provooſt*, do ſearch the Journals of the Council for their Proceedings on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Support of Government*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe ſignify to the abſent Members, that they attend the Service of this Houſe, according to Adjournment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next come Fortnight, being the firſt Day of *December* next.

Die Lunæ, *P. M. December* 1, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Martis, *December* 2, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, *December* 3, 1712.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till *Monday* next.

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Die Lunæ, December 8, 1712.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Decem.* 9, 1712.

Ordered, THAT Col. *Jackſon*, and Major *Provooſt*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him of the Members of the Houſe, and that they do not expect any preſent Addition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Decem.* 9, 1712.

MAJOR *Provooſt*, acquainted the Houſe, he and Col. *Jackſon*, had waited on his Excellency, according to Order, and his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, if the Houſe would adjourn till To-morrow Morning, he would call a Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Decem.* 10, 1712.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Fort immediately.

Ordered, That the Council's Repreſentation to the Lords of Trade, may be printed.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and publiſh the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear, and to be collected.*
2. *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negroes and other Slaves.*
3. *An* Act, *to enable* William Anderſon, *to ſell a Lot of Ground in* Queen-Street, *the Eſtate of the ſaid* William, *in Right of* Deborah, *his Wife, deceaſed, for the Payment of Debts contracted by his ſaid Wife, before their Intermarriage.*
4. *An* Act, *for the Traſurer's paying* 250 *Ounces of Plate to his Excellency, and that Col.* Peter Schuyler's *Receipt, ſhall diſcharge the Treaſurer, for* One Hundred Pounds, *formerly allowed him.*
5. *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government.*
6. *An* Act, *to enable* Mary Brat, *the Widow of* Johannis Brat, *late of the County of* Albany, *to diſpoſe of his Lands and Tenements, for Payment of his Debts and educating of his Children.*
7. *An* Act, *that Monies levied on the Inhabitants of* King's *County, remaining in the Hands of the Collectors be paid to the Treaſurer of that County.*
8. *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany *and Town of* Schenectady, *and providing their Military Watches with Firewood.*
9. *An* Act, *for making good the publick Credit, given by an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of her Majeſty's Reign, for raiſing* One Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds, *for the Uſes therein mentioned*; *and for diſcharging the remaining Part of the Money ſtill due on the Sum advanced upon the Credit of the ſaid Act, with the Intereſt thereof.*
10. *An* Act, *for appointing* 4 *Aſſeſſors in the City and County of* Albany.
11. *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c.

Then his Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly, until the 25th Day of *March* next.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

A ROLL *of the Members of the General Aſſembly.*

City and County of *New-York.*
Col. *Cortlandt,*
Mr. *Stephen De Lancey,*
Capt. *Reade,*
Mr. *Samuel Bayard.*

City and County of *Albany.*
Mr. *Robert Livingſton,* jun.
Major *Myndert Schuyler,*
Capt. *Peter Van Brugh.*

County of *Suffolk.*
Mr. *William Nicoll,*
Capt. *Samuel Mulford.*

Queen's County.
Col. *Thomas Willet,*
Lieut. *John Jackſon.*

King's County.
Mr. *Cornelius Sebring,*
Major *Cornelius Van Brunt.*

County of *Ulſter.*
Col. *Henry Beekman,*
Col. *Jacob Rutſen.*

County of *Richmond.*
Capt. *John Stillwell,*
Mr. *Abraham Lakerman.*

County of *Weſtcheſter.*
Lieut. *William Willet,*
Capt. *Joſeph Drake.*

County of *Orange.*
Mr. *Cornelius Haring.*

County of *Dutcheſs.*
Capt. *Leonard Lewis.*

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck.*
Capt. *Henry Renſſelaer.*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *Lewis Morris.*

Die Martis, P. M. May 12, 1713.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation to prorogue the General Aſſembly to *Thurſday* next, there not being a Quorum in Town.

Die Jovis, P. M. May 14, 1713.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to prorogue the General Aſſembly to next *Tueſday*, there not being a Quorum.

Die Martis, P. M. May 19, 1713.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly to,

Die Mercurij, P. M. May 20, 1713.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly to,

Die Jovis, P. M. May 21, 1713.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly to,

Die Veneris, A. M. May 22, 1713.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly to,

Die Mercurij, P. M. May 27, 1713.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Gentlemen, His Excellency commands your Attendance at the Council Chamber immediately.

And they attended accordingly, where they took the Oaths, and made and ſigned the Declaration according to Law; then his Excellency directed them to chuſe their Speaker; they returned, and choſe Mr. *William Nicoll,* for their Speaker, whom they preſented to his Excellency, and was approved, and afterwards, Mr. Speaker demanded their antient Rights and Privileges, which were granted. Then his Excellency was

was pleaſed to make a Speech; the Houſe being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech, which he had acquired a Copy of, which was read; and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

YOU are a new Aſſembly, and ſo not accountable for the wrong Steps in the former, or concerned in the Vindication of them, ſo what I am about to ſay, muſt not be otherwiſe conſtrued, than as a Caution to you, that you walk not in their Ways ſo diſpleaſing to her Majeſty, and ſo juſty reſented by her.

You are called together in Order to ſettle a Revenue for the Support of her Majeſty's Government, not to ſettle the Government, for that is already done by the only Authority upon Earth that has a right to do it; ſo to ſave your Time, and ſpare you Trouble, I ſhall now inform you of ſome Things, that will be needleſs for you to endeavour or Attempt; for this amongſt other good Reaſons, that they are not within my Power to grant, of which I ſhall be able at any Time, to convince the moſt ſcrupulous amongſt you, when he ſhall deſire it.

Firſt, It will be in vain for you to endeavour to lodge the Money, deſtined for the Support of Government, in the Hands of any other, than the Officers appointed by her Majeſty for that very Purpoſe, by her Commiſſion under the Great Seal of *England*; for by the ſame Rule and Parity of Reaſon, you may aſſume to yourſelves, a Power of nominating a Perſon or Perſons, for executing the Office of Governor; nevertheleſs, if you are ſo reſolved, you may put the Country to the Expence of a Treaſurer, for the Cuſtody of Money raiſed for extraordinary Uſes.

In the next Place, it will be fruitleſs to attempt to divert the Courſe of publick Payments, or to put them into any other Channel, than that preſcribed by her Majeſty's Letters Patent and Inſtructions, which is a Warrant under the Hand of the Governor, by and with the Advice and Conſent of her Majeſty's Council; that Attempt will appear to all thinking Men the more unreaſonable, after the ample Security which I offered to the laſt Aſſembly, againſt all Miſapplications, which Offer, I now renew to you, as it ſtands in the Journals of your Houſe, and to them I refer you.

Laſtly, Her Majeſty being the ſole and undoubted Judge of the Services and Rewards of her Servants in the Government, it will be as vain, as it will be diſreſpectful for you (by making yourſelves the Judges) to endeavour to take that Right from her.

Having told you what I cannot do, I ſhall now acquaint you, what I will readily and willingly do. I ſhall give my Aſſent to all ſuch Laws, as ſhall be preſented to me, for the Eaſe, Quiet and Advantage of this Colony in general, or any of her Majeſty's good Subjects in it in particular; *Provided*, they do not claſh with her Majeſty's Rights, Prerogative or Inſtructions, and that they accompany the Bill for Support of her Majeſty's Government. For without that, it will be but Time miſſpent to prepare any, except ſuch as are of immediate and abſolute Neceſſity, for I am firmly reſolved to reſerve theſe Favours, for that Aſſembly that ſhall firſt make that dutiful and grateful Return, to her Majeſty for her royal Care, and her ſo often repeated acts of Grace and Bounty, which ſhe moſt aſſuredly expects from you.

And now, Gentlemen, in order to prevent a World of Troubles and needleſs Debates, I ſhall take Leave to propoſe one leading Queſtion to you. Are you reſolved to ſubmit to ſuch Rules of Government, as are preſcribed in her Majeſty's Letters Patent and Inſtructions?

For preventing of groundleſs Diſputes and Miſunderſtandings between you and her Majeſty's Council, give me Leave to adviſe a Remedy, which is practiſed with Succeſs in other Provinces, that is, That you would be pleaſed to meet with them, as frequently as conveniently may be, to conſult and mutually adviſe, what may be judged neceſſary in the framing of all Bills, which will prevent the Neceſſity of Amendments, and conſequently all Diſputes, relating to the Right of making them.

Thus having acquainted you with what Things I cannot do, and what I am willing to do, I ſhall not doubt, but that you will readily do what is incumbent upon you; eſpecially conſidering the Dangers of Delays, of which you may be well convinced by the Letters of the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations to me, by their Order communicated to the laſt Aſſembly, inſerted in their Journals, and to which I refer you.

You have ſtill a fair Opportunity to avert the Conſequences which threaten you; I hope you will lay hold of it. As for my own Part, having done my Duty, and nothing without the Bounds of my Duty, I waſh my Hands of them, and leave them at the Door of thoſe, who with both their Hands have drawn them down.

When you have under your Conſideration (as it is impoſſible you ſhould not) the crying Debts of the Government, I muſt earneſtly recommend to you, That to the Lady *Lovelace*, which by her Majeſty's Letter to me (which you alſo have in your Journals) you'll find ſhe has very much at Heart.

Robert Hunter.

The Speaker alſo acquainted the Houſe, he had demanded their ancient Rights and Privileges, which were granted.

Reſolved, That his Excellency's Speech, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 28, 1713.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Bayard*, do attend his Excellency with Col. *Jackſon*, and deſire he may take the Oaths, and make and ſign the Declaration according to Law.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* Kingſbridge; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *De Lancey*, acquainted the Houſe, Col. *Jackſon*, had taken the Oaths, and made and ſigned the Declaration according to Law.

Ordered, That the Houſe, do every *Thurſday* in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee, for the Redreſs of Grievances.

Ordered, That the Houſe, do every *Friday* in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee, for Reformation of Abuſes in Courts of Juſtice.

The Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration;

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 28, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 29, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech;

Ordered, That Capt. *Reade* and Mr. *De Lancey*, do attend his Excellency, and pray the neceſſary Charges of this Government for one Year, may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, deſire the Commiſſioners appointed to examine and ſtate ſeveral Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government, to make their Report to this Houſe, with all convenient Speed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for amending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways, through this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 29, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of reforming the Abuſes in Courts of Juſtice. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and,

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and clearing publick Highways through this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 1, 1713.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Ruſen*, and Major *Van Brunt*, do attend his Excellency with Capt. *Lewis*, and deſire he may be qualified according to Law.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, he had received from the Deputy Secretary, a Paper, entitled, *An Eſtimate of the ordinary annual Charge of the Government*; which was read.

Ordered, The ſame be committed to the Committee appointed to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1713.

COL. *Ruſen*, acquainted the Houſe, Capt. *Lewis* had taken the Oaths, &c. according to Law.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1713.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 4, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, That they were come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That *Four Pounds, per Cent.* be laid on all Goods ſold at Vendue, except the Goods of Perſons deceaſed, or Goods taken in Execution.

And had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 4, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, for the Redreſs of Grievances. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 5, 1713.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting the diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſters, Oyſter Shells or Stone into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within Half a Mile Diſtance of the City Hall of the ſaid City; relating to the burning of Oyſters, Oyſter Shells or Stone into Lime. An* Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer. And one Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County, and the County of Richmond*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, That they were come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 5, 1713.

COL. *Cortlandt*, (according to Order) reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom it was referred to conſider of his Excellency's Speech, the Reſolves of the ſaid Committee, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Duty of *Two Pounds*, be laid on every Pipe of Wine imported into this Colony in Bottoms wholly belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province; and *Three Pounds*, on every Pipe in Bottoms not wholly owned by the Inhabitants of this Colony; the Half of the Duty to be drawn back on every Pipe of Wine exported.

Reſolved, That a Duty of *Five Pounds, per Cent.* be laid on all *European* Goods imported into this Colony from *Boſton*.

Reſolved, That the Duty of *Seven Pounds and a Half, per Cent.* be laid on all *European* Goods imported into this Colony from any other of her Majeſty's Plantations.

He alſo acquainted the Houſe, he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, for reforming the Abuſes in Courts of Juſtice. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

And the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 6, 1713.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled' *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and on Slaves*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Commiſſioners for the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, at *Albany*, laid before this Houſe, an Account of the Colony's Stores, purſuant to an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the reſpective Dues in arrear, and to be collected.*

Ordered, That the Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, That they were come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Duty of *Four Pence*, be laid on every Gallon of Rum imported into this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, P. M. June 9, 1713.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 10, 1713.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for amending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, was referred, That they had gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made in the Afternoon.

The Commiſſioners appointed by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government*, made their Report thereof, and laid before this Houſe, a Book of Warrants and Accounts, ſtated as juſt Debts of the Colony of *New-York*, entitled, *Letter* A. and a Bundle of Papers referring to the ſaid Book.

And a Book of Warrants and Accounts, produced as Debts of the Colony of *New-York*, and referred to Conſideration, entitled, *Letter* B. with a Bundle of Papers referring thereto.

An Account, entitled, An Account of the Commiſſioners for ſtating the publick Accounts.

Ordered, That this Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, after ſome Time ſpent therein, they directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels and on Slaves*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 10, 1713.

THE Petition of the Inhabitants Merchants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to eaſe ſome Part of the Duty on Goods imported by Veſſels belonging to this Colony.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. Secretary, to recommend the Conſideration of the Petition preſented to his Excellency by the late Grand Jury of the City and County of New-York, *againſt Vendues and Pedlars. And to lay before this Houſe a Letter from Lieut.* Huddy, *in the* Mohawks *Country, complaining againſt the ſelling Rum to the* Indians; *and recommend the paſſing a Bill, to prevent the ſelling or giving Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Mr.

Mr. *Bayard* (according to Order) reported the Amendments made by the Committee to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting the diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſters, Oyſter Shells or Stone into Lime, within the City of* New-York, *or within Half a Mile Diſtance of the City Hall of the ſaid City; relating to the burning of Oyſters, Oyſter Shells or Stone into Lime. An Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer; and one Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County, and the County of* Richmond; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 11, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, for the Redreſs of Grievances; and Col. *Rutſen* reported, That they had came to ſeveral Reſolutions; which were read, and ſeverally put to the Queſtion, and agreed to by the Houſe, being as follows, viz.

Reſolved, That the bringing of Actions of ſmall Value into the Supreme Court at *New-York*, againſt the Inhabitants of the remote Counties, is a great Burthen, Inconvenience, and a Grievance to the People of this Colony.

Reſolved, That Tryals at Bar by Juries brought out of the remote Counties to *New-York*, is a vaſt Charge, a Burthen and a Grievance to the People.

Reſolved, That the compelling any Perſon cleared upon Tryal by a Jury, or otherwiſe, to pay any Fees for his Proſecution, or any Thing whatſoever, unleſs the Fees of the Officers he employs for his neceſſary Defence, is a general Grievance, and contrary to Juſtice.

Reſolved, That for any Officer to extort from the People extravagant and unlimited Fees, or any Money not poſitively eſtabliſhed and regulated in General Aſſembly, is unreaſonable and unlawful, a great Grievance, and tending to the utter Deſtruction of all Property in this Plantation.

Reſolved, That the long Continuance of Sheriffs in their Offices, is inconvenient, and a Grievance.

Ordered, That Bills be brought in for Redreſs of the above Grievances.

Ordered, That Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Bayard*, Col. *Morris*, Col. *Jackſon*, and Mr. *Sebring*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee to examine the Accounts laid before this Houſe by the Commiſſioners for the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, at *Albany*; and make their Report thereof to this Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, They had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1713.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Cortlandt* reported, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed for the Support of this Government for one Year.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1713.

THE Houſe proceeded to take the Petition of the Inhabitants Merchants of the City of *New-York*, into Conſideration;

Ordered, The further Conſideration thereof be deferred.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, for reforming Abuſes in Courts of Juſtice. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; And,

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1713.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them their antient Rights, Cuſtoms and Liberties, as the ſame are given, granted and confirmed unto them, by their Charter*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and on Ways and Means, towards the Support of the Government; and Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, and are as follows; *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be granted to her Majeſty, a Duty of *Five per Cent.* prime Coſt, on all *Indian* Goods carried up *Hudſon's* River, towards the Support of this Government.

Reſolved, That the Money ariſing by the Duties on Rum, Wine, and *European* Goods, and upon all *Indian* Goods carried up *Hudſon's* River, be put into the Hands of her Majeſty's Receiver General, for and towards the Support of the Government, for a Year; to commence the 13th Day of *June*, 1713, and end the 13th of *June*, 1714, incluſive.

Reſolved, That the Exciſe on Liquors, the Duties on Tonnage and Slaves, and Vendues, be put into the Hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony.

Reſolved, That if the Duties ariſing on Rum, Wine, and *European* Goods, and on all *Indian* Goods carried up *Hudſon's* River, do fall ſhort of the Sum of *Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds*, to be raiſed for the Support of her Majeſty's Government, ſo much as is wanting in the ſaid Duties to make up that Sum, be paid into the Hands of the Receiver General, by the Treaſurer of this Colony, out of the Exciſe or Duties on Tonnage and *Negro* Slaves, or Vendues. And in Caſe the ſaid Duties on Rum, Wine, *European* Goods, and *Indian* Goods, exceeds the Sum of *Two Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds*; the Receiver General to be accountable for the ſame to the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly of this Colony.

Ordered, That a Bill, or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the reſolve of this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock, in the Morning.

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Die Lunæ, P. M. June 15, 1173.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1713.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Mompeſon*, that they have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame.*

The ſaid engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia*, &c. was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the County of* Ulſter *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to empower* Frederick Philipſe, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge *to a more commodious Place, and for confirming the Toll thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Meaſures may be taken for paying his Expences and Journey to *Onondaga*, purſuant to his Excellency's Inſtructions of the 16th of *June* laſt.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration.

The Governor and Council laid before this Houſe, a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, of the 3d Inſtant, the Propoſitions of two *Seneck* Sachems, and *De Conoſera*, an *Onondaga* Sachem; and the Letters from *Virginia* and *Carolina*; and recommended to this Houſe, the ill Conſequences may attend in Caſe the *Indians* ſhould fall upon us, and no Fund or Vote of Credit for paying any Forces for our own Defence; were read.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the Colony of *New-York*, in Behalf of themſelves and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to take the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed to take and ſtate the Debts of the Government, into Conſideration, and find out Ways and Means for their Relief.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 16, 1713.

THE engroſſed Bill from the Council entitled, *An Act, for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling of the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The ſame be read a third Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment, and for confirming to them their ancient Rights, Cuſtoms and Liberties*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1713.

THE engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Drake*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe has agreed to the ſame, without any Amendments.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Reade*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game; and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the County of* Ulſter *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed to examine and ſtate the ſeveral Claims alledged as the Debts of the Government; and the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the Colony of *New-York*, on the ſaid Report;

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Major *Van Brunt*, and Capt. *Mulford*, or any three of them, and all Members that come to have Voices, be, and are appointed a Committee to examine the Report of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and report their Opinion to this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Frederick Philipſe, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge *to a more commodious Place, and for confirming the Toll thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 17, 1713.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1713.

Ordered,

THAT the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts laid before this Houſe by the Commiſſioners at *Albany*, for the late Expedition againſt *Canada*, do examine the Accounts of both Expeditions, and make Report thereof to this Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants *living in the Colony of* New-York, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer, and other Game; and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats, and other Vermin*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reforming Abuſes in Courts of Juſtice*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1713.

Ordered,

THAT the Committee of Grievances be adjourned.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1713.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts laid before this Houſe by the Commiſſioners at *Albany*, for the Expedition againſt *Canada*, in 1709, That they find by an Account ſigned by the ſaid Commiſſioners, there are ſeveral Stores in their Hands; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

He alſo reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had examined the Account of the Commiſſioners at *Albany*, for the Expedition againſt *Canada*, in 1711, an Account, entitled, *A Liſt of Proviſions belonging to the Colony of* New-York, *in their Hands, according to the laſt Account laid by them before this Houſe*; whereby they find ſeveral Stores in their Hands; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting the diſtilling of Rum*, &c. *relating to the burning of Oyſters*, &c. *An* Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer; and one Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queens *County, and the County of* Richmond; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Lieut. *William Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Clauſe*

a Clauſe in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer, and other Game; and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats, and other Vermin*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Jackſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants, *living in the Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government*; and Mr. *Bayard* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1713.

A *Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Secretary, to lay before this Houſe, a Letter from* Lawrence Claſſe, *of the* 10*th Inſtant, to the Commiſſioners of the* Indian *Affairs*; *and a Letter from the ſaid Commiſſioners to his Excellency, of the* 11*th Inſtant, importing, that the Five Nations have returned the Belt of Wampum given them, not to enter into a War with the Flat Heads*; *and deſiring ſome principal Men of* Albany, *may be ſent to* Onondaga, *with Preſents, to hinder their entering into that War*; *and to acquaint this Houſe, that Board thinks it neceſſary that ſome Gentlemen of the beſt Note be ſent from* Albany *to* Onondaga, *to prevent the Five Nations from joining the* Tuſcaroras,, *and with them entering into a War with the Flat Heads, the Friends and Allies of her Majeſty's Subjects in* Carolina *and* Virginia; *and that it will be highly neceſſary that thoſe Gentlemen carry ſuch Preſents with them, as may be effectual to divert their preſent Intentions*; *and that thoſe Gentlemen be likewiſe paid for their Journey*; *and that this Houſe paſs a Reſolve for defraying thoſe Expences out of the Colonies Money in the Treaſurer's Hands.*

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the County of* Ulſter *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *William Willet*, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Frederick Philipſe, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge *to a more commodious Place, and for confirming the Toll thereof*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government*; and Mr. *Bayard* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1713.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the County of* Ulſter *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives*, was read the third Time; and an Amendment was made to the Title of the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government*; and Mr. *Bayard* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. June 22, 1713.

AN engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling and giving of Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerly*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Amendments being taken into Conſideration, the two firſt were diſagreed to by the Houſe; to the laſt Amendment this Houſe do agree.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* do return the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to the laſt Amendment made by that Board; but that to the two firſt Amendments this Houſe doth not agree.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1713.

THE Petition of *Dirck Adolph*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to impower him to land Goods and Paſſengers at the moſt convenient Place in the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Members of the City of *New-York*, *King's* County, and *Queen's* County, or any five of them; and that they make the Report of their Opinion thereon.

The Petition of *Catharine Rutgers*, was preſented to the Houſe, praying that her Account of Beer delivered to the Forces poſted at *Albany*, in the Year 1690, and 1691, amounting to *Forty Seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eight Pence*, may be conſidered, and Satisfaction given her for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to Conſideration of the Committee appointed to examine the ſeveral Claims alledged as Debts of the Government, laid before this Houſe by the Commiſſioners appointed to ſtate the ſaid Accounts.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, for the Eaſe and Benefit of each City, Town and County within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for approving the Accounts of* Killian Van Renſſelaer, Dirck Weſſels, Peter Van Brugh, *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *of the City of* Albany, *in the Colony of* New-York, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, and the Counties of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*, or any three of them.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Bayard* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That the Houſe reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 23, 1713.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Frederick Philipſe, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge *to a more commodious Place, and for confirming the Toll thereof*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Renſſelaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Bayard* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1713.

THE Petition of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That there is *Ninety Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four Pence*, due to him for his Service as Colonel of one of the Regiments in the Expedition againſt Canada, for 52 Days, over and above what was provided for by Act of Aſſembly; and afterwards for being Capt. of a Company of *Palatines*; humbly praying this Houſe to give ſuch Directions for his Pay, as this Houſe ſhall ſee meet.

No Anſwer to the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature, for the Eaſe and Benefit of each City and County within this Province*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Rutſen*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. Mayor of *Albany* and Mr. *Drake*, or any 3 of them, and all that come to have Voices.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1713.

COL. *Jackſon* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read, were approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-Cry*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty for ſupporting the Government*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Bayard* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1713.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty for ſupporting the Government*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Bayard* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 25, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Vendue or Out-cry*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Bayard*, Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Rutſon* and Mr. *Van Brugh*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for approving the Accounts of* Killian Van Renſſelaer, Dirck Weſſels, Myndert Schuyler, Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *of the City of* Albany, *in the Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany* and *Ulſter*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Bayard*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1713.

ROGER *Mompeſon*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Colony, attending in the Lobby, was called in, who laid his Caſe before the Houſe, and withdrew; afterwards being called in, the Speaker acquainted him, That the Houſe directed him to commit to Writing, what he had to lay before the Houſe, and they would take the ſame into Conſideration.

Ordered, That Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, forthwith, an Account of what publick Money he has in his Hands; and that the Clerk of this Houſe, do ſerve the Treaſurer with a Copy of this Order.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty for ſupporting the Government*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Thomas Willet*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The Petition of *Roger Mompeſon*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; That he hath executed the Office of Chief Juſtice of this Colony, for three Years laſt paſt, for which no Salary hath been paid, humbly praying this Houſe, to take the ſame into Conſideration, and take ſuch Method for the Payment of the ſame, as their Prudence ſhall direct.

Ordered, That *Roger Mompeſon*, Eſq; have Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying his ſaid Salary.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *John Jackſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 26, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Money therein mentioned*, was preſented to the Houſe and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agency for* New-York *at* Great-Britain, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Aſſigning of Sheriffs*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1713.

COL. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Schuyler* do return ſaid Bill, with the Amendments to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence to ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for approving the Accounts of* Killian Van Renſſelaer, Dirck Weſſels, Myndert Schuyler, Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *&c.* That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Alteration in the Title, and others in the Body of the Bill; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Monies therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Sum of unto* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſq; late Commiſſioners at* Albany, was preſented to the Houſe and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bayard* do ſearch in the Secretary's Office for Proclamations, Commiſſions and other publick Papers, that relate

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late to the firſt Settlement, or ſettling of this Colony, and make report thereof to this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. June 29, 1713.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Mompeſon*, that the Council do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of a Cluſe in an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin*; without any Amendments.

The Petition of *Abraham Wendel, William Smith, Cornelius De Peyſter* and *Philip Cortlandt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; that they had freighted one Sloop to *Maderas*, and another to *Barbados*, both belonging to *Bermudas*, before they knew any Thing of a greater Duty that was to be impoſed on foreign Bottoms, than on Veſſels belonging to this Port, humbly praying they may be exempted from paying any more Duty on the Liquors imported in ſaid two Sloops, than what is impoſed on Liquors imported in Veſſels belonging to this Port.

Ordered, That the Secretary do lay before this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, the Books of Record wherein is contained King *Charles's* Grant to the Duke of *York*, the Duke's Commiſſion to General *Nicoll*, *The Treaty and Articles of Surrender*, The Duke's Commiſſion to Sir *Edmund Andros*, and Sir *Edmund Andros*'s Proclamation; and that the Clerk of this Houſe, do ſerve the Secretary with a Copy of this Order.

The Treaſurer of this Colony (according to Order) laid an Account before this Houſe, of what publick Money was in his Hands.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging* Killian Van Renſſelaer, Dirck Weſſels, Myndert Schuyler, Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *of the City of* Albany, *of and from all Debts, Dues and Demands whatſoever, for and concerning the Proviſion, Ammunition and other Stores of War, formerly in their Hands belonging to this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Brugh*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Gabriel Ludlow* and *Cornelius Poſt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; that they were three Years in Arrears for their ſeveral Services performed to this honourable Houſe, humbly praying, their Circumſtances may be taken into Conſideration, and effectual Directions given for their Relief, as this Houſe in their Wiſdom ſhall think fit.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agency at* Great Britain, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Sum of unto* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſq*; *late Commiſſioners at* Albany, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 30, 1713.

THE Petition of ſome of the Owners of the Slaves lately executed in *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to make good the Deficiency of the Act, intended to relieve thoſe who ſhould happen to have their Slaves executed by Virtue of that Act.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration.

Col. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature*, That they had gone through ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read to the Houſe, were agreed to; and other Amendments made by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agency at* Great-Britain. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Bayard*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Bayard* alſo reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants *inhabiting in this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read to the Houſe, were agreed to, And

Ordered, That ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 30, 1713.

THE Petition of *David Lyell*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; That he being appointed under the Seal of this Province, to mark and ſeal all Weights and Meaſures in this Colony; and there being great Complaints of the Meaſures or Standards, that have been uſed for meaſuring Grain; in order to rectify which, and quiet the Clamours of the People, he ſent to *Great-Britain* for Copper Standards for meaſuring Grain, which being lately arrived, he humbly prays Leave to bring in a Bill, for aſcertaining the ſaid Copper Meaſures, to remain as Standards for the Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

The Petition of *William Apple*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that he may be exempted from paying Exciſe for his retailing Liquors in his Houſe.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Arrears and Salaries of the Clerk and Door Keepers to the General Aſſembly of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction or Vendue*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Bayard* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 120 *Ounces of Plate unto* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſqrs, late Commiſſioners at* Albany; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Money therein mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. July 1, 1713.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants *living in the Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agency at* Great-Britain; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 120 *Ounces of Plate unto* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſqrs, Commiſſioners at* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Money therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved,

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. July 1, 1713.

A Message by Col. *Heathcote*, That the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for a Supply to be granted to her Majesty for supporting the Government*; without any Amendment.

A Message by Mr. *Byerley*, That the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to empower* Frederick Philipse, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge *to a more commodious Place, and for confirming the Toll thereof*, with two Amendments; which being read, the said Amendments were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Capt. *Drake*, do return said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, That this House do agree to said Amendments, made by that Board.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to pay the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly, to state and examine the Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government.

Ordered, That the Books of Record be returned to the Secretry's Office.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better regulating Bushels, Half Bushels, Perks and Half Perks, in this Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

A Message by Mr. Secretary *Clark*,

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber, in Fort Anne, *immediately.*

Then the House, with the Speaker, attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to, and published the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An Act, for a Supply to be granted to her Majesty for supporting the Government.*
2. *An Act, for the better settling the Militia of this Province.*
3. *An Act, to repeal Part of an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of Deer*, &c.
4. *An Act, to empower* Frederick Philipse, *a Minor, to remove* King's Bridge *to a more convenient Place, and for confirming the Toll thereof.*

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. July 2, 1713.

THE House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. July 2, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty on Goods sold by Auction or Vendue*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying sundry Sums of Money, to the several Persons hereafter named*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. July 3, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to oblige the County of* Ulster *to satisfy what that County is in Arrear, to Col.* Jacob Rutsen, *and* Adrian Gerritsen, *Esqrs*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for establishing Courts of Judicature, for the Ease and Benefit of each respective Town and County*, &c. was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen*, do carry said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying sundry Sums of Money to the Persons herein after named*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying the Arrears and Salaries due to the Clerk and Door-keepers to the General Assembly of this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, whether this House do now resolve into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Excise Bills, or defer it; it was carried that it be deferred.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying sundry Sums of Money to the several Persons hereafter named.* After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Sebring* reported from said Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Alterations in the Title of the Bill, and several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which being read, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. July 3, 1713.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying sundry Sums of Money, to the several Persons hereafter named*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 8 ho. A. M. July 4, 1713.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying the Arrears due to the Clerk and Door-keepers to the General Assembly of this Colony.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Bayard* reported from said Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments to the Title, and several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which being read, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for continuing an Act, for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony*; Mr. *Bayard* reported from said Committee, That they had ordered him to report said Bill without any Amendments.

Ordered, That said Bill be engrossed.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the said Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, and made several Amendments to the same; which being read, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying the Arrears due to the Clerk and Door-keepers to the General Assembly of this Colony; and paying the Printer's Salary*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Schuyler*, do carry said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 ho. P. M. July 4, 1713.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that, that Board desired a Conference with this House, on the Subject Matter of the two first Amendments made by them to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for mending and keeping in Repair the Post Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, on *Monday* next, at 7 o'Clock in the Evening, at the House of Mr. *Bernard Hardenbrook.*

Ordered, That the Members of *New-York, Westchester*, and *Ulster* County, or any of them, be a Committee of this House, to meet a Committee of the Council, at a Conference on the subject Matter of that Message.

A Message from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That, that Board doth agree to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Treasurer's paying the Sum of* 125 *Ounces of Plate to* Peter Van Brugh, *and* Hendrick Hansen, *Esqrs, late Commissioners at* Albany.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis Morris* do carry ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, that, that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants *in the Colony of* New-York, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, that, that Board have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting the diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſter Shells*, &c. with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of that Houſe.

And that, that Board have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Byerley*, that, that Board have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the County of* Ulſter *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives*; *and for* Dutcheſs *County to elect a Superviſor, a Treaſurer, Aſſeſſors and Collectors*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 ho. P. M. July 6, 1713.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the County of* Ulſter *to ſatisfy what that County is in Arrear to Col.* Jacob Rutſen, *and* Adrien Gerretſen, *Eſqrs*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony*, do agree to the four firſt Amendments, and do diſagree to the two laſt Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *Albany*, return ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the four firſt Amendments, and do diſagree to the two laſt.

Ordered, That Lieut. Col. *William Willet*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting the diſtilling of Rum, and burning of Oyſter Shells or Stone into Lime, within the City of* New-York, &c. to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do diſagree to the Amendments made by the Council, to ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, do return to the Council, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the County of* Ulſter *to pay the Arrears due to their Repreſentatives*; *and for* Dutcheſs *County to elect a Superviſor, a Treaſurer, Aſſeſſors and Collectors*, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to the Amendments made by that Board to ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 8 ho. A. M. July 7, 1713.

THE Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, report to the Houſe, That the Council inſiſt on the firſt and ſecond Amendments made to that Bill; to which the Houſe diſagreed.

Ordered, That the former Committee of this Houſe do draw up Reaſons, to be offered to the Council, why this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments made by that Board to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bayard*, do go to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſire a Conferrence with a Committee of that Board, on the Subject of the laſt Conferrence, at 7 o'Clock this Evening, at the Houſe of Mr. *Swift*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. July 7, 1713.

Ordered,

THAT the Books wherein the Report of the Commiſſioners, appointed by Act of General Aſſembly, to examine and ſtate the Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government is contained, with two Bundles of Vouchers, be ſealed up, and put into the Hands of the Treaſurer, who is to keep them till further Order from this Houſe.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency by his Letter had ſignified his Deſire, that he ſhould adjourn the Houſe, till the firſt Day of *October* next enſuing.

The Houſe thereupon adjourned till the firſt Day of *October* next enſuing accordingly.

Die Jovis, P. M. Oct. 1, 1713.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed, there not being a Quorum in Town, to adjourn the Houſe to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. October 5, 1713.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Martis, P. M. Oct. 6, 1713.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, P. M. Oct. 7, 1713.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, A. M. Oct. 8, 1713.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till *Monday* the 12th Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Oct. 12, 1713.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 13, 1713.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Rutſen* and Mr. *Bayard*, do examine the Journal of the Council, to ſee what Progreſs has been made in the Bills agreed to, and ſent by this Houſe for the Council's Concurrence, and make report thereof to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 13, 1713.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 14, 1713.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Frauds by clandeſtine Mortgages*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 14, 1713.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 15, 1713.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency expects the Attendance of the Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended accordingly;

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech; which he had obtained a Copy of, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

YOUR *own Deſire of a ſhort Receſs, gave ſo abrupt a Period to your laſt Seſſion, that ſeveral Bills then prepared by you, could not be ſo finiſhed by the Council, as to receive my Aſſent; but the Bill for appropriating the Exciſe, towards the Payment of the publick Debts being perfected, I take this Opportunity at your firſt Meeting to paſs it, that you may have One, to do Juſtice to the Country, who have long ſuffered under the Want, of what was ſo juſtly due. So I moſt earneſtly recommend to you, the preparing of a Bill or Bills for that Purpoſe, which cannot take up much of your Time, the Commiſſioners nominated by your ſelves for that Purpoſe, having digeſted and put into an eaſy Method, all ſuch Debts, whereby you are enabled to conſider and aſcertain them.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1713.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1713.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct, 16, 1713.

THE Petition of *Garrat De Graauw*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to entitle him to the Benefit of a new Invention, for Fiſhing for Porpoiſes for a certain Number of Years, to the encouraging of Trade in this Province.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 17, 1713.

THE Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, October 20, 1713.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 21, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Frauds by clandeſtine Mortgages*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Garrat De Graauw, *his Heirs and Aſſigns to the Fiſhery of Porpoiſes, during the Term of Twelve Years*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk to the Aſſembly was read, humbly praying the Houſe to protect him from an Arreſt (according to the Rights and Privileges of the ſame) during the Time of the Sitting of the Aſſembly.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 21, 1713.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That, that Board deſired a Conference on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by them to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for, the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony*; at the Houſe of Mr. *Hardenbrook*, at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon.

A Meſſage by Col. *Heathcote*, from the Council, That, that Board deſire a Conference at the ſame Time, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, made by them to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

Ordered, That Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Bayard*, Col. *Jackſon*, Col. *Willet*, Mr. Sebring, Col. *Willet*, jun. and Capt. *Drake*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways, throughout this Colony*; and on the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 22, 1713.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the County of* Ulſter, *to ſatisfy what that County is in Arrear to Col.* Jacob Rutſen *and* Adrian Gerretſen, *Eſq*; without Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling and giving of Rum, or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; with other Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and clearing, publick Highways*, &c. That they had been at ſaid Conference, and received the Reaſons offered by the Council for inſiſting on the ſaid Amendments, made by them to the ſaid Bill; and on the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for amending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

The Houſe taking ſaid Amendments into Conſideration;

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do return the ſaid Bills to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe does deſire they would appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of this Houſe, to confer on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, at the Houſe of Mr. *Hardenbrook*, at 3 of the Clock this Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 22, 1713.

COL. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, that they had delivered the Reaſons of this Houſe, for their not agreeing to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and clearing publick Highways*, &c.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the laſt Conference, That they had delivered in the Reaſons of this Houſe, for their not agreeing to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the amending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 23, 1713.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That they do recede from the two firſt Amendments made by them, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

And that they did alſo recede from the Amendment, made by this Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*; in Folio 7.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Col. *Heathcote*, being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE *Bill*, entitled, An *Act, for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and on Slaves, being paſſed by the Aſſembly in ſuch Terms, as makes it impoſſible for me to give my Aſſent to it; and if aſſented to by me, would be of no Manner of Service to the Government, by Reaſon it will certainly be rejected by her Majeſty, I have therefore thought fit to return you the ſaid Bill.*

A Meſſage

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

That the Governor expects the Attendance of the Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended accordingly; being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, they had attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleaſed to paſs ſeveral Bills, and afterwards publiſhed them, which are as followeth, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony.*
2. *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction or Vendue.*
3. *An* Act, *to oblige the County of* Ulſter *to ſatisfy what that County is in Arrear, to Col.* Jacob Rutſon *and* Adrian Garretſe, *Eſqrs.*
4. *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying* 120 *Ounces of Plate unto* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen.
5. *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſundry Sums of Money to the ſeveral Perſons hereafter named.*
6. *An* Act, *for* Dutcheſs *County to elect a Superviſor, a Treaſurer, Aſſeſſors and Collectors.*
7. *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.
8. *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 24, 1713.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Octo. 26, 1713.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 27, 1713.

THE Petition of Col. *Ingoldſby*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, her Majeſty's Houſe in *Albany*, is ſo much out of Repair, that he cannot live in it, but forced to live in *New-York*, far diſtant from his Company, praying the ſame may be repaired.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration.

The Petition of *Peter Van Brugh* and *Hendrick Hanſen*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to diſcharge them from further Accompting for, what came to their Hands, relating to the Expeditions againſt *Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Petition of ſome of the Creditors of the Government, in Behalf of themſelves, and the reſt concerned, was read, ſetting forth; the Hardſhips that many of them lie under, by Reaſon of their advancing large Sums of Money, and Services done for the Government ſeveral Years paſt, praying the Houſe to take the ſame into their ſerious Conſideration, that the Petitioners may be paid according to the Intent of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed for paying and diſcharging the publick Debts of the Colony.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Garret De Graauw, *to the Fiſhery of Porpoiſes*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 28, 1713.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging of* Peter Van Brugh, *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *of the City of* Albany, *in the Colony of* New-York, *of and from all Debts, Dues and Demands whatſoever, for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunition and other Stores of War, formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to take away Doubts and Scruples to the letting of the Exciſe*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 28, 1713.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Secretary *Clarke*, to recommend to this Houſe, two Accounts of *Hendrick Hanſen*, the one for his Journey to *Onondaga*, in *September* laſt, amounting to *One Hundred Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six-Pence*; the other for Sundries advanced by him to ſome *Indians*, by Order of the Commiſſioners of *Indian Affairs*, amounting to *Twelve Pounds, Six Shillings, One Penny Half-penny.*

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That Col. *Ruiſen*, have Leave to go Home, he being ſick and indiſpoſed.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 29, 1713.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, whether the Accounts of Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, be taken into Conſideration now? It was carried in the Negative.

His Excellency's Speech being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, The ſame be taken into further Conſideration, in the Afternoon.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to diſcharge* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to take away Doubts and Scruples, relating to the letting of the Exciſe*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 28, 1713.

HIS Excellency's Speech being taken into Conſideration, after ſome Time ſpent therein;

Ordered, That it be taken into further Conſideration, To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, That the Service of this Houſe, being much obſtructed by the Officers thereof not being paid;

Ordered, That an Addreſs be drawn up to his Excellency, to pray that he will pleaſe to give his Aſſent to the Bill, paſſed by the Aſſembly, and alſo the Council, for the paying the Officers of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 30, 1713.

THE prepared Addreſs to his Excellency being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Addreſs be preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* do wait on his Excellency, to aſk when he will pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, with the ſaid Addreſs.

His Excellency's Speech (according to the Order of the Day) was taken into further Conſideration, concerning the paying of the publick Debts of the Government.

The Petition of *John Elliſon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; That he has been at great Charge in inventing a Method to catch Porpoiſes, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Encouragement of the ſame.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Garrat De Graauw, *to the Fiſhery of Porpoiſes*, is committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to take away Doubts and Scruples, relating to the letting of the Exciſe*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelar*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging of* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *of the City of* Albany, *in the Colony of* New-York, *of, and from all Debts, Dues and Demands whatſoever, for and concerning the Proviſion, Ammunition and other Stores of War, formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Brugh*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Col. *Morris* acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency was ready to receive the Houſe immediately;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency with the Addreſs, and being returned, the Speaker

Speaker acquainted the House, That he had delivered their Address to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, That he had enquired of the Treasurer and found there was no Money in the Treasury unappropriated. That there were other Officers, whose Salaries were also due, and therefore did not think fit to pass said Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 30, 1713.

Ordered,

THAT *Garrat De Graauw* and *John Ellison*, do appear before a Committee of this House, To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock, to be heard upon their Petition to this House, concerning their Inventions to catch Porpoises.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, That, that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to paying the Debts of the Government, be taken into Consideration? It was carried in the Affirmative.

After some Time spent therein;

Resolved, That the further Consideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1713.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to entitle* Garrat De Graauw, *to the Fishery of Porpoises*; and the Petition of *John Ellison*, concerning the Ketching of Porpoises. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *De Lancey* reported, That they had heard *Garrat De Graauw* and *John Ellison*, and are of Opinion, some Members of this House, be appointed to view the Petitioners Projections and make their Report thereof; which was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Jackson*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *Sebring*, view said Projections, and make their Report of the same.

The House (according to Order) took into Consideration, the Ascertaining and Paying the publick Debts. After some Time spent therein;

Resolved, The further Consideration of ascertaining and paying of the publick Debts, be referred to the next Sitting of this House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Philipse*, That the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to take away Doubts and Scruples, relating to the Letting of the Excise*; without Amendment.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1713.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

That his Excellency requires the Attendance of this House at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended his Excellency accordingly; being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that they had attended his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to take away Doubts and Scruples, relating to the letting the Excise*; and that the House attended his Excellency in publishing of the same at the City-Hall.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov* 2, 1713.

THE Speaker communicated a Letter from Mr. *Van Dam*, signifying, That he desired the Pictures in the Assembly Room may be returned to him, or an Order on the Treasurer, for Payment of the said Pictures. Which being taken into Consideration;

Ordered, That the Door Keeper deliver the Pictures that are in the Assembly Room, to *Rip Van Dam*, Esq; or his Order.

The Account of Mr. *Hendrick Hanson*, and the Account of the Commissioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, which were sent to this House, by the Council, being taken into Consideration;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that there is sufficient Provision made for the Contingents of this present Year.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, return said Account to the Council, with the Opinion of this House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1713.

THE House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1713.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1713.

THE Petition of the *British* Officers, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That said Petition be taken into Consideration.

The Speaker acquainted the House, his Excellency by Letter, had signified his desire he should adjourn the House, till the 16th Day of *March* next ensuing.

The House adjourned to the 16th Day of *March* next accordingly.

His Excellency was pleased by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Assembly to the 22d of *March* 1714.

Die Lunæ, P. M. March 22, 1714.

THE House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 23, 1714.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. March* 23, 1714.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 24, 1714.

A Message by Mr. Secretary *Clark*, That his Excellency requires the Attendance of the House at the Council Chamber, in *Fort Anne*, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly; being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that they had attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber, where he was pleased to make a Speech, which he had obtained a Copy of; and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

YOU are now met in order to dispatch the Affairs left unfinished at the Close of your last Session; the Principal of which is, the Payment of the publick Debts, there being a Law already past appropriating a sufficient Fund for that Purpose; and these Debts being by your Commissaries of Accounts ascertained and methodized, I cannot guess at the least colourable Pretence for deferring it; and none but such who have a Mind to declare themselves regardless of Justice, and the Interest of their Country, can obstruct or oppose it.

What besides may require your Consideration, I shall impart to you from Time to Time, if Need be; and shall leave nothing undone on my Part, that may keep up a per-

fect good Understanding between us, upon which, in a great Measure, the Quiet and Prosperity of the Country depends.

Robert Hunter.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be taken into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. March* 24, 1714.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Garret De Graauw, *to the Fishery of Porpoises*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Sebring* reported from said Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same; which being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Resolved, That this House will, on *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till *Wednesday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 31, 1714.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Garret De Graauw, *to the Fishery of Porpoises*, was read the third Time, and agreed to by the House.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry the Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported, They had taken the same into Consideration, and are of Opinion, the Books reported by the Commissioners appointed by Act of General Assembly to examine and state the Claims alledged as Debts of the Government, be delivered to the House To-morrow; and they desire Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Treasure of this Colony deliver the Books reported by the Commissioners appointed by Act of General Assembly, to examine and state the Claims alledged as Debts of the Government, to the Clerk of this House, in order to be laid before the House To-morrow; and the Treasurer be served with a Copy of this Order.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 1, 1714.

THE Clerk of this House reported, That he had received the Books, pursuant to the Order of the House; which were laid before the House.

The humble Memorial of the *British* Officers, was presented to the House, and read; and their Address that was presented to the House last Session.

Ordered, The Memorial and Address be taken into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 1, 1714.

THE House (according to the Order of the Day) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from said Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and desire Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 2, 1714.

THE House adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 2, 1714.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and desires Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will, on *Tuesday* Morning next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 3, 1714.

THE Petition of Col. *Caleb Heathcote*, and Col. *Gerardus Beekman*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, they have advanced and expended, in order to pay off Col. *Peartree*, the Sum of *Eighty Five Pounds, Six Shillings and Eleven Pence*, out of their private Fortunes, for the Support of the publick Credit; praying the same may be taken in Consideration by the House, and the said Sum be allowed as a Debt of the Government.

Ordered, The Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of his Excellency's Speech.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent clandestine Mortgages*. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Bayard* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress on said Bill, and desire Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will, on *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *April* 5, 1714.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 6, 1714.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain all Persons from marrying until their former Wives and Husbands be dead*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for licencing Hawkers and Pedlars within this Province, for Years*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The House (according to the Order of the Day) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from said Committee, That they had made further Progress therein, and desired Leave to sit again; which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the House will resolve into a Committee of the whole House, in the Afternoon, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 6, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT it be an Instruction to the Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech, That while any Member of the Committee is speaking to any Article of the Accounts or Warrants, under Consideration of the Committee, that said Member be not interrupted.

The House (according to the Order of the Day) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from said Committee,

mittee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he was ready to report, when the Houſe pleaſe to receive the ſame; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That the Report be made To-morrow.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 7, 1714.

COL. *Morris*, (according to Order) reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom his Excellency's Speech was referred, the Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, By this Committee, That they will firſt examine all the Articles in the Book marked Letter A, and determine on each of the ſame, as they ſhall think fit.

Reſolved, That when the ſeveral Articles in the Book marked Letter A. are examined, and a Determination made on the ſame, that this Committee will proceed to examine the ſeveral Articles in the Book marked Letter B. and determine concerning each of the ſame as this Committee ſhall think fit.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 7, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech, and deſire Leave to ſit again; which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for licenting of Hawkers and Pedlars*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Bayard*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. Mayor of *Albany*, and Major *Van Brunt*, or any three of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for reſtraining all Perſons from marrying, until their former Wives and Huſbands be dead*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Willett*, Col. *Ruſſen*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Reade*, and Capt. *Drake*, or any three of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech, and deſire Leave to ſit again; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 8, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 9, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again. Which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency Speech; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on *Tueſday* next in the Afternoon, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, P. M. *April* 13, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech, and deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

And the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1714.

THE humble Memorial of the *Britiſh* Officers, was preſented to the Houſe, and read;

Ordered, That ſaid Memorial of ſaid Officers, as alſo their former Petition, be taken into Conſideration of the grand Committee, to which his Excellency's Speech is referred.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech; and that he was directed to move, they have Leave to ſit again, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in the Afternoon, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 14, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again, which being read; was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider

ſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again, which being read; was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in the Afternoon, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 15, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in his Excellency's Speech; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 16, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe in the Afternoon, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 16, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County, and the County of* Richmond; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them committed, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 17, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act, to prevent Damages by Swine*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *William Willet*, Col. *Jackſon* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 2 of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for taking Affidavits in the Country, to be made Uſe of in the Supreme Court, the taking of Special Bail in the Country for Actions and Suits depending in the ſaid Courts, and for determining Differences by* Arbitration; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Committee of the whole Houſe on his Excellency's Speech, ſhall ſit but once a Day, and to begin at Nine in the Morning and leave off at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, during the Time of the Examination of the Accounts of the Claims alledged as Debts of the Government.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *April* 19, 1714.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Garrat De Graauw, *and his Aſſigns, to the Fiſhery of Porpoiſes*, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for taking Affidavits in the Country*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences in the County of* Ulſter, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them committed; and that they deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying to the County Treaſurer, the Arrears of Taxes in the County of* Richmond, *for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charges of the ſame County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do give publick Notice, That all Perſons who have any Claims, alledged as Debts of this Government, which they have not yet laid in, that they do forthwith bring them into the Clerk of this Houſe, the Houſe now having that Affair under Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 4 *ho. P. M. April* 21, 1714.

CAPT. *Stillwell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act, to prevent Damages done by Swine*, &c. was committed, That they had gone through ſaid Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars*, was referred; That they had gone through ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he was ready to Report, when the Houſe pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Report be made To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 22, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Defaultation*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Major *Van Brunt*, reported the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for licenſing of Hawkers and Pedlars*, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying to the County Treaſurer, the Arrears of Taxes in the County of* Richmond, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the ſaid County, Mr. *Haring*, Capt. *Reade* and Major *Schuyler*, or any 3 of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Jackſon*, Mr. *Bayard*, Col. *Morris*, Col. *Rutſon*, Capt. *Drake*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Renſſelaer*, Capt. *Mulford*, Capt. *Lewis* and Mr. *Haring*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 23, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Defaultation*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Which being read; was approved of by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Tueſday* next, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 23, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *April* 26, 1714.

THE Petition of *Samuel Steel*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be relieved from the Hardſhips he lies under, by Reaſon of the Deputy Collector of *Antigua* having kept his Cockets, her Majeſties Collector here inſiſts upon Seven and a Half *per Cent.* contrary to the Intent of that Act, humbly praying for Relief.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Samuel Steel, *Commander of the Ship* Benjamin, *and all others concerned in the ſaid Ship and Cargo, from the Duty of Seven and a Half* per Cent. *&c.* was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Drake*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Samuel Steel, *Commander of the Ship* Benjamin, *and all others concerned in the ſaid Ship and Cargo, from the Duty of Seven and a Half* per Cent. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Morris*, Capt. *Reade*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. Mayor of *Albany*, Major *Schuyler*, Mr. *Bayard* and Col. *Cortlandt*, or any 3 of them.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Pedlars and Hawkers*, was read the third Time, and ſome Amendments made by the Houſe to ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Reade*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Honſe will, To-morrow Morning at 9 o'Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1714.

COL. *Morris* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Samuel Steel, *Commander of the Ship* Benjamin, *and all others concerned in the ſaid Ship and Cargo, from the Duty of Seven and a Half* per Cent. That they had examined the Allegations ſet forth by the ſaid *Steel*, and find them true: That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Samuel Steel, *Commander of the Ship* Benjamin, *and all others concerned in ſaid Ship and Cargo, from the Duty of* 7 ½ per Cent. &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of *Rip Van Dam*, *Robert Walters*, and others, was read, praying that there may be no Abatement of their Warrants laid before the Commiſſioners appointed by Act of Aſſembly, to ſtate the Claims alledged as Debts of the Government.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom his Excellency's Speech is referred.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1714.

MR. Mayor of *Albany*, reported from a Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for taking Affidavits in the Country*, &c. was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs on ſaid Bill; and that he was directed to move, they might have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Saturday* next, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them committed; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 1, 1714.

CAPT. *Reade*, from the Committee appointed on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying to the County Treaſurer, the Arrears of Taxes in the County of Richmond*, reported, That they had gone through the Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Robert Millward*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he was commiſſionated under the Great Seal of this Colony, the 5th of *April*, 1713, to be ſecond Juſtice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Colony, at *One Hundred Pounds, per Annum*; humbly praying that his Caſe and Circumſtances may be taken into Conſideration by the honourable Houſe, and Methods found for his Relief, as in their Wiſdom and Charity ſhall ſeem expedient.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that they deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, on *Tueſday* next, at 9 of the Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock, in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 3, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, An *Act, for collecting and paying to the County Treaſurer, the Arrears of Taxes in the County of* Richmond, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lackerman*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The ſeveral Petitions of *Mary Tudor*, *Abraham Kip*, *Englebert Lot*, and *Deborah Fielding*, were read, humbly praying their ſeveral Claims may not be rejected, but that the Houſe would pleaſe to take the ſame into their ſerious Conſideration, and yield Relief to the Petitioners, as in their great Wiſdom they ſhall ſee meet.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 4, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1714.

THE Petition of the Juſtices of the Peace, and other Freeholders of *Queen's* County, was read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to divide and aſcertain the Bounds between *King's* and *Queen's* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Petition of *William Anderſon*, was read, praying that his two Accounts now before the honourable Houſe, and which have been diſallowed by the Committee, may be re-committed.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *William Smith*, was read, praying that his Warrants may be taken into further Conſideration, he having ſeveral Vouchers to produce on the Re-Examination of the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1714.

THE Petition of *Margaret Coddrington*, Widow and Executrix of *Thomas Coddrington*, Eſq; deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the paying what is due to her ſaid Huſband for his Services as Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the aſcertaining of the Bounds of* Queen's *County*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying to the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; deceaſed, the Arrears due to him for ſerving in General Aſſembly as a Repreſentative for the City and County of* New-York, *was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.*

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 8, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the aſcertaining of the Bounds of* Queen's *County*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Livingſton*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Mulford*, the Members of *Weſtcheſter*, and *Richmond* County, and all Members that come to have Voices; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records; and that Notice be given to the Parties concerned in *King's* and *Queen's* County.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and paying to the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; deceaſed, the Arrears due to him, for ſerving in the General Aſſembly as a Repreſentative for the City and County of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Weſtcheſter* County, *King's* and *Queen's* County, and the Members of *Richmond* County, or any five of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on *Tueſday* next, at 9 o'Clock, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 11, 1714.

THE Memorial of *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the Services by him performed, by Virtue of the royal Commiſſion, as Secretary of the *Indian* Affairs, *&c.* humbly praying the honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuitable Relief to ſaid *Livingſton*.

Ordered, That ſaid Memorial be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they might have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 12, 1714.

THE Petition of *Iſabella Staats*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the Services of her former Huſband, (Mr. *Lydius*) in inſtructing the *Indians* in the *Chriſtian* Religion, for about ſeven Years; and that he was promiſed the Salary of *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, for his ſaid Service, humbly praying the Houſe, to take the ſame into ſerious Conſideration, and order Payment of ſaid Salary, in like Manner as other Debts of the Government are diſcharged.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of Major *David Provooſt*, was read, ſetting forth; That he had ſerved as a Repreſentative for the City of *New-York*, in General Aſſembly, for which he has not been paid, humbly praying that a Clauſe may be added to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; deceaſed, to pay ſaid Major* Provooſt, *for ſaid Services*.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill, for paying the Executors of *Thomas Coddrington*, deceaſed, is referred.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will receive no Accounts of Claims, alledged as Debts of the Government, after the 20th Day of this Inſtant Month of *May*, nor no Petitions relating to ſaid Claims.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do give publick Notice of this Reſolve.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1714.

THE Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1714.

THE Petition of *Helena D'Key*, was read, ſetting forth the Service of her late Huſband *Teunis D'Key*, as a Repreſentative in General Aſſembly, humbly praying, that a Clauſe may be added in the Bill, for paying to the Executors of Capt. *Coddrington*, deceaſed, ſuch Sum to the Petitioner as ſhall appear to be due to her ſaid late Huſband deceeaſed.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Helena D'Key*, be referred to the Committee on the Bill, for paying the Executors of the late *Thomas Coddrington*, deceaſed.

The Memorial of *Robert Livingſton*, ſen. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, repreſenting to the Houſe; That whereas two Warrants for his Salary as Secretary to the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, being brought in by Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, dated in *September* 1700, That he knows not that he ever diſpoſed of any ſuch Warrants, or received any Satisfaction for the ſame; and if any ſuch appear, he will acquit the Colony of the ſame; the Salary due to him for that Service in King *William's* Time, having been paid in *England*, but his Salary ſince the Acceſſion of her Majeſty not having been paid, he is obliged to make Application for the ſame, to this honourable Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Repreſentation, be referred to the Conſideration of the Grand Committee, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Samuel Clowſe*, was read, praying Leave to bring in an Account, for Services done by him at *Albany*, by the Order of Capt. *John Nanſan*, Eſq; late Lieut. Governor of this Colony.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Jane Tothill*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying for Payment of Candleſticks, Baſons, Porringers, Knives and other Things provided, by her late Huſband to my Lord *Cornbury*, for his Expedition to *Albany* in the Year 1702, it being on the Country's Account, and not on the Credit of my Lord *Cornbury*, that they were ſo furniſhed.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Grand Committee aforeſaid.

The Petition of *John Cuyler*, Eſq; was read, ſetting forth; That there was due to his late Father, *Hendrick Cuyler*, deceaſed, the Sum of *Ninety Three Pounds* and *Five-pence*, advanced by his ſaid Father, to Soldiers ſent up from *New-York*, for the Relief of *Schenectady*, praying Payment for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker

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Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1714.

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Ordered, That ſaid Repreſentation be taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, on *Wedneſday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Wedneſday* Morning, 9 of the Clock.

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THE Petition of *Godfrey Dellius*, by his Attorney, *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; was read, ſetting forth his Services among the *Indians*, in Order to convert them to Chriſtianity, praying, That his Salary of *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, and a Reward of *Fifty Pounds*, for his Journey to *Canada*, may be allowed and paid to him.

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Ordered, That ſaid Petition be committed to the Grand Committee, on his Excellency's Speech.

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Ordered, That ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration by the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Martin Clock*, was read, ſetting forth, that in the Time of the late Revolution, he ſerved as Lieutenant, 13 Months and 22 Days, praying Payment for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration by the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Sarah Grevenraad*, was read, ſetting forth, that her late Huſband did deliver for the Expedition at *Albany*, ſundry Barrels of Pork, amounting to *Fifty Pounds*, whereof he received from *Peter Dé Lancey, Thirty Four Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence*; ſo that there remains due, *Fifteen Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence*: That in the Time of Col. *Ingoldſby's* Government, her ſaid Huſband did twice carry up Stores to *Albany*, for which he has charged *Sixteen Pounds*; praying for Payment for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Cornelia Schuyler*, was read, ſetting forth, that her late Huſband, Capt. *Brandt Schuyler*, has ſerved as a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*; praying that a Clauſe may be added in Capt. *Coddrington's* Bill, to ſatisfy what is due to the Executors of ſaid Capt. *Schuyler*, for his ſaid Service.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee on Capt. *Coddrington's* Bill.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1714.

THE Petition of *Stephen Boeckenhoven*, was read, ſetting forth, that *Jacobus Corneliſſe*, did, in the Year 1689, ſupply to the Soldiers in the Forts of *Albany* and *New-York*, ſundry

ſundry Parcels of Bread, amounting to *Forty Nine Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence*, *per* Order of Capt. *Schuyler*; humbly praying Payment of ſaid Sum.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of the Widow *Cooker*, was read, ſetting forth, that her late Huſband, *Thomas Cooker*, deceaſed, managed the Affairs of Col. *Thomas Dongan*, at *Forty Pounds*, Sterling, *per Annum*, as *per* an Agreement ready to be produced; humbly praying to aſcertain and order Payment for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be committed to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Suſannah Jerome Van Bomble*, was read, ſetting forth, that her late Huſband in the Time of the Revolution ſerved as a private Centinel at *Albany*, 13 Months and 22 Days; praying Payment for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Garret Viele*, was read, ſetting forth, that in the Year 1712, there was allowed to the Petitioner, the Sum of *Thirty Seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six Pence*, by the General Aſſembly, for his Services on the late Expedition; praying the ſame may be allowed and paid.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do attend the Clerk of the Council, to lay before this Houſe the Minutes of Council relating to the Sallary of Mr. *Robert Livingſton*, as Secretary to the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1714.

HIS Excellency the Governor was pleaſed by his Proclamation to adjourn the General Aſſembly of this Colony, unto *Saturday*, the 22d Day of *May* Inſtant.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1714.

Reſolved,

THAT all Committees be revived.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1714.

THE Petition of *Roger Mompeſon*, Eſq; Judge of the Admiralty of this Colony, was read, ſetting forth, That the 12th of *April*, 1714, the then Lord *Cornbury* ordered, that in Lieu of 7 *per Cent.* on Condemnation of Veſſels, there ſhould be allowed *Two Hundred Pounds*, *per Annum*, as Sallary to ſaid Judge; of which he has only received three Quarters of a Year Sallary; humbly praying the Houſe to make him ſuch Allowance, as in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *William Apple*, was read, ſetting forth, that in the Year 1689, his Father's Houſe, in *Albany*, was pulled down, for the better Defence of ſaid City, under Covenant, that an equivolent Lot ſhould be aſſigned to ſaid Petitioner's Father, and another Houſe built; but hitherto has not been done; humbly praying a Reſolve of this honourable Houſe, whether the Petitioner ought to be paid by the City of *Albany*, or by this honourable Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Committee be referred to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Cornelius Vanderhoof*, was read, ſetting forth, that his Houſe was pulled down in *Albany*, by Order of the Mayor and Aldermen of ſaid City, for the better Defence of ſaid City, with Promiſe of an Equivolent, as above; humbly praying that the honourable Houſe would take the ſame into Conſideration, and yield him an Equivolent, as in their Wiſdom ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *David Jamiſon*, was read, ſetting forth, that *Hendrick Bruyn*, ſome Time paſt laid an Account before the honourable Houſe, of *One Hundred and Thirty Four Pounds, Six Shillings and Two Pence*, advanced for Proviſions, *&c.* advanced for his Company at *Albany*, in the Time of King *William*; as alſo for ſeven Months Pay as Captain; humbly praying the ſame may be taken into ſerious Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief as ſhall ſeem agreeable to Equity and Juſtice.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *John Burgher*, was read, ſetting forth, that in the Time of Capt. *Schuyler*, he ſerved as Serjeant in the Fort at *New-York*; that his Wages amounted to *Forty Nine Pounds*, for which he received only *Nineteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Ten Pence*; that his Brother, *Elias Burger*, ſerved in ſame Service, for which his Wages amounted to *Forty Pounds Ten Shillings*, of which he only received *Twenty Four Pounds, Three Shillings and Three Pence*; humbly praying the Ballance of ſaid Account may be paid him.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Memorial of *George Clarke*, Eſq; Secretary, was read, ſetting forth, that he underſtands that ſeveral Articles of his Account, which the Commiſſioners had put into the Book marked Letter B. were diſallowed, although the ſame Articles in the late Secretary *Clarkſon's* Account, are in Part allowed; humbly hoping, that upon Re-conſidering ſaid Account, the Houſe will do him Juſtice therein, by allowing ſaid Articles for Services ſo neceſſary for the Service of the Colony.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of Capt. *Samuel Dickenſon*, was read, ſetting forth, that he and his Company ſerved on the Expedition againſt *Canada*, ſundry Days above the Time allowed for by Act of Aſſembly; praying Leave to bring in a Bill for paying ſaid Arrears due to ſaid Forces.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Book marked Letter A. as alſo through the Book marked Letter B. and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions therein, which he was ready to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame; and that he was alſo directed to move, that they deſire Leave to ſit again, there being ſeveral other important Matters before them, relating to his Excellency's Speech.

Reſolved, That ſaid Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1714.

COL. *Morris* (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, They had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed and paid to his Excellency the Governor the Sum of *Four Thouſand Two Hundred and Ninety Seven Pounds.*

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The Petition of *Cornelia Schuyler*, was read, ſetting forth, that her late Huſband, Capt. *Brandt Schuyler*, has ſerved as a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*; praying that a Clauſe may be added in Capt. *Coddrington's* Bill, to ſatisfy what is due to the Executors of ſaid Capt. *Schuyler*, for his ſaid Service.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee on Capt. *Coddrington's* Bill.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1714.

THE Petition of *Stephen Boeckenhoven*, was read, ſetting forth, that *Jacobus Corneliſſe*, did, in the Year 1689, ſupply to the Soldiers in the Forts of *Albany* and *New-York*, ſundry

ſundry Parcels of Bread, amounting to *Forty Nine Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence*, *per* Order of Capt. *Schuyler*; humbly praying Payment of ſaid Sum.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of the Widow *Cooker*, was read, ſetting forth, that her late Huſband, *Thomas Cooker*, deceaſed, managed the Affairs of Col. *Thomas Dongan*, at *Forty Pounds*, Sterling, *per Annum*, as *per* an Agreement ready to be produced; humbly praying to aſcertain and order Payment for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be committed to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Suſannah Jerome Van Bomble*, was read, ſetting forth, that her late Huſband in the Time of the Revolution ſerved as a private Centinel at *Albany*, 13 Months and 22 Days; praying Payment for the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Garret Viele*, was read, ſetting forth, that in the Year 1712, there was allowed to the Petitioner, the Sum of *Thirty Seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six Pence*, by the General Aſſembly, for his Services on the late Expedition; praying the ſame may be allowed and paid.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do attend the Clerk of the Council, to lay before this Houſe the Minutes of Council relating to the Sallary of Mr. *Robert Livingſton*, as Secretary to the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1714.

HIS Excellency the Governor was pleaſed by his Proclamation to adjourn the General Aſſembly of this Colony, unto *Saturday*, the 22d Day of *May* Inſtant.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1714.

Reſolved,

THAT all Committees be revived.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1714.

THE Petition of *Roger Mompeſon*, Eſq; Judge of the Admiralty of this Colony, was read, ſetting forth, That the 12th of *April*, 1714, the then Lord *Cornbury* ordered, that in Lieu of 7 *per Cent.* on Condemnation of Veſſels, there ſhould be allowed *Two Hundred Pounds*, *per Annum*, as Sallary to ſaid Judge; of which he has only received three Quarters of a Year Sallary; humbly praying the Houſe to make him ſuch Allowance, as in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *William Apple*, was read, ſetting forth, that in the Year 1689, his Father's Houſe, in *Albany*, was pulled down, for the better Defence of ſaid City, under Covenant, that an equivolent Lot ſhould be aſſigned to ſaid Petitioner's Father, and another Houſe built; but hitherto has not been done; humbly praying a Reſolve of this honourable Houſe, whether the Petitioner ought to be paid by the City of *Albany*, or by this honourable Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Committee be referred to the Grand Committee on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Cornelius Vanderhoof*, was read, ſetting forth, that his Houſe was pulled down in *Albany*, by Order of the Mayor and Aldermen of ſaid City, for the better Defence of ſaid City, with Promiſe of an Equivolent, as above; humbly praying that the honourable Houſe would take the ſame into Conſideration, and yield him an Equivolent, as in their Wiſdom ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *David Jamiſon*, was read, ſetting forth, that *Hendrick Bruyn*, ſome Time paſt laid an Account before the honourable Houſe, of *One Hundred and Thirty Four Pounds, Six Shillings and Two Pence*, advanced for Proviſions, *&c.* advanced for his Company at *Albany*, in the Time of King *William*; as alſo for ſeven Months Pay as Captain; humbly praying the ſame may be taken into ſerious Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief as ſhall ſeem agreeable to Equity and Juſtice.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *John Burgher*, was read, ſetting forth, that in the Time of Capt. *Schuyler*, he ſerved as Serjeant in the Fort at *New-York*; that his Wages amounted to *Forty Nine Pounds*, for which he received only *Nineteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Ten Pence*; that his Brother, *Elias Burger*, ſerved in ſame Service, for which his Wages amounted to *Forty Pounds Ten Shillings*, of which he only received *Twenty Four Pounds, Three Shillings and Three Pence*; humbly praying the Ballance of ſaid Account may be paid him.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Memorial of *George Clarke*, Eſq; Secretary, was read, ſetting forth, that he underſtands that ſeveral Articles of his Account, which the Commiſſioners had put into the Book marked Letter B. were diſallowed, although the ſame Articles in the late Secretary *Clarkſon's* Account, are in Part allowed; humbly hoping, that upon Re-conſidering ſaid Account, the Houſe will do him Juſtice therein, by allowing ſaid Articles for Services ſo neceſſary for the Service of the Colony.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of Capt. *Samuel Dickenſon*, was read, ſetting forth, that he and his Company ſerved on the Expedition againſt *Canada*, ſundry Days above the Time allowed for by Act of Aſſembly; praying Leave to bring in a Bill for paying ſaid Arrears due to ſaid Forces.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Book marked Letter A. as alſo through the Book marked Letter B. and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions therein, which he was ready to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame; and that he was alſo directed to move, that they deſire Leave to ſit again, there being ſeveral other important Matters before them, relating to his Excellency's Speech.

Reſolved, That ſaid Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1714.

COL. *Morris* (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, They had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed and paid to his Excellency the Governor the Sum of *Four Thouſand Two Hundred and Ninety Seven Pounds*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed and paid to

	£.			
Capt. Robert Walters, the Sum of	242	11	3	
Elias Pelltreaux	121	14	4	½
Lucretia Hegeman	25	0	0	
Ebenezer Willſon	302	17	4	½
Capt. James Weems,	9	14	7	
Richard Willet	20	0	0	
Philip Schuyler	75	0	0	
Margaretta Stooks	26	15	2	½
Jacobus Cortlandt	101	7	8	
Dirch Benſon	8	15	0	
Jacobus Kip	91	16	6	
Executors of John De Peyſter	155	3	8	½
John D'Honeur	131	10	10	½
William Bradford	202	2	7	½
Iſaac De Riemer	208	15	0	
Paul Droilett	5	0	0	
Col. Peter Schuyler	1581	1	7	
Margaretta Van Schaick	27	12	4	½
Abraham Wendall	12	5	0	
Col. Abraham De Peyſter	468	3	6	
Bernardus Freeman	242	0	0	
Lancaſter Syms	380	0	4	
William Smith	93	1	3	
Henry Swift	84	4	3	¾
Roger Mompeſon, Eſq;	213	15	0	
John Crook	28	9	2	¼
George Clarke, Eſq;	25	12	6	
Henry Lane, Eſq;	449	1	7	
Rip Van Dam, Eſq;	500	14	5	½
Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;	2	0	0	
Robert Livingſton, Sen.	384	19	4	
Anne Gravenrodt	43	15	0	
Henry Vanderburg	307	5	4	½
Francis Winne	60	3	4	½
Hendrick Hanſen	202	14	0	
Lawrence Clauſen	25	14	2	½
Rutger Bleeker	274	9	1	¾
Benjamin Fauniel	97	10	11	½
Abraham Staats	38	19	0	¾
Thomas Davenport	22	6	6	
Clauſe Rip Van Dam	75	0	0	
Caleb Heathcote, Eſq;	157	10	0	
Cornelius De Peyſter	21	17	5	½
Gertrude Van Cortlandt	1400	1	11	½
Samuel Bayard	71	2	11	½
Dirck Weſſels	76	3	4	½
Naning Harmenſe	67	8	8	
Henry Beekman, Eſq;	22	4	6	½
Stephen De Lancey	250	16	6	
Myndert Schuyler, Eſq;	268	14	6	
John Baptiſta Van Epſe	10	10	0	
John Backand	18	5	3	
Moſes Fowler	169	12	9	½
Nicholas Tienoven	15	0	0	
Iſaac Bratt	89	3	9	¼
Jacobus Wingart	6	11	3	
Bernardus Freeman	112	10	0	
John La Chavalier	24	5	3	
Peter Garmoy	4	10	0	
Capt. Thomas Higby	648	12	0	
Daniel Ebbetts	124	11	6	
Col. Thomas Willet	147	3	6	
Capt. Weſſel Ten Broek	194	5	10	½
Arnout Viele	108	16	8	½
Abraham Provooſt	17	0	4	½
Jacob Schermerhorn	15	16	0	
Herman Schuneman	3	10	0	
Samuel Clowſe	15	0	0	
Johannis Minderſe	3	15	10	¾
Johannis Saunders Glen	232	1	4	¼
Col. John Jackſon	214	8	0	
Capt. Peter Matthews	50	3	4	½
William Nicoll, Eſq;	450	0	0	
Andrew Nack, Garret Rooloſe, *&c.*	18	13	0	
Barent Staats	26	4	0	
Major John Schuyler	42	17	6	
Lieut. David Schuyler	12	12	0	
Executors of Gabriel Thompſon	16	12	0	
Robert Crannel	5	12	6	
Henry Van Dyke	52	10	0	
Jacob Staats	105	0	0	
Jacobus Van Dyke	27	7	4	
Mary Ganſevoort	54	17	7	
Leonard Heygen Dekleyn	12	17	4	
Jacob Phenix	12	0	7	½
Naning Hermanſe	20	5	0	
John Cuyler, Eſq;	81	7	10	¾
Robert Livingſton, jun. Eſq;	64	10	3	¼
Jacob Leyſler				
David Schuyler	£. 2025	0	0	
	15	15	0	

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, if ſeveral Articles that are diſallowed in the Book marked Letter A. and in the Book marked Letter B. ſhould be recommitted; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the following Articles be re-committed, viz.

Pag.	No.		£.			
4	2	*To* James Weems	15	6	1	½
14	38	*To* Col. Peter Schuyler,	27	0	0	
20	5, 6, 7	*To* William Smith	184	4	10	½
24	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,	*To* May Bickley	200	0	0	
28	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	*To* Robert Millward	164	9	0	½
28	1, 2, 3,	*To* Ditto	30	16	5	½
32	2	*To* Jane Tothell	7	11	7	
32	1	*To* Adolph Philipſe	73	0	0	
34	2	*To* John Van Zant	14	1	0	
34	2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	*To* Robert Livingſton, ſen.	281	4	10	
36	1, 2,	*To* Henry Vanderburgh	200	0	0	
42	4	*To* Rutger Bleeker	43	2	1	½
44	1	*To* Benjamin Fanevil	22	2	4	½
47	1	*To* John Van Neſs	7	10	0	
47	1	*To* Mary Leaver	20	0	0	
53	1, 20, 21, 22, 53, 58 23, 24,	*To* Gertrude Van Cortlandt	60	13	7	½
60	1	*To* Mary Wenham	17	5	0	
61	1	*To* Joſeph Minders	12	8	6	
62	1	*To* Stephen De Lancey	25	10	6	
73	1	*To* John Van Zant	7	15	0	
73	1	*To* Henry Vanderburgh	35	10	3	

Articles in Book marked Letter B.

6	1	Capt. Iſaac De Reimer	52	0	0	
9	1, 2	Col. Abraham De Peyſter	65	0	0	
15	3	*To* Rip Van Dam	18	5	0	
21	3	*To* Rutger Bleeker	10	0	0	
36	1	*To* Abraham Kipp	520	13	3	
37	1	*To* Deborah Fielding	15	18	0	
38	1	*To* Gerardus Beekman	70	6	11	½
39	1	*To* Robert Millward	400	0	0	
41	1	*To* William Anderſon	104	2	2	
43	1, 2	*To* Rutger Bleeker	89	11	11	½
44	1	*To* Barent Reynders	44	8	9	
45	1	*To* Anne Gravenrodt	54	7	6	
46	1	*To* Mary Tudor	703	0	0	
46	1	*To* William Anderſon	1399	13	0	
49	1	*To* Peter Vanderburgh	20	0	0	
50	1	*To* Jan Baptiſta Epſe	54	13	6	
52	1	*To* Ariantie Wendal	47	0	9	
54	1	*To* Sheboleth Bogardus	29	14	0	
54	1	*To* Lancaſter Symes	252	0	0	
55	1	*To* Barth. Lereux	13	0	0	
55	1	*To* Neeltie Ten Eyck	11	3	3	

Reſolved, That the above-ſaid Ninety-three Articles be allowed and paid by this Colony.

Reſolved, That the above-ſaid Forty-two Articles be recommitted.

The Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

Reſolved, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech; That they proceed upon no Warrants or Accounts alledged as Debts of the Government, and given into the Clerk of this Houſe, until the Perſons claiming them, have firſt made Oath before one of her Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, That the Sum claimed has not been paid, nor any Part thereof, according to the beſt of their Knowledge and Belief; which Oath ſhall be certified by the Juſtice adminiſtring the ſame.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do give publick Notice of this Reſolve.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 26, 1714.

THE Memorial of Capt. *Lawrence Reade*, was read, praying, That a Clauſe may be inſerted in the Bill, for paying the Executrix of *Thomas Coddrington*, deceaſed, ſuch Sum, as ſhall appear to be due to ſaid *Lawrence Reade*, for his Services as a Repreſentative in General Aſſembly for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That ſaid Memorial be referred, to the Committee appointed to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying to the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; deceaſed, the Arrears due to him, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*, is committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and were agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed and paid by this Colony,

To Capt. James Weems	£.	7	13	6
To Col. Peter Schuyler		6	15	0
To William Smith		56	18	7

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, If the following Articles be re-committed? *viz.*

No. 1. To 8. Pag. 24,	May Bickley	200	0	0	
No. 1. To 6. Pag. 28,	Robert Millward, Eſq;	164	9	0	½
No. 1. To 3. Pag. 29,	Robert Millward, Eſq;	30	16	5	½

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Three laſt Articles be re-committed.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. P. M. May 27, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 28, 1714.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Byerley*, from the Council, That they do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying to the County Treaſurer, the Arrears of Taxes in the County of* Richmond, *for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge of the ſame County*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That, that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Samuel Steel, *Commander of the Ship* Benjamin, *and all others concerned in the ſaid Ship and Cargo, from the Duty of Seven and Half* per Cent. *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That, that Board, do agree to the Bill, enitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers*, without Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Heathcote*, That the Council do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly of this Provice*, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Damages by Swine*, &c. without Amendment.

An Act, *for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of the Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs on his Excellency's Speech, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made immediately.

Col. *Lewis Morris*, Chairman of the Grand Committee, on his Excellency's Speech, according to Order, reported, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed and paid by this Colony,

To May Bickley	£.	100	0	0
To Robert Millward, Eſq;		100	0	0
To Rutger Bleeker		75	4	11 ¾
To Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;		63	17	6
To Robert Livingſton, ſen.		129	11	4
To Henry Vanderburgh		100	0	0
To Capt. Benjamin Fauniel		19	7	1
To John Vanneſs		6	11	3
To Mary Leaver		10	0	0
To Johannis Mynders		6	4	3
To Stephen De Lancey		12	15	3 ½
To Abraham Kip *and* Engelbert		130	3	3 ¾
To Col. Gerardus Beekman		61	11	0
To Capt. Philip Schuyler		20	0	0
To Barent Reynders		22	4	4 ½
To Anne Gravenrodt		27	3	9
To Peter Van Brugh		20	0	0
To John Baptiſta Van Eps		16	13	9
To Capt. Lancaſter Symes		90	0	0
To Bartholomew Leroux		6	10	0
To Neeltie Ten Eyck		9	15	4

The Petition of *Joſeph Morgan*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; That he had invented a Machine, whereby to row a Ship or Boat with much Swiftneſs againſt Wind and Tide, praying Leave to bring in an Act, to entitle ſaid *Morgan* to the ſole Benefit of ſaid Invention, for a certain Number of Years.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 29, 1714.

ROBERT *Livingſton*, Eſq; reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of the Colony*, was committed, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to Tueſday next.

Die Martis, June 1, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this Houſe do bring in a Bill for regulating Fees.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do bring in a Bill for ſhortening of Law Suits, and regulating the Practice of the Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſon* and Capt. *Lewis*, do go to the Council, and put them in Mind of the Bills paſſed this Houſe, and that were ſent up to them the Beginning of this Seſſions, and to deſire that this Houſe may be acquainted what Progreſs they have made therein.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 2, 1714.

THE Memorial of *Robert Livingſton*, ſen. was read;

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The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned*, &c. was read the third Time, and with ſeveral Amendments, and a Rider was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Order, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1714.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating of white Servants*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they might have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating, white Servants*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Auguſtine Graham* and *William Bond*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That by Order of the Governor and Council, they had actually ſerveyed the ſeveral Limits of *New Town*, *Boſhwick*, *Brookland* and *Flatbuſh*, and platted the ſame, praying the Houſe to take the ſame into Conſideration, and enact that ſaid Towns, do pay your Petitioners for their Service, as ſhall be thought reaſonable and juſt.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for aſcertaining the Bounds of* Queen's *County*, is committed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they might have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on *Monday* Morning next, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1714.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That the Members of this Houſe that do not appear in the Houſe, at the Time which the Houſe is adjourned from Day to Day, ſhall pay *Three Shillings*, for each Default? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Members that do not appear in the Houſe from Day to Day, at the Time to which the Houſe is adjourned, ſhall pay *Three Shillings*, for each Default, to the Clerk of this Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and that he was directed to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1714.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Caleb Heathcote*, Eſq; That that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony*; without any Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſhortening of Law-Suits, and regulating the Practice of the Law*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

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The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſhortening of Law-Suits and regulating the Practice of the Law*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Leonard Lewis*, do go to the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſires they would appoint a Committee of that Board, to meet a Committee of this Houſe, to confer and agree upon the Settling, Regulating and Aſcertaining the ſeveral Fees and Rewards, to be taken by the Officers or other Perſons within the Government.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1714.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will on *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Col. *Morris*, acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency (according to the Deſire of the Houſe, had appointed a Serjeant at Arms, and) thought fit to conſtitute and appoint *Robert Crannel*, in that Office.

The Houſe being informed, That *George Clarke*, Eſq; has the Account of the Revenue, during the Time, that Mr. *Fauconnier* was Commiſſioner, for executing the Office of Collector and Receiver General.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke*, do lay ſaid Accounts of the Revenue before this Houſe immediately; and that the Clerk of this Houſe do ſerve him with this Order.

Secretary *Clarke*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe the Accounts of the Revenue, during the Time that Mr. *Fauconnier*, was Commiſſioner.

Ordered, That *Noah Cazuletta* and *David Minveil*, do attend this Houſe from Day to Day, till they are diſcharged by the Houſe.

It appearing to this Houſe, that *Peter Fauconnier*, is guilty of putting a ſcandalous Fraud upon the Government, in relation to the publick Money;

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, do take the ſaid *Peter Fauconnier*, into Cuſtody immediately.

The Serjeant at Arms acquainted the Houſe, That he had taken *Peter Fauconnier* into Cuſtody; who being called in and heard, was ordered to withdraw.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Houſe, that *Peter Fauconnier*, has been guilty of corrupt and fraudulent ſending into this Houſe, ſeveral Warrants iſſued by the Governor of this Province, and demanding Payment for the ſame, notwithſtanding the ſaid Warrants have already been paid and diſcharged, as appears by Accounts of the Revenue, under the Hand of the ſaid *Fauconnier*.

Reſolved, That for the ſaid corrupt and fraudulent Practice, the ſaid *Fauconnier*, be by the ſaid Serjeant at Arms, delivered a Priſoner to her Majeſty's Priſon in the City of *New-York*; and that Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Friday* next, conſider how they will proceed with Relation to the Crime whereof *Peter Fauconnier* ſtands charged before this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow Morning, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 16, 1714.

COL. *Jackſon* reported from a Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating white Servants*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1714.

COL. *Jackſon* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſhortening of Law Suits, and regulating the Practice of the Law*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Col. *Mindert Schuyler*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for allowing of Diſcount*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and had altered the Title, and made it, *An* Act, *for preventing the Multiplicity of Law Suits*; and made ſeveral other Amendments to ſaid Bill; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of

of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſhortening of Law Suits, and regulating the Practice of the Law*; was read the third Time, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits*, was read the third Time, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating of Law Suits*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Drake*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent malicious Proſecutions by Informations*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Peter Fauconnier*, was read, ſetting forth, his great Misfortune in falling under the Diſpleaſure and heavy Cenſure of the honourable Houſe; humbly praying he may be brought before them, and heard what he has to ſay on his own Behalf.

Ordered, That the High-Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, do bring *Peter Fauconnier* before this Houſe in the Afternoon.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolves in the Matter to them committed on his Excellency's Speech; which he was ready to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will receive the Report in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1714.

COL. *Morris*, Chairman to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, reported, according to Order, the Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed and paid,

No.		£.		
1	*To* Henry Renſſelaer	19	13	8
4	*To* Johannis Hybon	3	3	0
6	*To* Jonas Dow	36	8	0
7	*To* Ebenezer Willſon	47	0	0
8	*To* Jaques Hardenberg	25	5	0
10	*To* John Barbarie	46	3	7 ½
11	*To* William Bradford	38	15	1 ½
12	*To* Ulſter County	315	2	0
13	*To* Chriſtopher Denne	100	0	0
26	*To* Catharine Rutgers	9	7	10 ½
28	*To* Rip Van Dam	19	15	3 ¾
	To Ditto, for the Pictures, if Mr. *Van Dam* will take it	40	0	0
29	*To* Cornelius Vanderhoof	16	13	4
32	*To* George Clarke	53	2	0
33	*To* Anthony Lewis			
34	*To* David Arriſon, Seven Eighths of what appears to be due			
35	*To* Cornelius Pos, for his Service as Expreſs, Seven Eighths	5	5	0
36	*To* Cornelius Sebring, Seven Eighths			
37	*To* Robert Hunter, Eſq;	280	0	0
38	*To* Capt. Weſſel Ten Broeck, Seven Eighths of what appears to be due			
45	*To* the Executors of Anne Van Schaick	27	7	6
47, 48,	*To* Rutger Bleeker, Executor of John Abeel	13	1	8 ½
49	*To* John Beekman	2	12	6
50	*To* Gabriel Lebateux	104	9	10 ½
52	*To* Evert Bogardus	2	12	6
54	*To* Jenate Adolph	12	15	5 ½
55	*To* two Chandlers, James Harris, what appears to be due			
56	*To* Suffolk Company, Seven Eighths	253	18	6
57	*To* William Smith	00	00	6
59	*To* Francis Winne	8	5	4 ½
60	*To* John Parmyter	45	0	0
61	*To* Hendrick Bleeker	5	6	6
64	*To* Tryntie Van Rollogom	6	4	8 ½
65	*To* the Executors of Frederick Philipſe, to be deducted out of the Account of the Company	94	15	0
66	*To* Col. Jacobus Cortlandt	8	5	0
67	*To* Ditto	8	8	11 ½
68	*To* Benjamin Aſk	7	0	0
69	*To* the Executors of Frederick Philipſe	178	7	9
70	*To* Mary Syklair	4	1	9
71	*To* Garret Veile	6	9	0
72	*To* Ditto	37	12	6
73	*To* Doctor Braine	33	3	4
77	*To* Stephen De Lancey	40	5	0
80	*To* William Apple	60	0	0
82	*To* Capt. Dickenſon, Seven Eighths of what appears to be due, and ſo to the Company			
81	*To* the Executors of Capt. Thomas Stillwell, Seven Eighths of what appears to be due, and ſo to the Company			
83	*To* James Harding	8	15	0
84	*To* Mordicai Hoeman	3	11	0
85	*To* Anthony Pintard	48	15	0
89	*To* Roeloef Kierſted	3	10	0
112	*To* Benjamen Godfry, for James Martin	25	0	0
120	*To* Harpert Jacobs	5	17	9
121	*To* Sarah Gravenrodt	15	17	9
122	*To* the Carpenters of *New-York*	42	2	6
123	*To* Mrs. Suſannah Boudinot	6	3	7
126	*To* John Garreau	6	0	0
127	*To* Jacob Viſcher	4	9	8 ½
128	*To* Johannis Van Allen	3	18	9
129	*To* Col. Ingoldſby, for his good Services in the late Expedition againſt Canada	100	0	0
130	*To* Roger Mompeſon, for his Extraordinary Service	200	0	0

The Houſe being informed, that the Sheriff of the City of *New-York*, was attending in the Lobby with Mr. *Fauconnier*;

Ordered, That Mr. Sheriff do bring Mr. *Peter Fauconnier* into this Houſe; who being heard, was ordered to withdraw.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Tueſday* next, further conſider how they will proceed with Relation to the Crimes whereof *Peter Fauconnier* ſtands charged before this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Noah Cazuletta* and *David Minvielle*, be diſcharged from any further Attendance on this Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Schuyler*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Living ſton*, Mr. *Sebring* and Col. *Beekman*, or 3 of them, be a Committee, to ſtate the Accounts of Capt. *Lockhart*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Capt. *Tudor*, Col. *Jackſon*, Col. *Willet*, Capt. *Higby* and Capt. *Dickenſon*, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT *George Clarke*, Eſq; be deſired to attend this Houſe on *Tueſday* next, when the Affair of *Peter Fauconnier* is under Conſideration.

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent malicious Prosecutions by Informations*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the better Letting of the Excise of this Colony.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1714.

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

That his Excellency expects the Attendance of the House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended his Excellency accordingly; where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for levying and paying the several Duties therein mentioned.*
2. *An* Act, *to relieve* Samuel Steel, *&c. from the Duty of Seven and a Half* per Cent.
3. *An* Act, *for collecting and paying to the County Treasurer, the Arrear of Taxes in the County of* Richmond.
4. *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlars within this Province.*
5. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* West-chester, *&c.*

Which Acts were published at the City-Hall.

A Message from the Council, by the Deputy Secretary, That the Gentlemen of that Board, or any 5 of them (whereof the Chief Justice or Mr. Philipse, *to be one) be a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, to confer and agree upon the Settling, Regulating and Ascertaining, the several Fees and Rewards to be taken by the Officers or other Persons within this Government, and that the Committee begin to sit on* Monday *next, at 5 o'Clock in the Afternoon at the* Boot, *and adjourn themselves from Day to Day, till the Business to them committed be finished.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, Mr. *Samuel Bayard*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Capt. *Reade*, Col. *Jackson*, Col. *William Willet*, Capt. *Van Brugh*, Capt. *Mulford*, Col. *Rutson*, Major *Van Brunt* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 7 of them, be a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of the Council, appointed to settle and regulate the Fees and Rewards, to be taken by the Officers and other Persons within this Government.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT the Accounts of Capt. *John De Honneur*, Capt. *Barton*, Capt. *Wessel Ten Brook*, of *Ulster*, Capt. *Wessel Ten Brook*, of *Albany*, Capt. *John Glen*, Col. *Peter Schuyler* and Capt. *Cornelius Willet*, be referred to the Committee, to whom the Accounts of Capt. *Lockhart*, and others, is referred.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 22, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT this House will To-morrow Morning, further consider how they will proceed, with relation to the Crimes whereof *Peter Fauconnier* stands charged before this House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1714.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, which was read; and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Was unwilling to give any Interruption to your Proceedings in the Matter of the publick Debts; but now, that you have with much Trouble and Care, brought that Affair near to a happy Period, I must put you in Mind, that the Funds for Support of Government are just expiring, and desire you to enter upon Measures for its future Support. The Receiver General shall lay the Accounts in which he is concerned, before you, when you are ready to receive or pleased to desire the same.

Robert Hunter.

Ordered, That the Receiver General, do lay the Accounts of the Monies due and received by him, by Virtue of the Act, passed in the 12th Year of her Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majesty for supporting the Government*, before this House on *Friday* next. And that the Clerk of this House, do give the Receiver General Notice of this Order.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent malicious Prosecutions by Informations*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same; which being read; were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That said Bill be engrossed.

Ordered, That this House will To-morrow Morning, further consider how they will proceed, with relation to the Crimes whereof *Peter Fauconnier*, stands charged before this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, do serve *Peter Fauconnier* with a Copy of this Order.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 23, 1714.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT this House will in the Afternoon, further consider how they will proceed, with Relation to the Crimes, whereof *Peter Fauconnier* stands charged before this House.

Ordered, That *Francis Harrison*, Esq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, do bring *Peter Fauconnier* before this House, at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That *George Clarke*, Esq; be desired to attend this House at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, when the Affair of *Peter Fauconnier*, is under Consideration.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, do serve the High Sheriff and Mr. *Clarke*, with a Copy of these Orders.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1714.

THE House being informed, that the High Sheriff was attending without with Mr. *Peter Fauconnier*;

Ordered, That the High Sheriff bring Mr. *Fauconnier* into the House. And that *George Clarke*, Esq; also be desired to come into the House, who being both heard, were ordered to withdraw; a Debate arose upon the Affair of Mr. *Fauconnier*.

Ordered, That the Affair of Mr. *Fauconnier*, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fauconnier*, do lay his Accounts and Vouchers before this House, To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Francis Harrison*, Esq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, do bring Mr. *Fauconnier* before this House To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *George Clarke*, Esq; be desired to attend this House To-morrow Morning, when the Affair of Mr. *Fauconnier* is under Consideration.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do serve the Parties concerned with the above Orders.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1714.

MR. *Byerley* (according to Order) laid the Accounts of Money due and received, by him by Virtue of the Act, passed in the 12th Year of her Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majesty, for supporting the Government*, before this House.

Francis Harrison, Esq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, brought Mr. *Fauconnier*, before the House, who being heard, was ordered to withdraw.

The Petition of *Daniel Toy*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That he had delivered 3 Warrants to Mr. *Fauconnier*, upon his promise to pay the same, so soon as Money came in, praying this House to order Mr. *Fauconnier*, to pay him the Money, or return him said Warrants.

Ordered, That said Petition lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 26, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what publick Money is in his Hands, as alſo what publick Money is in Arrear, upon any Acts of General Aſſembly of this Colony.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent malicious Proſecutions by Informations*, was read the third Time; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Drake*, do carry ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

His Excellency's Meſſage to the Houſe, of the 23d of this inſtant Month of *June*, being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the Support of the Government, for the enſuing Year.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Committees, to whom was referred the Conſideration of ſeveral Bills, do bring in their Reports on *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 29, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 29, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of Pounds, for that Purpoſe. Alſo to make void all Claims and Demands, made or pretended to be due, before the Day of in the Year of our Lord And to prevent this Colony from being in Debt for the future*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty for ſupporting the Government, for the Year enſuing*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Peter Fauconnier*, was read, ſetting forth; That by miſtaken Methods he had laid before this Houſe, divers Warrants in Order to obtain an Allowance, of a Ballance he thinks due to him, by which he has fallen under the heavy Diſpleaſure of the Houſe, the Puniſhment for which he has laboured under this 18 Days, humbly deſiring to be reſtored to his former Liberty, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Conſideration of ſaid Petition be deferred till there be a fuller Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for continuing the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry.*

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 30, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named; and to make and enfore the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of Pounds*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 30, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT the ſeveral Committees, to whom was referred, the Conſideration of ſeveral Bills, have Leave till *Friday* next, to bring in their Report.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government for the enſuing Year*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of *Peter Fauconnier*, be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. July 1, 1714.

COL. *Jackſon*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government for the enſuing Year*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. July 1, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT the Receiver General, be deſired to lay before this Houſe, an Account of the remaining Part of the Money received and due, by Virtue of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government to this firſt Day of* July.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. July 2, 1714.

THE Petition of *Peter Fauconnier*, being taken into Conſideration,

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſon*, Col. *Morris*, Mr. *Bayard*, Capt. *Reade* and Col. *Cortlandt*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, to examine the Accounts of ſaid *Peter Fauconnier*; and make report thereof to this Houſe, with all convenient Speed, That they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany* and *Ulſter*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Repreſentation of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *New-York*, relating to the Slaves lately executed in the City of *New-York*, for ſeveral Murders by them perpetrated in the ſaid City; and ſeveral of the Owners of ſaid Negroes attending without, deſiring to be heard, were called in and heard.

Ordered, That the Owners of ſaid Slaves, have Leave to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of their Petition and ſaid Repreſentation.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named; and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col *Morris*, Chairman of ſaid Committee, reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs in the Bill to them committed; and they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on the above-mentioned Bill.

Col. *Henry Beekman*, reported from the Committee to whom was referred, the ſtating of the Accounts of Capt. *Lockhart*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Tudor*, and others, That they had gone through the Accounts to them committed, and aſcertained the ſame; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

That there appears to be due				
To Capt. Lockhart, and Company	£.	829	5	2 ½
To Col. John Jackſon, and Company		179	11	11
To Capt. Tudor, and Company		112	14	4
To Capt, Stillwell, and Company		171	12	6
To Capt. Higby, and Company		311	5	10 ½

To

To Capt. D'Honneur, and Company	85	12	3
To Capt. Barton, and Company	159	19	0
To Capt. Lieut. Sayers, and Company	249	12	4
To Capt. Weſſel Ten Brook, of Ulſter, and Company	184	16	0
To Capt. Weſſel Ten Brook, of Albany, and Company	194	5	10 1/2
To Capt. Saunders Glen, and Company	192	11	0
To Capt. Adderly, and Company	74	4	6
To Col. Peter Schuyler, as Colonel of the Country Regiment, 52 Days, over and above the 90 Days in *Anno* 1709; Seven Eighths thereof is	45	10	0
To Abraham Staats, Surgeon, for 51 Days Service, over and above the 90 Days on the Expedition *Anno* 1709; Seven Eighths is	13	7	9
To the Executors of Frederick Philipſe, £.72 15 11; diſburſed to Soldiers from Weſtcheſter County, that ſerved on the Expedition to Albany, in the Years 1687, and 1688; Seven Eighths thereof, is	63	15	11
In all	3091	6	2

Henry Beekman, Chairman.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government for the enſuing Year*; was read the third Time, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry the Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named; and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of her preſent Majeſty*, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Bill to them committed; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further on ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, that, that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government for the enſuing Year*; without any Amendment.

The Receiver General (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of the remaining Part of the Money received and due, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government to the firſt Day of* July, 1714.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 6, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of her preſent Majeſty*, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Conſpiracy of Slaves*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named; and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

That his Excellency expects the Attendance of the Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency accordingly; being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government for the enſuing Year.*

Which Act was publiſhed at the City-Hall.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 6, 1714.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee to whom was committed the Examination of the Accounts of *Peter Fauconnier*, That they had examined ſaid Accounts and were ready to report the ſame, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive it.

Ordered, That ſaid Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 7, 1714.

MR. *Bayard*, Chairman of the Committee to whom was committed the Examination of the Accounts of *Peter Fauconnier*, (according to Order) reported the Examination of *Peter Fauconnier's* Accounts.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Puniſhment that *Peter Fauconnier* has undergone, has made Attonement ſufficient for the Offence offered to this Houſe? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *Peter Fauconnier*, be brought before the Houſe in the Afternoon; and that, upon his Acknowledgment and Submiſſion for his Offence, he be diſcharged from any further Cenſure of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do return to the Council the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Garret De Graauw, *and his Aſſigns, to the Fiſhery of Porpoiſes, during the Term of ſeven Years*; and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to the Amendment made by that Board to ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Secretary *Clarke*; which being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

IT is neceſſary that you be informed, that the five Nations of Indians *grow uneaſy, complain that they are neglected, and have of late had ſome general Meetings, which forebode no Good to this Colony; you know the old and only Way to keep them in good Humour, that is, by providing a certain Sum to be laid out in Preſents to be made to them; which may be provided by a Number*

of your Houſe, joined with ſome of the Council, converſant in that Sort of Merchandize. They expect and beg a Meeting with me, in order to take the Hatchet out of their Hands, *as their Phraſe runs. You know that there is a conſiderable Expence attends ſuch an Expedition, which I alſo recommend to your Conſideration; and ſo ſoon as you enable me, I ſhall attend that Service, and manage the whole to the utmoſt of my Power, for the Peace and Quiet of the Country. This requires Diſpatch, becauſe of ſome Motions lately made among them, of making Propoſals to the* French.

Fort Anne, July 7, 1714. ROBERT HUNTER.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 7, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the above Bill.

Ordered, That *Peter Fauconnier* be brought before this Houſe To-morrow, and that upon his Acknowledgment and Submiſſion for his Offence, he be diſcharged from any further Cenſure of this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Francis Harriſon*, Eſq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, do bring *Peter Fauconnier* before this Houſe To-morrow, at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Peter Fauconnier*, and *Francis Harriſon*, Eſq; be ſerved with a Copy of the above Orders reſpectively.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 8, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT the Conſideration of his Excellency's Meſſage Yeſterday, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

The Houſe being informed that the High Sheriff was attending without, according to the Order of this Houſe;

Ordered, That the Sheriff do bring *Peter Fauconnier* into the Houſe.

Accordingly he brought ſaid *Fauconnier* before the Houſe, and Mr. Speaker informed him of his Crime; that the Houſe had received his Petition, and conſidered the ſame, and that the Houſe was favourably pleaſed to order, that upon his Acknowledgment and Submiſſion for his Offence, he be diſcharged from any further Cenſure of this Houſe.

Mr. *Fauconnier* made his Submiſſion, and returned his Thanks to the Houſe for their Favour.

Reſolved, That *Peter Fauconnier* be diſcharged from any further Cenſure of this Houſe, he paying his Fees.

Ordered, That *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; do on *Saturday* next, lay before this Houſe, a true Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Duties and Cuſtoms laid and impoſed, by Virtue of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty for ſupporting the Government, made in the 12th Year of her Reign.*

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 9, 1714.

THE Petition of *Richard Sacket*, was read, ſetting forth; That his Misfortunes have induced him to ſell his Eſtate in *New-York*, at publick Out-cry; which not anſwering his preſſing Demands, has reduced him to great Neceſſity, humbly praying, he may be relieved from the Duty of 4 *per Cent.* laid on Goods, Lands, *&c.* ſold at Vendue or Out-cry.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration.

Mr. Mayor of *Albany*, reported from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 10, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named; and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *June* 12, 1714.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſhortening of Law-Suits and regulating the Practice of the Law*; without any Amendment.

That that Board does agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Multiplicity of Law-Suits*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe, throughout this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany, was read the third Time; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council for their Concurrence.

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The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 13, 1714.

COL. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named*, &c. That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions in the Matter to them committed, made ſome further Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and deſire Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, This Houſe, will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing malicious Proſecutions by Informations*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

That he was alſo ordered to lay the Letter, from the Commiſſioners of the *Indians* Affairs, dated the firſt of *July* Inſtant; and the Propoſitions of the five Nations of the 26th of *June* laſt, before the Aſſembly, and acquaint them, that his Excellency hopes they have his laſt Meſſage on this Head under Conſideration, and to quicken their Reſolves, has ordered theſe Papers to be laid before them.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

That the Council does agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating White Servants*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Aſſembly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 14, 1714.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee, of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 15, 1714.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 16, 1714.

THE Memorial of *Anne De Peyſter*, Widow, ſetting forth; That her late Huſband, Capt. *John De Peyſter*, deceaſed, did in his Life Time ſerve in General Aſſembly, for which he has not been paid, praying the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, That ſaid Memorial, be referred to the Committee on Capt. *Coddrington's* Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*, was read the third Time; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he was ready to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That ſaid Report be made immediately; whereupon, Col. *Lewis Morris*, reported from the ſaid Committee, the Amendments made to ſaid Bill, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Dr. *Staats*, to lay before the Aſſembly, a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, of the 12th Inſtant, and acquaint them, that his Excellency having juſt now received it, once more recommends to their Conſideration, the preſent Situation of Affairs on the Frontiers and among the *Indians*, which he hopes this Letter will convince them of.

Ordered, That ſaid Meſſage be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Dr. *Staats*, alſo brought a Meſſage from the Council, to acquaint them, That that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; without any Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 17, 1714.

THE Houſe, taking his Excellency's Meſſage of the 7th of *July* inſtant, into Conſideration;

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, Major *Schuyler*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Cortlandt* and Mr. *Bayard*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join a Committee of the Council, to conſult what may be proper to be laid out for Preſents to the *Indians* at *Albany*.

Ordered, That *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; do on *Tueſday* next, lay before this Houſe, a true Account, of the Receipts and Payments of the Duties and Cuſtoms, laid and impoſed by Virtue of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government, made in the* 12*th Year of her Reign*.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, That this Houſe do provide a Sum of Money, to enable his Excellency to go to *Albany*, treat with the *Indians* and make a Peace? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will provide a Sum of Money, to enable his Excellency to go to *Albany*, treat with the *Indians*, and make a Peace.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 19, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 20, 1714.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences*,

Fences, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 20, 1714.

MR. *Bayard* reported, That the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to conſider what may be proper to be laid out, for Preſents to the *Indians* at *Albany*, had met a Committee of the Council accordingly; which he was ready to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Report be made To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 21, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twenty-ſix Thouſand, Nine Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *for that Purpoſe*, was read the third Time; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring* do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, to conſider what may be proper to be laid out for Preſents to the *Indians*, be made To-morrow Morning, when the Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 22, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony*, was read the third Time; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Amount of the Money come to his Hands, by the Rates and Duties upon Goods, Wares and Merchandize, brought unto her Majeſty's Beam, in the Weigh-Houſe in *New-York*, during the Time that he has been Receiver General.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do ſerve Mr. *Byerley*, with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bayard*, do go to the Treaſurer of this Colony, and conſult with him, what Money may probably come to his Hands by the 1ſt of *November* next, that is not otherways appropriated.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 22, 1714.

MR. *Bayard* reported, That purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, he had waited upon the Treaſurer, and upon a Calculation he ſuppoſes there will come into his Hands by *November* next, the Sum of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred* and *Ten Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *Six-pence Halfpenny*, beſides what may be in the Hands of *Gabriel Ludlow*, for Tonnage of Veſſels and *Negro* Slaves.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 23, 1714.

MR. Bayard, *reported from the Committee, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to conſult what may be proper, to be laid out for Preſents to the* Indians *of the five Nations, That they had met a Committee of the Council accordingly, and are humbly of Opinion, That its neceſſary the following Goods be given to each of the five Nations*, to wit, *Fifty Yards of Duffles, one Piece of Strouds, one Piece of Blankets, Fifty Shirts, Forty Gallons of Rum and ſmall Cags, Bread to the Value of* Three Pounds, *one Barrel of Pork, one fat Beaſt, other ſmall Neceſſaries to the Value of* Three Pounds Two Shillings *and* Six-pence, *and Tobacco and Pipes, to the Value of* Three Pounds Ten Shillings, *amounting in all (including* Fifteen Pounds *for a Meſſenger, to call down the ſaid* Indians) *the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *beſides his Excellency's Expence in going to* Albany, *to treat with the ſaid* Indians, *which is nevertheleſs, humbly ſubmitted by*,

New-York, July 19, 1714.

J. V. Cortlandt,
Samuel Bayard.
Myndert Schuyler,
Robert Livingſton, jun.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency, the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, for Preſents to the five Nations of *Indians*, and for his Excellency's Expence, in going to *Albany* to treat with them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 23, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency a Sum of Money, for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for his Expences in going to* Albany *to treat with them*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Bayard* reported, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency, a Sum of Money for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for his Expence, in going to* Albany *to treat with them*; was read the ſecond Time, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 24, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency, a Sum of Money for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for his Expence in going to* Albany *to treat with them*; was read the third Time and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Thurſday* the fifth Day of *Auguſt* next.

Die Jovis, *Auguſt* 5, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 6, 1714.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That, that Board does agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency, a Sum of Money for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for his Excellency's Expence, in going to* Albany *to treat with them*; without any Amendment.

And that that Board does agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clarke*.

That his Excellency expects the Attendance of the Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber; being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair and acquainted the Houſe, that they had attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber, where his Excellency had given his Aſſent to the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency, a Sum of Money for Preſents to the five Nations of* Indians, *and for his Excellency's Expence in going to* Albany, *to treat with them.*

And

And that the Houſe had attended his Excellency and Council to the City-Hall, where the above-mentioned Bill was publiſhed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 6, 1714.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday*, the 24th inſtant Month of *Auguſt*.

Die Martis, *Auguſt* 24, 1714.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 25, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*, was read the third Time; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, The ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 26, 1714.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Haring*, do return to the Council the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Multiplicity of Law Suits*; and acquaint them, That this Houſe does agree to their Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 26, 1714.

THE Memorial of *David Provooſt*, was read, ſetting forth ſeveral Difficulties that attended his collecting the Duties on Tonnage of Veſſels and *Negro* Slaves, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned*; praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for explaining ſaid Act.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was read, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies of *Negro* and *Indian* Slaves, harrowing of Oyſters, in the Months of *May*, *June*, *July* and *Auguſt*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the ſaid Inconveniencies.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, *Aug.* 31, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving the Increaſe of Oyſters, on and upon the ſeveral Banks, in the Rivers and Waters of, and near the Port of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1714.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving the Increaſe of Oyſters*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1714.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That the Council do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*, with one Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That the Council, do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twenty-Six Thouſand, Nine Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *for that Purpoſe. Alſo to make void all Claims and Demands, made or pretended to be due from this Colony, before the firſt Day of* June, 1714. *And to prevent this Colony from being in Debt for the future*, with ſome Amendments to the ſame; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do return to the Council the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*, and acquaint them, That this Houſe does agree to the Amendment, made by the Council to ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 2, 1714.

THE Petition of *Henry Vernon*, was read, ſetting forth; That a *Negro* of his own, lately arrived here in this Colony, in the Sloop *Ruby*, from the Iſland of *Jamaica*, for which the Officer, for collecting the Duty on *Negroes*, does demand the Sum of *Four Pounds*, for the Duty of ſaid *Negro*, humbly praying, That an Order or Vote be made to direct the Collector of ſaid Duty in this Caſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony*; is committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1714.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, and to make and enforce the Currency in Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twenty-ſix Thouſand, Nine Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *for that Purpoſe*, &c. be a Money Bill? It was carried in the Negative.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. and the Amendments made by the Council to ſaid Bill, being taken into Conſideration;

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, do return ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe do agree to the Amendments, made by the Council to ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 3, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony*; was read the third Time, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Bayard*, reported from a Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the preſerving of Oyſters*, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and had altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments in the Body of the Bill; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 4, 1714.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving of Oyſters*; was read the third Time, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Van Brunt*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

That his Excellency expects the Attendance of the Houſe at the Council in Fort Anne *immediately.*

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber; being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber, where he was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to ſeveral Bills, and publiſhed the ſame at the City Hall, which Bills are as followeth, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named.*
2. *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners, to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony.*
3. *An* Act, *to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits.*
4. *An* Act, *for ſhortening of Law Suits, and regulating the Practice of the Law.*
5. *An* Act, *to entitle* Garrat De Graauw, *to the Fiſhery of Porpoiſes.*
6. *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany.
7. *An* Act, *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony.*
8. *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Money therein mentioned.*
9. *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying the Arrears due to the Clerk and Door Keeper to the General Aſſembly of this Colony, and paying the Printer's Salary.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 ho. P. M. Sept 4, 1714.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That, that Board do agree to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*, with one Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

An Addreſs of this Houſe to her Majeſty, with the Concurrence of the Council, congratulating the happy Succeſs of her Arms and the general Peace, and praying the Royal Aſſent to the Acts for diſcharging the Debts of the Government, was read, and agreed to, and ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker, in the Name of the whole Houſe; and the Speaker ſigned it accordingly.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for appropriating the Sum of *Three Huudred Pounds*, out of the firſt Money that ſhall come into the Treaſurer's Hands, out of the next Year's Exciſe, to be applied towards procuring the royal Aſſent to the Acts that are paſſed for paying the Debts on the Government.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do write to the abſent Members to attend the Service of this Houſe, on the 12th of *October* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to the 12th of *October* next.

THIS Aſſembly being diſſolved by the Death of Queen *Anne.*

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

A ROLL *of the General Assembly of the Colony of* New-York.

City and County of *New-York.*
Col. *Jacobus Cortlandt,*
Mr. *Stephen De Lancey,*
Samuel Bayard,
Mr. *John Reade.*

City and County of *Albany.*
Mr. *Johannis Cuyler,*
Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen,*
Mr. *Karel Hanſen.*

King's County.
Mr. *Cornelius Sebring,*
Major *Cornelius Van Brunt.*

Queen's County.
Col. *Thomas Willet,*
Col. *John Jackſon.*

County of *Suffolk.*
Mr. *William Nicoll,*
Capt. *Samuel Mulford.*

County of *Ulſter.*
Col. *Henry Beekman,*
Col. *Jacob Rutſen.*

County of *Richmond.*
Capt. *John Stillwell,*
Mr. *Abraham Lakerman.*

County of *Weſtcheſter.*
Mr. *Joſiah Hunt,*
Mr. *Jonathan Odall.*

County of *Orange.*
Mr. *Cornelius Haring.*

County of *Dutcheſs.*
Capt. *Leonard Lewis,*
Baltus Van Kleeck.

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck.*
Andries Coejemans.

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *Lewis Morris.*

WRITS were iſſued after the Acceſſion of his preſent Majeſty, King *George*, to the Throne of *Great-Britain*, for electing a General-Aſſembly, to meet the 14th of *December*, 1714, and prorogued by Proclamation to the 25th of next *January*.

THE General Aſſembly was adjourned to the firſt of next *March*.

THE General Aſſembly was further adjourned to the 15th Inſtant *March*.

Die Martis, March 15, 1715.

THE Houſe was adjourned by Proclamation to the 30th Inſtant.

Die Mercurij, March 30, 1715.

THE Houſe was adjourned by Proclamation to the 7th of next *April*.

Die Jovis, April 7, 1715.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe till *Tueſday* next, being the 12th Inſtant.

Die Martis, April 12, 1715.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe to *Wedneſday* the 20th Inſtant.

Die Mercurij, April 20, 1715.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly until To-morrow.

Die Jovis, April 21, 1715.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly until *Tueſday* next, the 26th Inſtant.

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Die Martis, April 26, 1715.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly until To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, April 27, 1715.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly till To-morrow.

Die Jovis, April 28, 1715.

THERE not being a Quorum in Town, his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, May 3, 1715.

THE ſeveral Members that met according to Adjournment, ordered the Clerk to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him of their Number; being returned, informed the Gentlemen, his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would call a Council. The Gentlemen attended, and took the Oaths, made the Declaration, and ſigned the Teſt, according to Law; then returned, and unanimouſly choſe Mr. *William Nicoll* their Speaker, and conducted him to the Chair, and afterwards preſented him to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to approve their Choice. Then Mr. Speaker, in the Name of the Houſe, demanded their antient Rights and Privileges, which were granted. The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and informed the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech, which he obtained a Copy of. It being late,

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1715.

HIS Excellency's Speech being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have waited with ſome Impatience for this Meeting, where the Country might have an Opportunity of making an humble Tender of their Duty to his Majeſty, and expreſs in Words the Joy of their Hearts for his happy and peaceable Acceſſion to the Crown, by you their Repreſentatives.

It would be a Crime to entertain the leaſt Suſpicion that a People who ſhare in this general, but unſpeakable Bleſſing, of having all that is dear, religious or civil, firmly ſecur'd to them, at a Time when both, by the Arts of ill Men, were brought into the utmoſt Danger; ſhould, upon this Occaſion, be wanting in the leaſt Reſpect, to their own true Intereſts, in grateful Returns to Almighty Providence, or Duty to their great Deliverer.

I think it neceſſary to acquaint you, that his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to order my Commiſſions for the Governments of theſe Provinces, to be renewed, notwithſtanding the malicious and unjuſt Accuſations of ſome Men, altogether Strangers to me and my Conduct. The ſofteſt Terms they have given to my Adminiſtration, is, Arbitrary, Illegal, Grievous, Oppreſſive, Unjuſt and Deſtructive. *Were there any Colour for this, I pronounce myſelf not only unfit to govern, but unworthy to live; and though God and my Conſcience acquit me of that foul Charge, yet could I be perſuaded that any Part could gain Credit in the Minds of Men, I would make it my moſt humble requeſt to his Majeſty to remove me; thoroughly convinced, that the beſt guarded Conduct, and moſt innocent Life, are not Proof againſt the Malice of ſelfiſh and deſigning Men; and ſomething I have preſerved, which I value more than Life, and would not willingly loſe it.*

I am further to acquaint you, that the Earl of Clarendon, *thought fit to enter a Caveat againſt the paſſing the Act, for Payment of the public Debts here; what his Reaſons are, or what Effect they may have, I know not; I ſhall only ſay, that in my Opinion, he, of all Men, ought to have been ſilent in this Caſe. But I cannot think that we can be ſo, without Breach of the Truſt repoſed in us, and involving ourſelves in the Guilt of the Sufferings of ſo many Hundreds of Perſons and Families, whoſe very Being depends upon the paſſing of that Act. So I hope you will, in Conjunction with the Council, find out ſome ſpeedy and effectual Expedient for removing that Obſtacle, or any other that may be offered of the like Nature. And I cannot but think it abſolutely neceſſary, that ſome Perſon or Perſons, ſufficiently qualified, and amply inſtructed by the whole Legiſlature, be immediately ſent to Court for that Purpoſe.*

You are not ignorant that the Duties impoſed for the Support of Government for this laſt Year, are upon the Point of expiring; but perhaps you do not know that theſe Duties fall much ſhort of the Sum aſſigned for that Uſe by the then General Aſſembly; the Receiver General's Accounts, Receipts and Iſſues, will make that plain to you; and indeed the Sum itſelf is ſo Scanty, that not only Officers are cramp't in their Salaries, but many neceſſary publick Services poſtponed or neglected, for Want of Funds to anſwer the Charges. I firmly perſuade myſelf, that you are now met with good and firm Inclinations and Reſolutions to remedy that Inconveniency amongſt others, ſo prejudicial to your own Safety, as well as the Dignity of his Majeſty's Government.

As for my own Part, I declare that they abuſe you who go about to perſuade you that I have ever had, or propoſed to myſelf any Intereſts ſeperate from yours, which I take to be very far from being incompatable with thoſe of the Crown. And as I think hitherto no Man can with Juſtice accuſe me either of Miſapplications, or bad Oeconomy, I ſubmit myſelf in theſe Reſpects now, and at all Times hereafter, to your own niceſt Scrutiny.

ROBERT HUNTER.

The Houſe proceeding to take the ſame into Conſideration,

Ordered, That this Houſe Addreſs his Majeſty on his happy and peaceable Acceſſion to the Crown.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech, and the Votes of this Houſe be printed; and that Mr. Speaker do peruſe the ſame, and appoint *William Bradford* to print and deliver the Votes twice every Week to the Members of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 4, 1715.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1715.

THE Petition of *Annetie Van Sluys,* Widow and Executrix of *Lawrence Zacharias Van Sluys,* late of the City of *New-York,* deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to empower the Petitioner to ſell and convey a Houſe and Lot of Ground in the ſaid City.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 5, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1715.

MR. *Reade,* preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving the Increaſe of Oyſters*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Annatie Van Sluys,* Widow and Executrix of *Lawrence Zacharias Van Sluys,* late of the City of *New-York,* deceaſed, to ſell and diſpoſe of a Houſe and Lot of Ground, in *Wall-Street,* in the ſaid City; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill, for Naturalizing all foreign *Proteſtants* in this Colony, be prepared and brought into this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 6, 1715.

Ordered,

THAT the Receiver General lay before this Houſe, the Accounts of Receipts and Iſſues of the Duties, impoſed for Support of Government for the laſt Year, and that he be ſerved with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer lay before this Houſe, an Account of the amount of the Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, and Vendues he has received, and what other publick Money in his Hands, and that he be ſerved with a Copy of this Order.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants, *living in the Colony of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. Speaker preſented to this Houſe, the humble Addreſs of

of the General Aſſembly to his Majeſty, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

To the KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humbly Addreſs of the General Aſſembly in *New-York*, in *America*.

THE *Repreſentatives of your Majeſty's loyal and faithful Subjects, in your Colony of* New-York, *in* America, *now met in General Aſſembly, gladly lay hold on this Occaſion, to expreſs their hearty Joy for your Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Throne, an Event ſo eminently propitious to the Safety and Increaſe of the* Proteſtant *Religion, and ſo favourable to the Liberty of Mankind, as no Age before has produced the like. They are deeply ſenſible of the ineſtimable Bleſſing, and pray Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that as they hope to ſhare in the Felicity of your Government, they fully reſolve to demonſtrate by all their Actions, how much they value the Bounty of Almighty God, in ſettling your Majeſty in the* Britiſh *Empire. That your Majeſty may enjoy a long and proſperous Reign, over a grateful, dutiful and obedient People, are their hearty and fervent Prayers and Wiſhes.*

Ordered, The Addreſs be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 7, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving the Increaſe of Oyſters*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants, *living in this Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. May 9, 1715.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Dr. *Staats*, to deſire this Houſe, to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board To-morrow, at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Mr. *Cock's*, to conſider of that Part of a Memorial of the Lord *Clarendon*'s, to the Lords of Trade, againſt paſſing the Bill, for Payment of the publick Debts; and a Copy of the Memorial was read.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Cortlandt*, Mr. *Samuel Bayard*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Reade*, Mr. *Sebring*, Major *Van Brunt*, Mr. *Hunt*, or any 7 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, to conſider of the Memorial.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*, and for raiſing a Sum of Money to defray the Charge thereof.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving Oyſters*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Reade*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Fraud in crediting Sailors*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 10, 1715.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe an Account, entitled, *An* Account *of the Colony of* New-York, *to the 9th of* May 1715.

An Account, entitled, *An* Account *of the Exciſe of this Colony, till the 9th of* May 1715.

An Account, entitled, *An* Account *of what is received of the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, to the 9th of* May 1715.

An Account, entitled, *An* Account *of what is received on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Chimney Money, to the 9th of* May 1715.

Ordered, That the Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Fraud in crediting Sailors*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

An Act, for enabling the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *New-York*, to hold Plea of foreign Attachment; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 11, 1715.

MR. Speaker, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining one Act of General Aſſembly' paſſed in the Year of our Lord* 1714, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twenty-ſix Thouſand, Nine Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *for that Purpoſe, alſo to make void all Claims and Demands, made or pretended to be due from this Colony, before the firſt Day of* June 1714, *and to prevent this Colony from being in Debt for the future*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *John Sloſs*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a Clauſe may be inſerted in ſome Act, to explain the Terms mentioned in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves*, or find ſome other Method, whereby the Petitioner may be relieved from paying the Duty of Tonnage.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration.

Mr. *Bayard*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agency for* New-York, *at* Great Britain; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer lay before this Houſe, the amount received by the ſeveral Officers of the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, and what Part thereof, is remaining in their Hands; as alſo, what the Farmers of the Exciſe for the ſeveral Cities and Counties to *November* laſt, are indebted to that Time, and remains unpaid by them ſeverally. As alſo, what the Duty ariſing by Vendues has amounted to, and if no Part thereof is received by him, and that the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve him with a Copy of this Order.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 11, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining one Act of Gentral Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year of our Lord* 1714, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 12, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agency for* New-York *at* Great Britain; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of *John Sloſs*, being taken into Conſideration by this Houſe,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill, for relieving him from the Duty of Tonnage.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 13, 1715.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 14, 1715.

CAPT. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of an Act, for appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*, and for raiſing a Sum of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto,

thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which being read, were diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed.

Mr. *Reade*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring* John Sloſs, *free from the Duty of Tonuage*; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 16, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for declaring* John Sloſs, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving of Oyſters*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining one Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year of our Lord* 1714, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named; and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twenty Seven Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Eighty Pounds, *for that Purpoſe*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, the following Accounts, entitled, *viz. An* Account, *of the Vendue Maſter Col.* Lurting, *An Account of Major* David Provooſt, *of the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, till the 12th of* May 1715.

A Liſt of what is due to the Colony, on the Exciſe, Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves and Vendue of the ſeveral Perſons.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 17, 1715.

CAPT. *Mulford*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent for this Colony, for the Court of* Great Britain, *and for raiſing a Sum of Money annually, to defray the Charge thereof*, was referred; That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Lewis*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County, within this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 17, 1715.

THE Speaker offered to the Houſe, a Letter from his Excellency, relating to a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of* Great Britain, *and for raiſing a Sum of Money annually, to defray the Charge thereof*; which was read.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1715.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring* John Sloſs, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame, without an Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſon*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Mulford*, Mr. *Bayard* and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, appointed to examine the publick Accounts laid before this Houſe, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Majeſty being ſigned by all the Members preſent;

Ordered, That Mr. *Bayard*, and Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency, with the humble Requeſt of this Houſe, that he will favour them to tranſmit the ſame to the Court of *Great-Britain*, under his Cover.

Col. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign Proteſtants living in the Colony of* New-York, was referred, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, The Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bayard*, and Mr. *Cuyler*, do ſearch the Secretary's Office for Proclamations, Commiſſions, the Records of King *Charles* the Second's Grant to the Duke of *York*, the Duke's Commiſſion to General *Nicolls*, the Treaty and Articles of Surrender, the Duke's Commiſſion to Sir *Edmund Andros*, Sir *Edmund's* Proclamation; and ſuch other publick Papers that relate to the firſt Settling this Colony, and lay the ſame before the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 19, 1715.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walters*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining one Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year of our Lord*, 1714, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. without any Amendment. And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving of Oyſters*, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency expects this Houſe to attend him at Fort George, *immediately*.

And the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; and his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the aforementioned Bills, which were publiſhed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring* John Sloſs *free from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Reade*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of Great-Britain, and for raiſing a Sum of Money annually, to defray the Charge thereof*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Odall*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The humble Memorial of the Council and Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly of the Colony of *New-York*, in *America*, ſigned by the Council, was preſented to the Houſe, and ſigned by the Speaker, by Order of the Houſe.

Mr. *Byerley* (according to Order) laid before this Houſe an Account of his Majeſty's Revenue of his Province of *New-York*, from the firſt Day of *July*, 1714, to the firſt Day of *April*, 1715.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 23, 1715.

THE Houſe was adjourned by his Excellency till To-morrow.

Die Martis, May 24, 1715.

HIS Excellency adjourned the Houſe till To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, May 25, 1715.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 26, 1715.

Ordered, THAT a Bill be brought in for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-Cry.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary lay before this Houſe, the Proclamations, Commiſſions and Records of King *Charles* the Second's Grant to the Duke of *York*; the Duke's Commiſſion to General *Nicolls*, the Treaty and Articles of Surrender, the Duke's Commiſſion to Sir *Edmund Andros*, Sir *Edmund's* Proclamation; and ſuch other publick Papers that relate to the firſt Settling this Colony; and that he be ſerved with a Copy of this Order.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County, within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of *Abraham Braſier*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to relieve him in reſpect to the Damage he ſuſtained by breaking down his Houſe, to prevent the further Progreſs of the late Fire in the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Annetie Van Sluys, *Widow and Executrix of* Lawrence Zacharias Van Sluys, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of *Williamea Blackhead*, the Wife of *Philip Blackhead*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be heard by her Council, againſt paſſing the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 26, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-Cry*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Fraud in the crediting Sailors*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Reade* reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 27, 1715.

THE Petition of *Sarah Crego*, the Widow and Executrix of *Richard Crego*, late of the City of *New-York*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable her to ſell a Lot of Ground, to bring up her Children.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Mr. *Reade*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Lewis*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County, within this Colony*; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Support of Government.

Ordered, That *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Amount of the Duties on Goods and Merchandizes brought to the Weigh Houſe in *New-York*, during the Time he has been Collector.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. May 27, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned to 11 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 11 ho. A. M. May 28, 1715.

THE Houſe met, and it being the Anniverſary of his Majeſty's Birth Day, they attended his Excellency at *Fort George*, to celebrate the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. May 30, 1715.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 31, 1715.

COL. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign Proteſtants living in the Colony of* New-York, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 31, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Sarah Crego, *the Widow of* Richard Crego, *late of the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York, *Mariner, deceaſed, to ſell a Lot of Ground in the ſaid City*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign Proteſtants living in the Colony of* New-York; and Col. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 1, 1715.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barberie*, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and for raiſing a Sum of Money annually, to defray the Charge thereof*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County, within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Kleeck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Reade*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Navigation*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Odell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Sarah Crego, *the Widow of* Richard Crego, *late of the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York, *Mariner, deceaſed, to ſell a Lot of Ground in the ſaid City*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 1, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1715.

THE Petition of *William Kerck*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Settlement and Aſſuring of Lands in this Colony, paſſed in the 9th Year of her late Majeſty, may be explained.*

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

A Motion was made that Capt. *Mulford*, give his Reaſons to this Houſe, why he printed a Speech, formerly by him made to the General Aſſembly of this Province, without Leave of the Houſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion being put, That Capt. *Mulford* give an Account now? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Capt. *Mulford* being deſired by Mr. Speaker, to give his Reaſons why he printed his ſaid Speech, proceeded to offer his Reaſons, and then withdrew.

Then the Houſe proceeded to take the ſame into Conſideration.

A Motion was made, That Capt. *Mulford* be expelled this Houſe, for printing a Speech, formerly made to the General Aſſembly, without Leave of the Houſe, in which are many falſe and ſcandalous Reflections upon the Governor of this Province? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford* be expelled the Houſe, for the ſaid Offence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Abraham Brazier, *of the Damage he has ſuſtained by breaking down his Houſe, to prevent the further Progreſs of the late Fire, happened in the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, The Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1715.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1715.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Sarah Crego, *the Widow of* Richard Crego, *late of the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York, *Mariner, deceaſed*; *to ſell a Lot of Land in the ſaid City*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 8 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 8 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1715.

Ordered,

THAT the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, for making out a new Writ to elect a Repreſentative for the County of *Suffolk*, to ſerve in General Aſſembly, in lieu of Capt. *Mulford*, expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Committees of this Houſe, do proceed to make their Report, of the Matters before them on *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1715.

MR. Speaker, preſented to the Houſe, a Letter from his Excellency, which he had received by Mr. Secretary *Clark*, relating to a Meſſage from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, with an Account from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs.

As alſo, a Letter from Mr. *Saltonſtall*, the Governor of *Connecticut*, to his Excellency, relating to running the Line, between the Province of *Connecticut* and this Colony, and two Acts of Aſſembly of the Colony of *Connecticut*, relating to running ſuch Line, which were read.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration *Saturday* next.

Col. *Rutſon*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing all foreign* Proteſtants, *living in the Colony of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of Capt. *Jacobus De Key*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be excuſed, in Behalf of Dr. *Chriſtian Cooper* and Mr. *George Smith*, of *South Carolina*, from paying the Duty for ſeven Slaves imported from thence.

The Petition of *Hannah Martin*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be excuſed from paying the Duty, for five *Negroes*, imported from *South Carolina*, being compelled to tranſport herſelf and Family, on Account of the *Indians* riſing and murdering ſeveral Families there.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petitions.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9. *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Sarah Crego, *the Widow of* Richard Crego, *late of the City of* New-York, *Mariner, deceaſed, to ſell a Lot of Land in the ſaid City*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of *Margaret Coddrington*, Widow, Executrix and Relict of *Thomas Coddrington*, Eſq; late of the ſaid City, deceaſed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to raiſe ſuch a Sum of Money on the City and County of *New-York*, as ſhall appear to be due for the Service of her Huſband in General Aſſembly.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *of the City of* Albany, *of all Demands, for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunitions and other Stores of War, formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to exempt* Hannah Martin, *Dr.* Chriſtian Cooper *and Mr.* George Smith, *from Payment of*

of the Tax for twelve Negroes, *imported from* South Carolina, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *of the City of* Albany, *for or concerning the Proviſions, Ammunition, and other Stores*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Abraham Brazier, *of the Damage he has ſuſtained by breaking down his Houſe, to prevent the further Progreſs of the late Fire*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring that all Perſons of foreign Birth, heretofore inhabiting within this Colony and dying, ſeized of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, ſhall be for ever hereafter deemed, taken or eſteemed, to have been naturalized, and for naturalizing all* Proteſtants *of foreign Birth, now inhabiting within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. June 13, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 14, 1715.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging of Capt.* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſq; of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunition, and other Stores of War formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Cortlandt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Committee for receiving and examining the publick Accounts be continued.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 14, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to exempt* Hannah Martin, *Dr.* Chriſtian Cooper *and Mr.* George Smith, *from Payment of the Tax for twelve* Negroes, *from* South Carolina; was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and that the Committee examine the Allegations in the Petitions.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Priſon, in the County of* Ulſter, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners, to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony, after the Expiration thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 15, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Priſon in the County of* Ulſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe taking the Petition of *Margaret Coddrington* into Conſideration,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of her Petition.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 16, 1715.

THE Petition of *John, Cornelius, Margarita, Deborah* and *Jannetie*, the Children and Heirs of *John Miſtrol*, late of *Buſhwick* in *King's* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for making void a fraudulent Conveyance, made by *Mary Davenport*, the Petitioners Mother to one *James Brown*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Col. *Gerardus Beekman*'s Petition, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid his Account of *Twenty Pounds, Nine-pence*, for entertaining a *French* Jeſuit.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Mr. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee, directed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Annetie Van Sluys, *Widow and Executrix of* Lawrence Zacharias Van Sluys, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed, to ſell and diſpoſe of a Houſe*, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging Capt.* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſq; of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunitions, and other Stores of War formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill to paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Orange, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her, while ſhe was ſole by the Name of* Mary Miſerol, *to one* James Brown, *of certain Lands, Goods and Chattles, late belonging to* John Miſerol, *her former Huſband, deceaſed*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent, and directing the Treaſurer of this Colony, to pay the Sum of* 500 *Ounces of Plate*, &c. was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *William Kyrke*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for obliging Mr. *John Pell*, to releaſe and confirm to the Petitioner and his Heirs, a Plantation and Lands in Fee Simple, that the Petitioner and his Father, have poſſeſſed about 40 Years, without Moleſtation.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners, to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony, after the Expiration thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 16, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 17, 1715.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee, directed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*; That they had made an Amendment to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Amount of the Exciſe let for in each City and County, for this current Year; and that the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve him with the Copy of this Order.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Annetie Van Sluys, *Widow and Executrix of* Lawrence Zacharias Van Sluys, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed, to ſell and diſpoſe of a Houſe and Lot of Ground, in* Wall-Street, *within the ſaid City*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry ſaid Bill up to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent, and directing the Treaſurer of this Colony to pay the Sum of* 500 *Ounces of Plate yearly, to* John Champantie, *Agent, to Negociate the Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great Britain; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 17, 1715.

MR. *Byerley* (according to Order) laid before the Houſe, an Account of the Produce of the Weigh-Houſe, ſince *John Graham* has been Weigh Maſter, and had received from him, of Money, paid by Mr. *Graſſet*'s Executors, late Weigh-Maſter, *One Hundred* and *Forty Pounds*, in *May* 1712, and nothing ſince.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council, of the City of *New-York*, deſiring to be heard on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Abraham Brazier, *of the Damage he has ſuſtained by breaking down his Houſe, to prevent the further Progreſs of the late Fire, happened in the City of* New-York; were called in and heard, and then withdrew.

Mr. *Hanſen*, reported from the Committee, directed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Priſon in the County of* Ulſter, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners, to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony, after the Expiration thereof*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Reade* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her when ſhe was Sole*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the running away of* Negro *Slaves, out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will raiſe an ample Support for the Government of this Province, and continue it for five Years.

Reſolved, That the Duty of *Three-pence, per* Gallon, be paid for each Gallon of Rum or any other Spirits, imported directly into this Colony, from any of the *Weſt-India* Iſlands.

Reſolved, That *Six-pence per* Gallon, be paid for each Gallon of Rum, or any other Spirits, not directly imported into this Colony, from any of the *Weſt India* Iſlands.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, the following Commiſſioners of the Cities and Counties have returned, an Account, what the Exciſe is let for, from *primo November* 1714, to *primo November* 1715.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Sarah Crego, *the Widow of* Richard Crego, *late of the City of* New-York, *Mariner, deceaſed*; *to ſell a Lot of Land, in the ſaid City*, without any Amendment; and that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Navigation*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, to which the Houſe agreed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Dr. *Staats*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County, within this Colony*; without any Amendment.

That they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring* John Sloſs, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of* New-York, *to hold Plea of foreign Attachment*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring all Perſons of foreign Birth, heretofore inhabiting in this Colony, and dying ſeized of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, ſhall be for ever hereafter deemed, taken and eſteemed, to have been naturalized, and for naturalizing all* Proteſtants *of foreign Birth, now inhabiting within this Colony*; without any Amendment.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Priſon in the County of* Ulſter, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Kleck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the running away of* Negro *Slaves, out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada, was read the ſecond Time; and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Orange; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; the Arrears due for his Services in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of the Heirs of *James Graham*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, recommending their Father's Service, and praying Satisfaction for the ſame.

Ordered, The Houſe take the ſame into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That *Three Pounds* be paid, for each Pipe of Wine, imported directly into this Province, from the Iſlands of *Madeira, Fyall, St. George's*, or any other Place of its Growth and Manufacture.

Reſolved, That *Six Pounds*, be paid for each Pipe of Wine, not directly imported from Places of its Growth and Manufacture.

Reſolved, That the Duties on Tonnage of Veſſels, be continued the ſame as now it is for five Years.

Reſolved, That the Duties on *European* Goods, not directly imported, be continued for five Years, the ſame as they were laid in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to her Majeſty, for ſupporting the Government, paſſed in the Year* 1713.

Reſolved, That all Goods, Wares and Merchandizes weighable, that ſhall be exported from this City, or that ſhall be bought, ſold, bartered or exchanged, within the ſame, ſhall be brought unto his Majeſty's Beam, and there weighed, and for weighing the ſame, there ſhall be paid ſuch Sums of Money as were formerly eſtabliſhed and appointed in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing certain Rates and Duties, upon ſuch Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, as ſhall be brought unto their Majeſty's Beam, in the Weigh Houſe at* New-York.

Reſolved, That the Duty upon *Negro* Slaves, imported directly from *Africa* or the *Weſt-India* Iſlands, be continued for five Years, the ſame that now it is.

Reſolved, That *Five Pounds* be paid, for each *Negro* Slave, imported in Veſſels not coming directly from *Africa* or the *Weſt-India* Iſlands.

Reſolved, That *Eight Shillings* be paid, for each Hundred Weight of Cocoa, imported directly from the Place of its Growth, or any of the *Weſt-India* Iſlands, and that there be a draw back of *Eight Shillings*, for every Hundred Weight of ſaid Cocoa, exported or ſecured to be exported to *Europe*, and not otherwiſe.

Reſolved, That *Sixteen Shillings* be paid, for each Hundred Weight of Cocoa, not imported directly from the Place of its Growth, or ſome of the *Weſt India* Iſlands, and that there be a draw back of *Sixteen Shillings*, for each Hundred Weight of ſaid Cocoa, exported or ſecured to be exported to *Europe*, and not otherwiſe.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums hereafter mentioned,

mentioned, be applied to the Uſes following, *that is to ſay*,

To the Governor for his Salary, *Fifteen Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Chief Juſtice, for going the Circuit, *Three Hundred Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Commiſſioners for the *Indian* Affairs, *Three Hundred Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

Te the Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Door Keeper and Meſſenger of the Council, *Twenty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Secretary, for enrolling the Acts, *Thirty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the *Indian* Interpreter, *Lawrence Claaſſe*, *Thirty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Guager, *Sixty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Printer, for printing the Acts, Minutes, *&c.* and what ſhall be ordered by the Government, *Fifty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Tonnage Officer, over and above his Salary allowed by that Act, *Twenty-five Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Clerk and Door Keeper of the Aſſembly, a *Hundred Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To the Repreſentatives of the General Aſſembly, *Ten Shillings*, *per Diem*, for the Time they ſhall ſit, this preſent Year.

For the Repairs of the Fortifications and Barracks, *Two Hundred Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

For Firewood and Candle, for the ſeveral Garriſons, *Six Hundred Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

For the Governor's Voyage to *Albany*, a *Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

For Preſents to the *Indians*, *Four Hundred Pounds*, per *Ann.* for five Years.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the ſaid Reſolutions.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 21, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1715.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an* Act, *to prevent the running away of* Negro *Slaves, out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada; That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report to the Houſe without an Amendment, which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Deputy Secretary, delivered to the Clerk of this Houſe, a Letter to his Excellency, from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, with an incloſed Account of *Lawrence Claaſſe*, the *Indian* Interpreter, gave the Commiſſioners on his return from *Onondaga*, for diſcovering the Deſigns of the *French* with the *Indians*; which was read.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 23, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June.* 24, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward, within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Cortland*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to exempt* Hannah Martin, *Doctor* Chriſtian Cooper, *and Mr.* George Smith, *from Payment of the Tax for twelve* Negroes, *imported from* South-Carolina; That they had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendments; and he delivered the ſame in to the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by Mr. Secretary, to lay before this Houſe, a Letter from the Governor of *South-Carolina*, repreſenting their deplorable Circumſtances of being attack'd by the *Indians*, and deſiring Aſſiſtance.

Reſolved, The Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Petition of *Martha Mompeſſon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the poor Allowance her deceaſed Huſband *Roger Mompeſſon*, received for his Sallary as Chief Juſtice of the Province of *New-York*; praying the charitable Conſideration of this Houſe towards her Relief and four ſmall Children.

Reſolved, The Houſe will take the Petition into Conſideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Provine of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1715.

MR. *Reade*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *&c.* was committed, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1715.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void, a fradulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her while ſhe was ſole, &c.* That they had heard the Council, and Witneſſes of the ſaid *Mary Davenport*, who made good the Allegations in the Bill; and had alſo heard the Council, and Witneſſes, on the Petition of *Thomas Huſk*, and had directed him to report the Bill to the Houſe, without any Amendments; and he delivered the ſame in at the Table, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums here-under mentioned, be paid to the Officers under named, out of the Annual Support of the Government, for the ſeveral Services they are to perform, viz.

To the Clerk of the Supreme Court, for attending the Judges in the Circuits, *Sixty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for five Years.

To

To two Land and Tide Waiters, *Forty Pounds, per Ann.* each, for five Years.

To a Searcher, *Fifty Pounds per Ann.* for five Years.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *&c.* That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Reed*, Col. *Beekman*, or any four of them, be a Committee, to meet a Committee of the Council, to ſtate and regulate the Fees of the ſeveral Officers of this Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned to Tueſday next.

Die Martis, June 28, 1715.

THE Houſe was adjourned by his Excellency, till To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, June 29, 1715.

THE Houſe was adjourned by his Excellency, till To-morrow.

Die Jovis, June 30, 1715.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for appointing an Agent, and directing the Treaſurer of this Colony to pay the Sum of* 500 *Ounces of Plate yearly to* John Champanty, *Agent, to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain; and Mr. *Cuyler* reported, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all public Taxes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 30, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Orange, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 1, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Firewood*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Priſon in the County of* Ulſter, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barberie*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging of Capt.* Peter Van Brugh, *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſq; of the City of* Albany, &c. without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*; without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; the Arrears due for his Service in General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 1, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1715.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Reade*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Navigation*, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the Amendments made by them to that Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to exempt* Hannah Martin, *Doctor* Chriſtian Cooper, *and Mr.* George Smith, *from Payment of the Tax for* 12 Negroes, *imported from* South Carolina; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Odall*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent, and directing the Treaſurer of this Colony to pay the Sum of* 500 *Ounces of Plate yearly to* John Champantie, *Agent, to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Fire Wood*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walters*, that they have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province relating to the ſame*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The ſaid Bill being read the firſt Time, was ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of Lieut. Col. *David Provooſt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; the Arrears due for his Service in General Aſſembly*, now committed to a Committee of this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Petition of *Robert Crannel*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a Sallary may be allowed him, as Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction and Vendue*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an* Act, *to prevent the running away of* Negroe *Slaves out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coejemans*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1715.

THE Petition of *Mary Le Bretone*, late of *South Carolina*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be excuſed from paying the Duty on *Negroes* and Dry Goods.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, July 4, 1715.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Fire Wood*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of the Colony of* South Carolina, *from the Duties laid and payable in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes as they ſhall import into this Colony during the preſent War, in the ſaid Colony of* South-Carolina; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Expreſs from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, dated the 28th, 29th and 30th of *June* laſt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 4, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void a fradulent Conveyance of* Mary Devenport, *made by her while ſhe was ſole, by the Name of* Mary Miſerol, *to one* James Brown, *of certain Lands, Goods and Chattles late belonging to* John Miſerol, *her former Huſband, deceaſed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1715.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. That they had directed him to report the ſame without any Amendment; and the ſaid Bill was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Luckerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*.

And by Col. *De Peyſter*, that they alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; without any Amendment.

And that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of the Colony of* South Carolina, *from the Duties laid and paid in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes, as they ſhall import into this Colony*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clarke*.

Mr. Speaker; His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker and the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had given his Aſſent to, and publiſhed the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*.

An Act, *declaring all Perſons of foreign Birth, heretofore inhabiting within this Colony, and dying ſeized of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, ſhall be for ever hereafter deemed, taken or eſteemed to have been naturalized, and for naturalizing all* Proteſtants *of foreign Birth, now inhabiting within this Colony*.

An Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction and Vendue*.

An Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame*.

An Act, *for encouraging Navigation*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 6, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Firewood*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of Mr. *Henry Holland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid for his paſt Services for Gunner to his Majeſty's Garriſon at *Albany*, or that he may be allowed for ſuch Service for Time to come.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe being informed of ſome Diſputes and Difficulties had aroſe on the Landing of ſome Wine and Rum;

Reſolved, and it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Treaſurer of this Colony may give on the Landing of Wine and Rum, the uſual Liberties and Allowances formerly given by the Receiver General, ſo that he take Care the Duties ariſing therefrom be truly and *bona fide* paid, or ſecured to be paid, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act, by Virtue of which the ſaid Duties are made payable.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 6, 1715.

THE Houſe taking Mrs. *Martha Mompeſon's* Petition into Conſideration;

Reſolved, *That in Conſideration of the faithful Services of* Roger Mompeſon, *to this Province, in the Station of Chief Juſtice, for many Years laſt paſt, and the ſlender Allowance he had for it, whereby he became uncapable of providing a neceſſary Support for his Widow and Children, That the Sum of* Three Hundred Pounds, *be paid to the ſaid* Martha Mompeſon, *towards the Support of herſelf and Children*.

The Petition of *Robert Lurting*, Vendue Maſter, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, the Treaſurer of this Colony had ſued him for the Penalty of *Fifty Pounds*, for not paying the Duty laid on Goods ſold by Vendue, by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by publick Vendue*, at the Times therein expreſſed, and praying this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration, that the Action may be withdrawn, and the Petitioner relieved from the Penalties of the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That the Petitioner be relieved according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 7, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within this City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bayard*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer, Receiver General, and Tonnage Officer, lay their ſeveral Accounts before this Houſe on *Saturday* Morning next.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

To two Land and Tide Waiters, *Forty Pounds, per Ann.* each, for five Years.

To a Searcher, *Fifty Pounds per Ann.* for five Years.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *&c.* That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Reed*, Col. *Beekman*, or any four of them, be a Committee, to meet a Committee of the Council, to ſtate and regulate the Fees of the ſeveral Officers of this Government.

Then the Houſe adjourned to Tueſday next.

Die Martis, June 28, 1715.

THE Houſe was adjourned by his Excellency, till To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, June 29, 1715.

THE Houſe was adjourned by his Excellency, till To-morrow.

Die Jovis, June 30, 1715.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for appointing an Agent, and directing the Treaſurer of this Colony to pay the Sum of* 500 *Ounces of Plate yearly to* John Champanty, *Agent, to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain; and Mr. *Cuyler* reported, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all public Taxes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 30, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Orange, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 1, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Firewood*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Priſon in the County of* Ulſter, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Stillwell*, carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barberie*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging of Capt.* Peter Van Brugh, *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſq; of the City of* Albany, &c. without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony*; without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; the Arrears due for his Service in General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 1, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1715.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Reade*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Navigation*, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the Amendments made by them to that Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to exempt* Hannah Martin, *Doctor* Chriſtian Cooper, *and Mr.* George Smith, *from Payment of the Tax for* 12 Negroes, *imported from* South Carolina; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Odall*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent, and directing the Treaſurer of this Colony to pay the Sum of* 500 *Ounces of Plate yearly to* John Champantie, *Agent, to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Fire Wood*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walters*, that they have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province relating to the ſame*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The ſaid Bill being read the firſt Time, was ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of Lieut. Col. *David Provooſt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; the Arrears due for his Service in General Aſſembly*, now committed to a Committee of this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Petition of *Robert Crannel*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a Sallary may be allowed him, as Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction and Vendue*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an* Act, *to prevent the running away of* Negroe *Slaves out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coejemans*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1715.

THE Petition of *Mary Le Bretone*, late of *South Carolina*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be excuſed from paying the Duty on *Negroes* and Dry Goods.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, July 4, 1715.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Fire Wood*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of the Colony of* South Carolina, *from the Duties laid and payable in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes as they ſhall import into this Colony during the preſent War, in the ſaid Colony of* South-Carolina; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Expreſs from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, dated the 28th, 29th and 30th of *June* laſt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 4, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void a fradulent Conveyance of* Mary Devenport, *made by her while ſhe was ſole, by the Name of* Mary Miſerol, *to one* James Brown, *of certain Lands, Goods and Chattles late belonging to* John Miſerol, *her former Huſband, deceaſed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1715.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. That they had directed him to report the ſame without any Amendment; and the ſaid Bill was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lackerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the ſame, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe.*

And by Col. *De Peyſter*, that they alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; without any Amendment.

And that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of the Colony of* South Carolina, *from the Duties laid and paid in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes, as they ſhall import into this Colony*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clarke*.

Mr. Speaker; His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker and the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had given his Aſſent to, and publiſhed the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe.*

An Act, *declaring all Perſons of foreign Birth, heretofore inhabiting within this Colony, and dying ſeized of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, ſhall be for ever hereafter deemed, taken or eſteemed to have been naturalized, and for naturalizing all* Proteſtants *of foreign Birth, now inhabiting within this Colony.*

An Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction and Vendue.*

An Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame.*

An Act, *for encouraging Navigation.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 6, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Firewood*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of Mr. *Henry Holland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid for his paſt Services for Gunner to his Majeſty's Garriſon at *Albany*, or that he may be allowed for ſuch Service for Time to come.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Houſe being informed of ſome Diſputes and Difficulties had aroſe on the Landing of ſome Wine and Rum;

Reſolved, and it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Treaſurer of this Colony may give on the Landing of Wine and Rum, the uſual Liberties and Allowances formerly given by the Receiver General, ſo that he take Care the Duties ariſing therefrom be truly and *bona fide* paid, or ſecured to be paid, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act, by Virtue of which the ſaid Duties are made payable.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 6, 1715.

THE Houſe taking Mrs. *Martha Mompeſon's* Petition into Conſideration;

Reſolved, *That in Conſideration of the faithful Services of* Roger Mompeſon, *to this Province, in the Station of Chief Juſtice, for many Years laſt paſt, and the ſlender Allowance he had for it, whereby he became uncapable of providing a neceſſary Support for his Widow and Children, That the Sum of* Three Hundred Pounds, *be paid to the ſaid* Martha Mompeſon, *towards the Support of herſelf and Children.*

The Petition of *Robert Lurting*, Vendue Maſter, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, the Treaſurer of this Colony had ſued him for the Penalty of *Fifty Pounds*, for not paying the Duty laid on Goods ſold by Vendue, by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by publick Vendue*, at the Times therein expreſſed, and praying this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration, that the Action may be withdrawn, and the Petitioner relieved from the Penalties of the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That the Petitioner be relieved according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Houſe adjourned till 8 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 8 *ho. A. M. July* 7, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within this City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bayard*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer, Receiver General, and Tonnage Officer, lay their ſeveral Accounts before this Houſe on *Saturday* Morning next.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 8, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Robert Lurting, *Vendue Maſter, of the Province of* New-York, *from divers Penalties in a certain Act of General Aſſembly, made in the* 12*th Year of her late Majeſty*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by publick Vendue, or Out-cry*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Rip Van Dam*, and *John Barberie*, for themſelves and Owners of Slaves executed for the Conſpiracy and Murder committed in the City of *New-York*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 9, 1715.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Robert Lurting, *Vendue Maſter, of the Province of* New-York, *from divers Penalties in a certain Act of General Aſſembly, made in the* 12*th Year of her late Majeſty*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by public Vendue, or Out-cry*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *providing their military Watch with Firewood, and diſcharging of other the publick and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That *William Bradford*, be paid 75 Ounces of Plate for printing the Bills of Credit mentioned in an Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of *New-York*, and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of the General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Byerly*, (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, his Account of his Majeſty's Revenue, in his Province of *New-York*, from the firſt Day of *April* 1715, to the firſt Day of *July* next; at which Time the ſame expired.

Ordered, The Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Petition of *Cornelia Schuyler*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq*; *the Arrears due for his Service in General Aſſembly*, now committed to a Committee of this Houſe.

Mr. *Bayard* reported from a Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to relieve* Robert Lurting *Vendue Maſter of the Province of* New-York, *from divers Penalties, in a certain Act of General Aſſembly, made in the* 12*th Year of her late Majeſty*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by publick Vendue or Out-cry*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *De Lancey*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of the Colony of* South Carolina, *from the Duties laid and paid in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes, as they ſhall import*, &c. That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *July* 11, 1715.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of what have received on Account of the Exciſe, ſince the laſt Account delivered to the General Aſſembly the* 9*th of* May 1715, *amounting to* One Thouſand, Three Hundred Thirty One Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, *and* Ten-pence Halfpenny.

An Account *of what have received on Account of the Vendues, of* Two Hundred Forty Three Pounds, Four Shillings *and a* Halfpenny; *and an Account of what is due to the Colony of* New-York, *amounting to* Three Hundred, Ninety Four Pounds, Nine Shillings *and* Five-pence Three Farthings.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 12, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *providing their military Watch with Firewood*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Robert Lurting, *Vendue Maſter of the Province of* New-York, *from divers Penalties in a certain Act of General Aſſembly, made in the* 12*th Year of her late Majeſty*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by publick Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Petition of *Margaret Norton*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be heard by her Council, the Reaſons ſhe has to offer, againſt paſſing the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of General Aſſembly of the Colony of* New-York, entitled, *An Act for the preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negro *and other Slaves*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 13, 1715.

MR. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee, appointed to examine the publick Accounts laid before this Houſe, That they have examined the publick Accounts, and find received by *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; the Receiver General, towards the laſt Year's Support, of the Surpluſage of the Year expired the 13th of *June* 1714, the Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Twenty Pounds, One Shilling* and *Six-pence Halfpenny*; as alſo for Duty, from the 1ſt Day of *July* 1714, to the 1ſt Day of *July* 1715, the Sum of *Nine Hundred, Seventy Nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings* and *Six-pence Three-farthings*, together with *One Hundred* and *Forty Pounds* more for weigh Money; and that the Treaſurer has paid to the ſaid Receiver General, on the ſaid Year's Support, the Sum of *Four Hundred Eighty Four Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Three-pence*; which, with *Three Hundred Ninety Four Pounds, Nine Shillings* and *Five-pence Three-farthings*, remaining in Caſh, in the Treaſurer's Hands, to be paid unto ſaid Receiver General, amounting in all, to the Sum of *Two Thouſand, Four Hundred* and *Nineteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Ten-pence*. So that the Colony is indebted, to pay of the *Twenty Eight Hundred Pounds*, of the laſt Year's Support, the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Two-pence*; in *Contra*, whereof this Colony has Outſtanding for Exciſe and Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, to the Sixteenth of *May* laſt, according to the Treaſurer's Account, the Sum of *Nine Hundred, Seventy Nine Pounds, Seven Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, beſides *Two Hundred Ninety One Pounds, Five Shillings*, for Duty of Veſſels and Slaves, according to Account of Col. *Provooſt* Tonnage Officer, from the 12th of *May* laſt, to the 30th of the laſt Month; which was read; and approved by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 13, 1715.

LIEUT. Col. *Provooſt*, (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, his Account of Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, to the 30th of *June* 1715.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve* Robert Lurting, *Vendue Maſter of the Province of* New-York, *from divers Penalties in a certain Act of General Aſſembly, made in the* 12*th Year of her late Majeſty*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by publick Vendue or Out-cry*, without any Amendment.

That they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the running away of* Negro *Slaves, out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada; without any Amendment.

And that they had likewiſe agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward, within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas, of all publick Taxes*; without any Amendment.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Perſons therein named*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and providing*

ing their military Watch with Firewood, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of the Colony of* South Carolina, &c. was committed. That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to exempt* Hannah Martin, *Doctor* Chriſtian Cooper, *and Mr.* George Smith, *from Payment of the Tax for* 12 Negroes *imported from* South Carolina, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which being read; the Houſe agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karrel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, with the Amendments, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Dr. *Staats*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent and directing the Treaſurer*, &c. with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, do carry the Bill and the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Firewood*; without any Amendment.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 14, 1715.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Orange; without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *providing their military Watch with Firewood, and diſcharging of other the publick and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coejemans*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*; was read the ſecond Time.

The Queſtion being put, that the Bill be committed? It was carried in the Negative.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands, in joint Tenancy or in Common*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Perſons therein named*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 14, 1715.

THE Petition of *Henry Vernon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; That he having a *Negro* Man, named *Peter*, imported about a Year laſt paſt, from the Iſland of *Jamaica*, humbly prays, he may not be troubled for the Duty of ſaid *Negro*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9. *ho. A. M. July* 15, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* South Carolina, *from the Duties laid and paid, in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes, as they ſhall import into this Colony, during the Time of ſix Months*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of the General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing, the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*, be engroſſed? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be rejected? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

The Houſe taking the Petition of Mr. *Henry Vernon* into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That its the Opinion of this Houſe, this his *Negro* Man, named *Peter*, imported about a Year laſt paſt, from the Iſland of *Jamaica*, is not within the Meaning of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying and paying the ſeveral Duties therein mentioned, for the Uſe of this Colony, made in the* 13*th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty*.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Perſons therein named*; and Mr. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 16, 1715.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands, in joint Tenancy or in Common*, was read the ſecond Time; and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Bayard*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Perſons therein named*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Addition to the Title of the Bill, and ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 18, 1715.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe, to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, *July* 19, 1715.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the eaſier Partition of Lands, in joint Tenancy or in Common*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Kleeck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereunto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Perſons therein named, and for paying the Exciſe in Arrear to the Treaſurer*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 20, 1715.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 20, 1715.

HIS Excellency adjourned the Houſe, to *Thurſday* next.

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Die Jovis, July 21, 1715.

THE Petition of ſeveral Merchants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to relieve them from paying the Impoſition for Weighing of what is not neat Merchandize, and to exempt them from paying Porteridge, and that ſome proper Method may be taken for providing a Storehouſe near, or contiguous to the Weigh Houſe aforeſaid, at his Majeſty's Charge.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Reſolved, And its the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Duty for weighing Bread, Flour and Cocoa, ought to be paid for the ſaid Commodities only, and not for the Caſk or other Thing in which they are contained, and the ſaid Duties included all Charges whatſoever, and the Weigh Maſter be ſerved with a Copy of this Reſolve.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Byerley*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* South Carolina, *from the Duties laid and paid in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes, as they ſhall import into this Colony, during the Time of ſix Months*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *providing their military Watch with Firewood, and diſcharging of other the publick and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands, in joint Tenancy or in Common*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt *Walters*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Perſons therein named, and for paying the Exciſe in Arrear to the Treaſurer*; without any Amendment.

Ordered, *That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before his Excellency, or ſome Perſons commiſſioned by him, on or before the firſt Day of* September *next, an Account of all Money received by him, from every City and County within this Colony, that was raiſed and paid to him by Virtue of one Act, entitled*, An *Act*, for levying *Six Thouſand Pounds, and what Bills of Credit were by him iſſued, and to whom, and for what, and are by him received, from whom, for what, when, and are in his Cuſtody, by Virtue of one Act, entitled*, An *Act*, for the Currency of Bills, of Credit, for *Five Thouſand Pounds, and the Intereſt by him allowed on every of the ſaid Bills.*

And an Account of all Money by him received, from every City and County, that was raiſed and paid to him, by Virtue of one Act, entitled, An *Act*, for levying *Four Thouſand Pounds, and what Bills of Credit were by him iſſued, to whom, and for what, and are by him received, from whom, for what, when, and are in his Cuſtody, by Virtue of one Act, entitled*, An *Act*, for the Currency of Bills of Credit, for *Four Thouſand Pounds, and the Intereſt by him allowed on every of the ſaid Bills.*

And an Account of all Money by him received from every City and County, that was raiſed and paid to him by Virtue of one Act, entitled, *An* Act, for the levying 10,000 Ounces of Plate, or 14,545 Lyon Dollars. *And what Bills of Credit were by him iſſued, and to whom, and for what, and are by him received, and are in his Cuſtody, and from whom, for what, and when, by Virtue of one Act*, entitled, *An* Act, for the Currency of Bills of Credit, for 10,000 Ounces of Plate, or 14,545 Lyon Dollars; *and an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, for the Treaſurer's iſſuing Bills of Credit, to pay the preſent Debt of the Expedition to *Canada*, and other Uſes; *and the Intereſt allowed by him on every of the ſaid Bills.*

And an Account of all Money by him received from every City and County, that was raiſed and paid to him by Virtue of one Act, entitled, *An* Act, for levying the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds. And what Bills of Credit were by him iſſued, and to whom, and for what, and are by him received, and in his Cuſtody, and from whom, for what, and when, by Virtue of one Act*, entitled, *An* Act, for the Currency of Bills of Credit for 25,000 Ounces of Plate.

And his Excellency is humbly deſired by this Houſe to take ſuch prudent Meaſures, as in his Wiſdom he ſhall judge moſt fit, for ſinking the ſaid Bills, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Acts aforementioned.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do ſerve the Treaſurer with a Copy of this Order.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Clarke*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at the Council Chamber.

And the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly, and his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and publiſh the following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners, to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony.*

An Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County, within this Colony.*

An Act, *to relieve* Robert Lurting, *Vendue Maſter, of the Province of* New-York, *from divers Penalties in a certain Act of General Aſſembly, made in the* 12*th Year of her late Majeſty*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by public Vendue, or Out-cry.*

An Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Priſon in the County of* Ulſter.

An Act, *for relieving the Inhabitants of* South-Carolina, *from the Duty laid and paid in this Colony of* New-York, *for ſuch Goods, Slaves and Merchandizes, as they ſhall import into this Colony, during the Time of Six Months.*

An Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *providing their military Watch with Fire Wood, and diſcharging of other the publick and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City.*

An Act, *for the deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Orange.

An Act, *for revivimg and continuing an* Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the running away of* Negroe *Slaves out of the City and County of* Albany, *to the* French *at* Canada.

An Act, *for the repairing the Fortifications of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and providing their military Watch with Firewood.*

An Act, *for appointing an Agent, and directing the Treaſurer of this Colony to pay the Sum of* 500 *Ounces of Plate yearly to* John Champantie, *Agent, to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain.

An Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all public Taxes.*

An Act, *to exempt* Hannah Martin, *Doctor* Chriſtian Cooper, *and Mr.* George Smith, *from Payment of the Tax for* 12 Negroes, *imported from* South-Carolina.

An Act, *for diſcharging Capt.* Peter Van Brugh *and* Hendrick Hanſen, *Eſqrs, of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunitions, and other Stores of War formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony.*

An Act, *declaring* John Sloſs, *free from the Duty of Tonnage.*

An Act, *to enable* Sarah Crego, *the Widow of* Richard Crego, *late of the City of* New-York, *Mariner, deceaſed, to ſell a Lot of Land in the ſaid City.*

An Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying ſeveral Perſons therein named, and for paying the Exciſe in Arrear to the Treaſurer.*

An Act, *continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy, or in common.*

Then his Exeellency adjourned the Aſſembly to the firſt *Tueſday* in *November* next.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation dated the of *Auguſt*, 1715, diſſolved the Aſſembly.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

A ROLL *of the General Assembly of the Colony of* New-York.

City and County of *New-York.*
Lieut. Col. *David Provoost,*
Capt. *John Janſen,*
Mr. *Jacobus Kipp,*
Capt. *Garret Van Horne.*

City and County of *Albany.*
John Cuyler, Esq;
Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen,*
Mr. *Karel Hanſen.*

County of *Suffolk.*
William Nicoll, Esq; Speaker.
Capt. *Samuel Mulford.*

Queen's County.
Major *Iſaac Hicks.*
Capt. *Thomas Willet.*

King's County.
Mr. *Cornelius Sebring,*
Mr. *Samuel Gerretſen.*

County of *Ulſter.*
Col. *Abraham Gaſbeck Chambers,*
Col. *Henry Beekman,* deceaſed.
Col. *Jacob Rutſen.*

County of *Richmond.*
Capt. *John Stillwell,*
Mr. *Abraham Lakerman.*

County of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *William Willet,*
Mr. *Joſeph Budd.*

County of *Orange.*
Mr. *Peter Haring,*
Capt. *Cornelius Cuyler.*

County of *Dutcheſs.*
Capt. *Leonard Lewis,*
Mr. *Johannis Terboſch.*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *Lewis Morris.*

Manor of *Renſſelaer Wyck.*
Mr. *Andries Coejemans.*

Manor of *Livingſton.*
Mr. *Robert Livingſton,* ſen.

Die Martis, June 5, 1716.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, to command the Attendance of this Houſe, immediately at the Fort, and they attended accordingly; where they took the Oaths and ſigned the Teſt and Aſſociation according to Law. Then his Excellency directed them to chuſe their Speaker; they returned, and unanimouſly choſe Mr. *William Nicoll* their Speaker, whom they preſented to his Excellency, and was approved; and afterwards Mr. Speaker demanded their ancient Rights and Privileges, which were granted. Then his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech; the Houſe being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech; which he had obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

WERE *there no other Reaſon for our Meeting at this Time, than that we may together rejoice for the Succeſs, with which it has pleaſed the Almighty, to bleſs his Majeſty's Councils and Arms, over the crafty Devices of his natural Enemies, and the deſperate Attempts of his unnatural Subjects; I think that is ſufficient, for, is there a Man, who has the leaſt Concern for human Nature itſelf, who is not filled with Joy, to find the eſſential Difference, betwixt that and the ſubordinate Species of Animals reſixed and maintained, which muſt have been entirely cancelled by that ſort of Power, which alone could have given a Succeſs to, and have ſupported the Cauſe of a* Popiſh *Pretender. For my own Part, I have ever thought that a Man and his Beaſt, at beſt, equal ſhares in the Benefits of ſuch a Government. I know, I ſpeak it to a Set of Men who join with me in theſe Thoughts, and to do Juſtice to thoſe whom you repreſent, I firmly believe that his Majeſty, in the wide Extent of his Dominions, has not a Province, where fewer look a Squint on his rightful Title and righteous Cauſe, for I think, not one have ventured to ſpeak.*

I would not have you Miſconſtrue what I am about to ſay, as if I were ſounding an Alarm, in the Middle of a profound Peace; far be that Thought from me. Your future Security is all my Aim. The late inſidious Treaties of Peace and Commerce (the beſt Authority on Earth has called them ſo) had left it too much in the Power of thoſe, whom I can hardly forbear, to call ſtill

our Enemies, to annoy us on this Side, when they ſhall find themſelves inclined to interpret thoſe Treaties, in favour of a groundleſs Rupture; the vaſt Preparations in France, *for Settlements behind you along the* Miſſiſippi, *with the Neighbourhood of a very conſiderable Garriſon and Seaport at* Cape Breton, *as they may let you into ſome of their Views in making that Peace (for it was they that made it) ſo they juſtify my Apprehenſions, and I hope, will be ſufficient to induce you, to put yourſelves into a better State of Defence, againſt the evil Day to come. The Strength of this Fort, is very little proportioned to its Uſe, which I take to be not only the Security of this Province, but in a great Meaſure, that of the Continent. The Fort at* Albany, *is next to none at all, and will ſignify little againſt any, but* Indian *Enemies, and upon that you well know, depends entirely the Safety of your Frontiers and remote Settlements. I have not been wanting in due Repreſentations elſewhere of this Matter, and have Accounts, that the Lords of Trade, have been pleaſed to ſecond them, with their Advice to his Majeſty, for an Augmentation of the Troops here, of which I hope, we ſhall ſpeedily have a favourable Account; I hope you will not be wanting in your Part, now that the burthenſome Expence of the fruitleſs Expedition, is in a great Meaſure over, and the Subject here is leſs loaded with publick Taxes, than any of their Neighbours; I ſhall be ready to confer with, and adviſe you about what is neceſſary to be done in that Matter.*

A former Aſſembly merited and received the Bleſſings of many ſuffering Families by the publick Debts; if by Omiſſion, Neglect or otherwiſe, any juſt Claimants have been diſappointed, I hope you'll ſhare theſe Bleſſings, in providing for the Satisfaction of all ſuch juſt Claims.

I have detained you too long, what beſides may occur to me, which ought to fall under your Deliberations, I ſhall communicate to you hereafter. I need not tell you, that the Seaſon of the Year requires diſpatch.

R. HUNTER.

Reſolved, That the hearty Thanks of this Houſe, be given to his Excellency, for his favourable Speech and juſt Expreſſions of his Sentiments, of the Affection both of them and thoſe they repreſent to his Majeſty's Government.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Provooſt*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Rutſen* and Major *Hicks*, do wait on his Excellency, and give him the Thanks of this Houſe, for his favourable Speech to them, and thoſe juſt Expreſſions of his Sentiments, of the Affection both of them and thoſe they repreſent to his Majeſty's Government.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech to the Houſe be printed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1716.

Ordered,

THAT *Capt.* Janſen, *do go to the Council, and acquaint them, that taking it to be the Duty of this Houſe, to addreſs his Majeſty, on the happy Succeſs of his Arms, in ſuppreſſing the late Rebellion in* Great Britain, *this Houſe deſires to know, if that Board think it fit to join with them in ſuch an Addreſs.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1716.

A *Meſſage from the Council, by Mr.* Clarke, *to acquaint this Houſe, that Board will join with, in an Addreſs to his Majeſty, on the happy Succeſs of his Arms, in ſuppreſſing the late Rebellion in* Great Britain, *that they would meet a Committee of this Houſe, for that Purpoſe, at Mr.* Brazier's *at Four of the Clock this Afternoon, if the Aſſembly think fit to appoint their Committee.*

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Major *Hicks*, Col. *Willet*, Capt. *Janſen*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Stillwell* and Alderman *Kipp*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, to Addreſs his Majeſty, on the happy Succeſs of his Arms, in ſuppreſſing the late Rebellion in *Great Britain*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1716.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 7, 1716.

THE engroſſed Addreſs to the King's moſt excellent Majeſty, of the Council and General Aſſembly of this Colony, was preſented to this Houſe, ſigned by the Council, being read; was ſigned by all preſent.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt* and Capt. *Van Horne*, do wait on his Excellency with the Addreſs, and acquaint him, this Houſe humbly deſires him to tranſmit the ſame to the King's moſt excellent Majeſty.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1716.

A Motion was made, that Mr. Speaker do ſign a Liſt, containing two Accounts, the Ballance of one being *Forty Pounds*, claimed for building a new Block-Houſe at *Albany*, the other being the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Forty Six Pounds*, and *Ten-pence Halfpenny*, claimed for the Remainder of a Debt in the City and County of *Albany*, for carrying up Proviſions, &c. on the Expedition againſt *Canada*, which was omitted to be ſigned by the Speaker, purſuant to an Act, entitled, *An Act, for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Dtbts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. *paſſed in the 13th Year of the late Queen* Anne, *to pay Major* Myndert Schuyler *his Executors or Aſſigns, the Sum of* One Hundred Forty Four Pounds, Ten Shillings *and* Seven-pence Halfpenny, *for the Uſe of ſeveral Perſons.*

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 8, 1716.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in, for continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act, for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1716.

THE Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1716.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1716.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1715.

THE Petition of *Margaret Coddrington*, Widow of *Thomas Coddrington*, Eſq; deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying the Services due, as he was a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

A Motion was made, that a Committee of Grievances be appointed.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Col. *Beekman*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Capt. *Mulford* and Capt. *Janſen*, or any five of them, are appointed to be a Committee for Grievances, and that their Report be made to this Houſe.

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for regulating and returning able and sufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, was read the second Time; and committed to Col. *Willet*, Mr. *Haring*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Janſen* and Capt. *Van Horne*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 13, 1716.

THE Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1716.

COL. *Provooſt*, laid before this Houſe, by his Excellency's Directions, a Letter from *John Champantie*, Eſq; Agent of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, and his two Memorials to the Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and the Plantations, which were ſeverally read; And,

Ordered, That they lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, ſign an Order to the Treaſurer of this Colony, to remit by the beſt Convenience, to *John Champantie*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony, the Sum of 500 Ounces of Plate, as Agent for this Colony, and Diſburſements for the neceſſary Service of the ſame, during the Time of one Year; which was ſigned accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. And Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, the may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1716.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Cuyler*, Major *Hicks*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Capt. *Willet*, and Capt. *Lewis*, or any 3 of them.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; the Arrears due for his Service in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 15, 1716.

A Memorial of his Excellency's was brought to this Houſe, by Mr. Secretary *Clark*, and read;

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for returning ſufficient and able Grand Jurors, and to relieve the Subjects from unreaſonable Charges.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1716.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning of able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, and directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq; the Arrears due for his Services in General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1716.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning of able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Stillwell*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Whaling*, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made an Amendment to the ſame, which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer on *Thurſday* next, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Monies by him received, by Virtue of an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed the laſt Year, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to relieve ſeveral Perſons and Aſſigns, allowed ſeveral Sums of Money in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named*, &c. who by inevitable Accidents are uncapable to comply with the ſaid Act.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1716.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That they had made a Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Thurſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1716.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1716.

THE Deputy Secretary laid before this Houſe, a Letter from his Excellency, recommending a Letter from the Commiſſioners for managing the *Indian* Affairs, and the Propoſitions made by the *Indians* of *Oneida*, to the ſaid Commiſſioners; which were ſeverally read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to prevent ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the *Indians*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to oblige the *Indian* Traders at *Albany*, to build a Barrack there, for the *Indians* when they come to trade, and that Mr. *Cuyler*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the Preſervation of Deer*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve ſeveral Perſons and their Aſſigns, allowed ſeveral Sums of Money in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the paying and diſcharging Debts and Sums of Money claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the Perſons therein named*, &c. *who by inevitable Accidents are uncapable to comply with the ſaid Act*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1716.

Ordered,

THAT Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for diſcharging of the Commiſſioners at *Albany*, for the Expedition againſt *Canada* in the Year 1709.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging Col.* Kilian Van Renſſelaer, *Major* Dirck Weſſels *and* Myndert Schuyler, *Eſq*; *of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunitions, and other Stores of War formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, was ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That Capt. *Mulford*, put the Speech he made this Day in the Houſe, into the Hands of the Clerk of this Houſe?

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Capt. *Mulford*, do put the ſame into the Hands of the Clerk accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 21, 1716.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of what is payable for the Duties on the ſeveral Entries of Wine and Rum, Brandy and other diſtilled Liquors, and dry Goods, according to the Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty for ſupporting his Government, in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe, paſſed in* July 1715, *in the firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign.*

Ordered, That the Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Provooſt* reported, They had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1716.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preſervation of Deer*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling and giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging Col.* Kilian Van Renſſelaer, *Major* Dirck Weſſels *and* Myndert Schuyler, *Eſq*; *of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunition and other Stores of War, formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve ſeveral Perſons and their Aſſigns, allowed ſeveral Sums of Money in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the paying and diſcharging Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. *who by inevitable Accidents are uncapable to comply with the ſaid Act*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 22, 1716.

THE Clerk informed the Houſe, Capt. *Mulford* had delivered to him his Speech, according to Order.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Debates thereon, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Provooſt* reported, they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1716.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling and giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Building and Erecting two Wooden Houſes or Sheds for the Accommodation of the* Indians, *Trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Provooſt*, reported to the Houſe, they are come to a Reſolution, which he read; and afterwards delivered at the Table, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That if by Omiſſion, Neglect or otherwiſe, any juſt Claims by this Colony, have been unpaid, this Houſe will do Juſtice to the Perſons demanding the ſame.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Houſe agree to the ſame? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, *June* 25, 1716.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Building and Erecting two Wooden Houſes or Sheds, for the Accommodation of the* Indians *Trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1716.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion being made, in Relation to Capt. *Mulford's* Speech in this Houſe;

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Fees for the Court of* Forty Shillings, *or under*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That all Committees appointed to conſider of Bills, do make their ſeveral Reports To-morrow.

The Petition of Col. *Matthews*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid the Warrants due to one *Edward Cole*, formerly Door Keeper, to the Council of this Province for his Salary.

Col. *Willet*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for reviving an Act, for the Preſervation of Deer*, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title, and added a Clauſe to the Bill, which being read; was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Provooſt*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Janſen*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, appointed to draw up Inſtructions, to be tranſmitted to the Agent of this Province, at the Court of *Great Britain*, and report the ſame to this Houſe.

The Petition of *Thomas Dyer*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid, *Forty Six Pounds, Four Shillings*, for Days Works done in his Majeſty's Garriſon, in the City of *New-York*, 1714.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1716.

COL. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq*; *the Arrears due for his Services in General Aſſembly*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which being read; was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling and giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; and alſo from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the building and erecting two Wooden Houſes or Sheds, for the Accommodation of the* Indians *Trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*, was committed; That they had gone through the ſaid Bills, and made ſeveral Amendments to each, which being read; were agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve ſeveral Perſons and their Aſſigns, allowed ſeveral Sums of Money in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the paying and diſcharging Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. *who by Accidents are uncapable to comply with the ſaid Act*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe, and afterwards the Houſe made one other Amendment to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Morris*, preſented to the Houſe, Inſtructions to be ſent to *John Champantie*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*; which was read.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 27, 1716.

THE Petition of *Joſeph Hunt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of an undue Return, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*.

A Motion was made, if the Petition ſhould be taken into Conſideration; and a Motion was made, that the previous Queſtion ſhould be put? It was carried in the Affirmative. Then the Queſtion was put, if the Petition ſhould be taken into Conſideration. It was carried in the Negative.

Then the Queſtion was put, if the Petition be rejected? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition be rejected.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and providing their military Watches with Fire Wood*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Haring*, deſired Leave to go Home to Harveſt.

Ordered, That he have Leave accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Friday* next.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 29, 1716.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Eſq*; *the Arrears due for his Service in General Aſſembly, from the* 14*th of* June 1705, *till the* 27*th of* September, 1708; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preſerving Deer in the County of* Ulſter, *and reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preſervation of Deer*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve ſeveral Perſons and their Aſſigns, allowed ſeveral Sums of Money in an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the paying and diſcharging Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of the Colony to the Perſons therein named*, &c. *who by Accidents, are uncapable to comply with the ſaid Act*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Thomas Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garretſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels, trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the building and erecting two Wooden Houſes or Sheds, for the Accommodation of* Indians, *Trading at* Albany, *and keeping them in good Repair*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen* and Major *Hicks*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houſe, by Reaſon of the preſent Harveſt, and the Seaſon of the Year, are inclined to adjourn themſelves, till the 17th of *September* next, if the ſame may be ſuitable to his Excellency's Affairs.

The Petition of *John Embree*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid for his Service on the Frontiers in the Year 1687.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge of the City and County of* Albany, *and for maintaining their Poor, and preventing Vagabonds*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and providing their military Watches with Fire Wood*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Clark*, That they had paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more Uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, to acquaint this Houſe, They have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and ſufficient Jurors at Trials at Law*, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Clark*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better Encouragement of Whaling*, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which being read; was agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip*, carry the Bill with the Amendment to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 29, 1716.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and providing their military Watches with Firewood*, That they have made ſome Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, their Inſtructions to be ſent to the Agent, at the Court of *Great Britain*; and a Debate ariſing thereon, it was adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge of the City and County of* Albany, *and for maintaining their Poor, and preventing Vagabonds*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 30, 1716.

THE engroſſed Bill, from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling of the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be read the third Time.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. was read the third Time, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the

Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c. without an Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſelling and giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, without any Amendment. To the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the building and erecting two Wooden Houſes or Sheds, for the Accommodation of the* Indians, *Trading at* Albany, *and keeping them in good Repair*, without any Amendment; and to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for preſerving Deer in the County of* Ulſter, *and reviving an Act for the Preſervation of Deer*, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary.

That his Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, which were alſo publiſhed, *viz.*

An Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling.*

An Act, *for preſerving Deer in the County of* Ulſter, *and reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Preſervation of Deer.*

An Act, *to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians.

An Act, *for building and erecting two Wooden Houſes or Sheds, for the Accommodation of* Indians, *Trading at* Albany, *and keeping them in good Repair.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better Settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in the Province, relating to the ſame.*

Then the Speaker with the Houſe returned.

His Excellency's Memorial being conſidered by the Houſe;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will raiſe the Sum of 1025 Ounces of Plate, to be paid to his Excellency, his Executors or Aſſigns, for defraying the Charges of ſoliciting the Royal Aſſent to the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. *and for Payment of Money due to him, and by Miſtake omitted to be mentioned in the ſaid Bill.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to the firſt Day of *Auguſt* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. July 30, 1716.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Aſſembly, to the fourth Day of *Auguſt* next.

Die Veneris, Auguſt 4, 1716.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the 7th Inſtant.

Die Martis, Auguſt 7, 1716.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, a true Account of what Sums of Money, the Duty of Exciſe in every City and County has been let and farmed for, the Year paſt.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Produce of the Weigh Houſe, and what he has received thereon.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 9, 1716.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the Houſe to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, Auguſt 14, 1716.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Treaſurer of this Colony (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *for what the Exciſe of this Colony is let for, from the 1ſt of* November 1714, *to the 1ſt of* November 1715; *and an Account of the Weigh Houſe.*

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Sums of Money, the Duty of Exciſe in every City and County has been farmed for, from the firſt of *November* 1715, to the firſt of *November* 1716.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Town of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels Trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty, and for the further Explanation and rendering more effectual certain Clauſes in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act by which a Duty is laid on* Negroes *and other Slaves imported into this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 15, 1716.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Town of* Schenectady *in the County of* Albany; was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty, and for the further Explanation and rendering more effectual certain Clauſes in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *by which a Duty is laid on* Negroes *and other Slaves imported into this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking Capt. *Mulford's* Speech into Conſideration, after ſome Time ſpent therein;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof, be reſerred till To-morrow.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony.* Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Aug. 15, 1716.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *Account for what the Exciſe of this Colony is let for, from* primo November 1715, *to* primo November 1716; which was read.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony*; and Col. *Provooſt* reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 16, 1716.

CAPT. *Budd*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Weſtcheſter, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Abraham Van Deurſen*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid *Fifteen Pounds*, allowed

allowed his Father, for Services done in the Time of the Revolution.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the burning of Oyſter Shells into Lime nigh this City.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty, and for the further Explanation and rendering more effectual certain Clauſes, in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act by which a Duty is laid on* Negro *and other Slaves, imported into this Colony*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 16, 1716.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking Capt. *Mulford's* Speech into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will addreſs his Excellency, in Behalf of Capt. *Mulford*.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 17, 1716.

THE Petition of *Anna Van Derſpiegle*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be allowed her Huſband's Pay, for his Services in the late Revolution.

The Petition of *Johannis Burger*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be allowed what is due of his, and his Brother's Pay, for their Services in the late Revolution.

The Petition of *Daniel Toy*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid *Forty Nine Pounds*, due to him as Tide Waiter formerly to his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Fees, for the Court of* Forty Shillings, *or under*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*, &c. was committed; That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 17, 1716.

CAPT. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging Col.* Kilian Van Renſſelaer, *Major* Dirck Weſſels *and* Myndert Schuyler, *Eſq*; *of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunition, and other Stores of War, formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*, That they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and providing their military Watches with Firewood*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*, &c. That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 18, 1716.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay the Duty*, &c. That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

This Houſe waited on his Excellency to condole him, on his great Loſs in the Death of his Lady, and alſo to congratulate his, and Families ſafe Return; which was well excepted by his Excellency.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *Auguſt* 20, 1716.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony*, &c. and Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Johannis Janſen *and* David Provooſt, *Eſqrs, the Arrears due to them, for their Service in the General Aſſembly, as Repreſentatives for the City and County of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for charging Col.* Van Renſſelaer, *Major* Dirck Weſſels *and* Myndert Schuyler, *Eſq*; *of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunition and other Stores of War; formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 21, 1716.

THE engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe, to his Excellency, on the Behalf of Capt. *Mulford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, approved and ſigned by the Speaker; being as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency the Governor.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of New-York.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

THE Aſſembly being deeply ſenſible of the great Damage and Inconveniency Mr. *Samuel Mulford*, a Member of this Houſe, ſuffers and undergoes, by Occaſion of a Proſecution againſt him in the Supream Court, for printing and publiſhing a Speech, formerly made by him in Aſſembly; are humble Suitors to your Excellency, to give Orders that Mr. *Mulford*, in regard to his great Age, diſtance of Habitation from this City, and other Conſiderations, may be freed

and

and discharged from the said Prosecution in the Supream Court.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Johannis Jansen *and* David Provoost, *Esqrs, the Arrears due to them, for their Service in the General Assembly, as Representatives for the City and County of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed.

The Speaker with the House attended his Excellency, with the Address of this House, in Behalf of Capt. *Mulford*, and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, that he had read and presented their Address to his Excellency.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 21, 1716.

MR. *Gerretsen*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Vessels trading into this Colony (except such as are therein excepted) to pay the Duty*, &c. was committed; That they had made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will please to receive the same.

Resolved, That this House will receive the same To-morrow.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Allowance to the Representatives of this Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this House, pursuant to a Resolve, made by this House the 30th of *July* last, for paying to his Excellency or Assigns, the Sum of 1025 Ounces of Plate.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 22, 1716.

ALDERMAN *Kipp*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Johannis Jansen, David Provoost *and* Leonard Lewis, *Esqrs, the Arrears due to them, for their Services in the General Assembly, as Representatives for the City and County of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying to his Excellency the Sum of* 1025 *Ounces of Silver Plate*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Allowance to the Representatives of this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed.

Mr. *Gerretsen*, reported (according to Order) from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Vessels trading into this Colony (excepted such as are therein excepted) to pay the Duty*, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which being read;

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Bill be re-committed? and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 22, 1716.

COL. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Allowance to the Representatives of this Colony*, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Major *Hicks*, reported from the Committee, directed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Fees, to be taken by the Justices of the Peace and Officers under them, authorized to hear and determine Causes and Matters of Debt and Trespass, to the Value of* Forty Shillings *and under*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug* 23, 1716.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to receive the Account of the Debts of this Government*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Johannis Jansen, David Provoost *and* Leonard Lewis, *Esqrs, the Arrears due to them, for their Services in the General Assembly, as Representatives for the City and County of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 23, 1716.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Allowance to the Representatives of this Colony*; was read the third Times, and a Debate arising thereon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Bill pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9. *ho. A. M. Aug* 24, 1716.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Fees, to be taken by the Justices of the Peace and Officers under them, authorized to hear and determine Causes and Matters of Debt and Trespass, to the Value of* Forty Shillings *and under*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *William Smith*, was presented to the House, and read, praying some Way may be found to pay him his just Debt, due from this Government.

The Petition of Mr. *Henry Holland*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may be paid his Arrears, for Gunner of his Majesty's Fort at *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Petitions be taken into Consideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying to his Excellency* 1025 *Ounces of Silver Plate*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to receive the Account of the Debts of this Government*; was read the second Time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Bill be committed? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Bill be rejected? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Act be rejected.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treasurer's paying to his Excellency the Sum of* 1025 *Ounces of Silver Plate*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, which being read; were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That *David Provoost* and *Jacobus Kipp*, Esqrs, are by this House, appointed and impowered to receive the Accounts of the Debts of this Colony, of all and every Person and Persons, who have any Demands or pretend to make any Claim from this Colony, and lay a List thereof, under their Hands, with the said Accounts before this House, at their next Meeting.

Then the House adjourned till *Tuesday* next.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 28, 1716.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for destroying Wolves and Foxes in the County of* Westchester; without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and providing their military Watches with Firewood*; without any Amendment.

The humble Petition of Capt. *John Van Horne*, was presented

ſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying him for his Service in General Aſſembly.

The Petition of *Sarah* the Widow and Executrix of *Johannis Hardenbergh*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying her for her late Huſband's Service in General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayers of the Petitions.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and for raiſing a Sum of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 29, 1716.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Clark*, That they deſired this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board, at 6 o'Clock this Afternoon, at Mr. *Braſier's*, to confer about a Method to advance the Exciſe of this Province; and a Committee was ordered and appointed by this Houſe, to go to the Conference accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging Col.* Renſſelaer, *Major* Dirck Weſſels *and* Myndert Schuyler, *Eſq; of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Allowance to the Repreſentatives for the County of* Richmond; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency* 1025 *Ounces of Silver Plate*; was read the third Time, and the Houſe made an Amendment to the Bill on the Table.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 29, 1716.

THE Petition of *Catharina Viele*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe, ſome Way may be found to pay her the *Eight Pounds*, ordered to be paid her Huſband, in an Act for Payment of the Debts of the Government.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

It appearing to this Houſe, that *Johannis Dirckſen*, is by Miſtake of Clerkſhip, writ *Johannis Dyckman*, in the Liſt of Capt. *Weſſel Ten Broeck* of *Albany*, on the Expedition againſt *Canada* in 1709;

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do mend the Error.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of* Great Britain, &c. was committed, That they had gone through the Bill and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 30, 1716.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and raiſing of Money annually, to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champantie, *Eſq; deceaſed*, was read the third Time; and a Clauſe was added to the Bill by the Houſe on the Table.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying an Act may paſs, to prevent the diſtilling of Rum from Molaſſes.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve the Inhabitants of the Colony of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* John Van Horne, *and the Executrix of* Johannis Hardenbergh, *the Arrears due for Service in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee, appointed by this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, That they had been at the Conference, and heard the Propoſition made by the Committee of the Council, to Farm the Exciſe of this Colony for ſeveral Years.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 30, 1716.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 31, 1716.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Cuyler* and Col. *Provooſt*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, this Houſe being willing to adjourn To-morrow, pray his Excellency will pleaſe to ſignify, what Time he ſhall think moſt proper.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying Foxes and Wild Cats in* King's *County*, Queen's *County and the County of* Suffolk; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſatisfying all Perſons that have any Part of their Land laid out, in any common Highway in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

M. *Garretſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*, &c. That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the ſelling or giving of Rum or other ſtrong Liquors to the* Indians; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to relieve the Inhabitants of the Colony of* New-York, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, This Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Reſolved, That Col. *Kilian Van Renſſelaer*, Major *Dirck Weſſels* and Major *Myndert Schuyler*, late Commiſſioners of the Expedition againſt *Canada*, at *Albany* in 1709, or any 2 of them, do diſpoſe of the Remainder of the Stores yet in their Hands, as by Account delivered to the General Aſſembly of this Colony in 1713, at publick Vendue, and to Pay the Money thereby ariſing to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 31, 1716.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (excepted as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying Foxes and Wild Cats in* King's *County*, Queen's *County and the County of* Suffolk; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency* 1025 *Ounces of Plate*; and alſo to a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent at the Court of* Great Britain, *&c.* without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſatisfying all Perſons that have any Part of their Land laid out in any common Highway in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1716.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do return the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments, made to the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels, trading into this Colony (except ſuch as therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*, &c.

A Meſſage by *George Clark*, Eſq;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe at Fort George *immediately.*

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany, *and providing their military Watches with Fire Wood.*

An Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony.*

An Act, *for diſcharging Col.* Kilian Van Renſſelaer, *Major* Dirck Weſſels *and* Myndert Schuyler, *Eſq; of the City of* Albany, *for and concerning the Proviſions, Ammunition and other Stores of War, formerly in their Hands, belonging to this Colony.*

An Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Weſtcheſter.

An Act, *for the Treaſurer's paying to his Excellency* 1025 *Ounces of Silver Plate.*

An Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony, in the Court of* Great-Britain, *and raiſing of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champantie, *Eſq; deceaſed.*

An Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except as therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty, and for the further Explanation and rendering more effectual certain Clauſes in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *by which a Duty is laid on* Negro *and other Slaves imported into this Colony.*

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, being returned; he acquainted the Houſe, the Fall approaching, his Excellency informed him, they might adjourn to ſome Time in *April* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to the firſt *Tueſday* in next *April.*

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Die Martis, *April* 2, 1717.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to *Tueſday* next, being the 9th Inſtant.

Die Martis, *April* 9, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* John Van Horne, *and the Executrix of* Johannis Hardenbergh, *the Arrears due for Services in General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Repreſentative to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for the County of *Ulſter*, in the Room of Col. *Henry Beekman*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the Electing a Repreſentative to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly for *Dutcheſs* County, in the Room of Mr. *Baltus Van Kleeck*, deceaſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1717.

MR. Speaker, communicated a Letter from his Excellency, which was read; recommending to this Houſe, the Neceſſity of making ſome Proviſion, for renewing ſuch Bills of Credit, as are, or will be ſoon worn out, and that he had Advices from the Commiſſioners at *Albany*, relating to the Neceſſity of a new Settlement more, advanced on the Frontier.

His Excellency was pleaſed to inform this Houſe, that it was not very probable, they ſhould meet again this Year, becauſe his Journey to *Albany*, the Harveſt and Winter Seaſons, and the Aſſembly in the *Jerſey's* in the Fall, rendring it doubtful, if not impracticable.

Mr. Speaker alſo communicated a Letter, from Mr. *Ambroſe Philipſe*, the Agent to this Province, to his Excellency, wherein he begged his moſt hearty Thanks and humble Reſpects, might be acceptable to this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Sebring*, Col. *Willet*, Col. *Provooſt*, Capt. *Janſen*, Capt. *Van Horne* and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 4 of them, be a Committee, appointed to draw up Inſtructions, to be ſent to the Agent for this Province, at the Court of *Great Britain.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 10, 1717.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 11, 1717.

THE humble Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, Inhabitants and Sojourners in the ſaid Colony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying an Act may paſs, to a lay *Penny per* Pound, on all raw Hides, that ſhall be exported out of this Province, or a total Prohibition until they ſhall be firſt Tanned.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 12, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, for nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe thro' the Colony, after the Expiration of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony, that will expire by its own Limitation in* November *next.*

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, the Amount the Exciſe for this preſent Year was let for, and what is received thereof.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to pay a Duty on raw Hides, tranſported out of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on raw Hides, tranſported out of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 16, 1717.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on raw Hides, tranſported out of this Colony.* After ſome

ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Van Horne*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they might have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Treaſurer of this Colony (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of what the Exciſe of this Colony is let for, by the Commiſſioners for this preſent Year.*

Ordered, That the Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 16, 1717.

COL. *Provooſt* and *Jacobus Kipp*, Eſq; purſuant to an Order of this Houſe, of the 24th of *Auguſt* 1716, impowering them to receive the Claims alledged as Debts of this Colony, laid before this Houſe, a Liſt with the ſaid Accounts, amounting to the Sum of *Twenty One Thouſand, Six Hundred, Seventy Six Pounds, Sixteen Shillings* and *Nine-pence Three Farthings.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on raw Hides, tranſported out of this Colony.*

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Liſt with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 17, 1717.

THE Petition of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent tranſporting Horſes, before the natural and artificial Marks and Stature of every Horſe be firſt entered.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Petition of *David Horton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be aſſigned a ſuitable Reward for the Services of his Brother, as Serjeant to a Company in his Life Time at *Albany*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 17, 1717.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on raw Hides, tranſported out of this Colony*; and Capt. *Van Horne*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe To-morrow, to conſider further of that Matter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 18, 1717.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 18, 1717.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on raw Hides, tranſported out of this Colony*, and Capt. *Van Horne*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1717.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, and take the ſame into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 19, 1717.

THE Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to this Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for raiſing *Five Hundred Pounds*, within the ſaid City, to be applied to alter the Paſſage of the Common Sewer, flowing into the Foot of the *Broad-Street*, and ſo into the *Great-Dock* another Way into the *Eaſt-River*, and to cleanſe and ſcower the ſame Dock, and to repair the Wharfs incloſing the ſame, that the ſaid Dock may be capable to ſhelter Veſſels from Danger of the Ice, who are obliged in the Winter to be carried to *Kipp's Bay* and *Turtle Bay*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Money remains unpaid, and to whom, that is mentioned to be paid in one Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twenty Seven Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Eighty Pounds, *for that Purpoſe*, &c. *made in the 13th Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne, *of glorious Memory.*

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on raw Hides, tranſported out of this Colony*, and Capt. *Van Horne*, reported from the Committee, That they are of Opinion, a Bill ought to brought into this Houſe,

Houſe, for prohibiting the Tranſportation of raw Hides out of this Colony; which was read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

Capt. *Janſſen*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit the Exportation of raw Hides from this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit the Exportation of Hides*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock next *Wedneſday* Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 24, 1717.

ALDERMAN *Janſen*, brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for altering the Courſe of the common Sewer, at the End of the* Broad Street; *and for cleanſing and ſcouring the Dock of this City*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock; To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 25, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit the Exportation of Hides*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for altering the Courſe of the common Sewer at the End of the* Broad-Street; *and for cleanſing and ſcouring the Dock of this City*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, or any 3 of them.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provooſt* reported, They had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

The Repreſentation of divers Merchants, Traders and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, the great Difficulties impoſſed on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry, is an Obſtruction to the general current Trade of this Province, and the Duties ariſing thereby inconſiderable.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to this Houſe accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 25, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 26, 1717.

ALDERMAN *Janſen*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for altering the Courſe of the common Sewer*, &c. That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of *John Forſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying his Account for Neceſſaries ſupplied the Soldiers in the Fort in the City of *New-York*, in the Time of Capt. *Leiſler*, may be conſidered amongſt the other Debts of the Government.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Col. *Provooſt*, preſented to the Houſe, an Account of Expences in taking the Claims of Perſons claiming Debts due from this Government, amounting to *Twenty Five Pounds*; and prayed the Allowance of the ſame.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, and Alderman *Kip*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, this Houſe do requeſt that his Excellency will pleaſe to iſſue his Warrant to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Payment of the ſaid Sum, to *Cornelius Poſt*, Door-keeper of this Houſe.

The Treaſurer of this Colony (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account, what Monies remains yet unpaid in one Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons named therein*, &c. amounting to the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Three-pence Half-penny.*

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Col. *Morris*, ſet forth, the Inconveniency to the Public of the extravagant Intereſt taken for Money, and prayed Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the ſame, and reduce it to 6 *per Cent.*

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do inſpect the Minutes of Council, that this Houſe may be informed what Proceedure has been made on the Bills ſent from this Houſe to that Board.

A Motion was made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to regulate Labourers and Artificers throughout this Province.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing of Horſes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 26, 1717.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, They had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further thereof, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe*

raiſe the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, *for altering the Courſe of the common Sewer, at the End of the* Broad-Street; *and for cleanſing and ſcouring the Dock of this City*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. April 29, 1717.

COL. *Morris*, brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing of Horſes*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, be added to a Committee of this Houſe, appointed to draw up Inſtructions, to be ſent to the Agent for this Province, at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. April 30, 1717.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Liſt with the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee, they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof, in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. April 30, 1717.

THE Petition of Mr. *Thomas Barclay*, Miniſter at *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be permitted, to bring in an Account and Vouchers, for Maintenance of *Michael Mounteer*, the Son of one *Mounteer* an *Indian*, at the Requeſt of the Government.

Ordered, That the Account and Vouchers, be received and conſidered, with the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coejemans*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Wildman, *by Order of Council, laid before this Houſe, the Memorial of Mr.* Robert Jenney, *Maſter of the Grammar School*, &c. *which propoſed that a ſufficient Fund may be raiſed, for building a School-Houſe and Dwelling-Houſe for the Maſter, and to allow him a Salary of* Seventy Pounds per Annum, *for teaching* 35 *Boys*, which the Council recommended to the Conſideration of this Houſe, which was read.

Ordered, That the Memorial be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, and took into further Conſideration the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee, They had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 1, 1717.

COL. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee, of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 1, 1717.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Houſe reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury*, this Afternoon? It was carried in the Negative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Saturday* Morning next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reſtraining the taking exceſſive Uſury*.

The Petition of *Matthias De Mott*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to annul and vacate a Grant and Confirmation of Lands, made to one *Sovereyn Ten Hout*, ſurreptitiouſly obtained, and the Crown deceived in the Grant, that he may be enabled to proſecute his and equitable Right.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed; and a Committee was appointed by this Houſe, to examine into the Merits of the Petition, and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Col. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 2, 1717.

THE Petition of *Benjamin Godfrey*, Attorney, to *James Merlin*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to give Directions that the Petitioner as Attorney to the ſaid *Merlin*, may receive *Twenty Five Pounds* directed to be paid the ſaid *Merlin*, his Executors or Aſſigns, in and by an Act, for payment and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money claimed as Debts of the Colony, *&c.*

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Col. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, This Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 2, 1717.

COL. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, This Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

The Petition of *Mary Corbet*, Widow and Executrix of *John Corbet*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and

read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable her to convey a certain Houſe in *Broad-Street*, in the City of *New-York*, purſuant to the Condition of Sale, by publick Vendue or Out-cry, to Mr. *Patrick Macknight*, that bought the ſaid Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 3, 1717.

THE Petition of Madam *Mompeſon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be paid 375 Ounces of Plate, the Remainder of 750 Ounces allowed her by a Reſolve of this Houſe.

The Petition of *Cornelius Langevelt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Account of Beef and Pork, delivered in the late happy Revolution, may be allowed him.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petitions be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 3, 1717.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary *the Widow, and Executrix of* John Corbet, *deceaſed, to ſell a Houſe in* New-York, *for payment of his Debts*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of the Widow *Goderis*, *Gerrit Viele*, *Samuel Waldron* and *Lammert Sickels*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Caſe may be conſidered, and allowed their Proportion of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, for a Ship, called, the *Horn Frigate*, ſent out on the Service of this Goverment, which was afterwards taken.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1717.

MR. *Johannis Terboſch*, attended in the Lobby, and being called in, preſented to the Houſe an Indenture, that he was elected and returned a Repreſentative, for *Dutcheſs* County, in the Room of Mr. *Baltus Van Kleeck*, deceaſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury*; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *May* 6, 1717.

CAPT. *Lewis*, informed this Houſe, Mr. *Johannis Terboſch*, had taken the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and ſigned the Aſſociation.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary, *the Widow and Executrix of* John Corbet, *deceaſed, to ſell a Houſe in* New-York, *for payment of his Debts*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *John Baker*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Juſtice done him, for 13 Months Service as Corporal to a Foot Company, as *per* Account, annexed to the Petition.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition and Account, be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provooſt* reported, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, the Members of the City of *New-York*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to examine the Payments made by the Treaſurer of this Colony, according to an Act of General Aſſembly, for the Paying and Diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named; and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Twenty Seven Thouſand, Six Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds*, for that Purpoſe, *&c.* paſſed in the 13th Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne* of glorious Memory, and make Report thereof to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 7, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT the Committee appointed to prepare Inſtructions to the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain* for this Province, do bring in the ſame *Friday* next.

The Petition of *Jacob Moene*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be permitted to bring a Veſſel to this Port, that was more than Half built, and now on the Stocks in *Connecticut*, when the Act of Tonnage was publiſhed, free from the Duty of Tonnage.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 8, 1717.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 8, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Veſſel belonging to Mr.* Jacob Moene, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon*,

Priſon, in Dutcheſs *County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 9, 1717.

THE Petition of *Benjamin Fanevil, Thomas Bayeux, Andrew Freſneau* and *David Minveille*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, to indemnify a certain Sloop, from the Duty of Tonnage, they bought at *Rhode-Iſland*, a few Days before an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed for laying a Duty of Tonnage on Veſſels not built in this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 9, 1717.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop belonging to Meſſieurs* Benjamin Fanevil, Thomas Bayeux, Andrew Freſneau *and* David Minveille, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Veſſel belonging to Mr.* Jacob Moene, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, or any 3 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary, *the Widow and Executrix of* John Corbet, *deceaſed, to ſell a Houſe in* New-York, *for Payment of his Debts*, and Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to draw up Inſtructions, to be tranſmitted to the Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, That they had proceeded therein, and had directed him to move, they may be allowed further Time.

Ordered, The Committee have Leave till *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 10, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*, without any Amendment; and that they had alſo agreed to a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for altering the Courſe of the common Sewer, at the End of the* Broad-Street, *&c.* with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and inform them, this Houſe do agree to the Amendments, made to the Bill by that Board.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop belonging to Meſſieurs* Benjamin Fanevil, Thomas Bayeux, Andrew Freſneau *and* David Minveille, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Petition of *Rip Van Dam* and *John Barbarie*, for themſelves and others, the Owners of the Slaves, executed for the Conſpiracy and Murder committed in the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying the Petitioners for the ſaid Slaves, that were executed as aforeſaid, or that a Clauſe may be added for that Purpoſe, to ſome Bill before this Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Robert Livingſton*, ſenior, attending without, was called in, and preſented to this Houſe an Indenture, that he was elected to repreſent his Manor of *Livingſton*, and then withdrew; whereupon a Debate aroſe, and the Queſtion was put, that he be received now? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That it be referred to Conſideration? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. May 16, 1717.

A Motion was made, That the Houſe take into Conſideration, Mr. *Livingſton*'s Caſe now? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, That two Members of this Houſe, may be ſent with Mr. *Livingſton*, to ſee him qualified to ſit as a Member of this Houſe.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Col. *Abraham Goaſbeeck Chambers*, preſented an Indenture to this Houſe, that he was duly elected and returned a Repreſentative, for a County of *Ulſter*, inſtead of Col. *Henry Beekman*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Haring*, do wait on his Excellency, with Mr. *Livingſton* and Col. *Chambers*, to ſee them qualified according to Law, to ſit as Members of this Houſe.

Mr. *Morris*, moved that every Manor now erected in this Colony, and the Village of *Iſlip*, be allowed to have a Member in the General Aſſembly of this Colony; and that *Suffolk* and *Queen*'s County, be divided into three Counties, and be repreſented accordingly; and that no other Member be hereafter admitted, without the Conſent of the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 11, 1717.

MR. *Sebring* acquainted this Houſe, Mr. *Livingſton* and Col. *Chambers*, had (according to the Order of this Houſe) waited on his Excellency, and taken the Oaths and ſigned the Teſt according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* and Col. *Chambers*, take their Places accordingly.

A Bill, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon, in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary, *the Widow of* John Corbet, *deceaſed, to ſell a Houſe in* New-York, *for Payment of his Debts*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and ſatisfying the Maſters and Miſtreſſes who had any Slaves, Men or Women, condemned and executed in the County of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, May 13, 1717.

COL. *Provoſt* reported, from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop belonging to Mr.* Jacob Moene, *free from Tonnage*, That they

they had gone through the Bill, made an Amendment to the Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Alderman *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop belonging to Meſſieurs* Benjamin Fanevil, Thomas Bayeux, Andrew Friſneau *and* David Minveille, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1717.

MR. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Livingſton*, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making the Manor of* Livingſton, *which is now Part of the County of* Albany, *and* Dutcheſs *County*, *wholly to be annexed to the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop belonging to Mr.* Jacob Moene, *free from Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garretſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop, called the* Good Intent, *built at* Newport, *in* Rhode-Iſland, *belonging to Meſſieurs* Benjamin Fanevil, Thomas Bayeaux, Andrew Freſneau *and* David Minveille, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Mr. *Garretſen*, Capt. *Cuyler*, Col. *Chambers*, Capt. *Willet*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Karel Hanſen* and Col. *Provooſt*, or any 9 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices, be appointed a Committee of this Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Petition of Mr. *Vanderhoff*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Caſe may be conſidered amongſt the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Petition of *Annica Evans*, the Executrix of *White Trimmer*, *Barent Bun* and *John Bun*, brother to *Puppa Janſen*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Caſe may be conſidered with others, and allowed their Proportion of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, for a Ship ſent out in the Service of this Government, by Col. *Sloughter*, formerly Governor of this Province, which was taken by the Enemy.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and ſatisfying the Maſters and Miſtreſſes who had any Slaves, Men or Women, condemned and executed within the County of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Clark*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe at Fort George *immediately.*

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and publiſh the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for altering the Courſe of the common Sewer at the End of the* Broad-Street; *and for cleanſing and ſcouring the Dock of this City.*

An Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry.*

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe being returned.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *May* 20, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making the Manor of* Livingſton, *which is now Part of the County of* Albany, *and* Dutcheſs, *wholly to be annexed to the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Mr. *Henry Cuyler*, *Moſes Levy*, *Samuel Levy* and *Jacob Franks*, of the City of *New-York*, Merchants and Owners of the Pink *Charlotte*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe, to exempt the ſaid Veſſel from paying the Duty of Tonnage.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1717.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making the Manor of* Livingſton, *which is now Part of the County of* Albany, *and* Dutcheſs, *wholly to be annexed to the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of *William White*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill into this Houſe, to ſell a Houſe in *Little Queen-Street*, in the City of *New-York*, that one *Thomas Adams*, in his life Time, delivered to the ſaid *White*, for ſecuring him from an Action of *Fifty Six Pounds* and Charges, the ſaid *White* has paid, for the ſaid *Adams*'s Non-Appearance to the ſaid Action.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Draught of Inſtructions, to be ſent to *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; the Agent at the Court of *Great Britain*, for this Colony; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 21, 1717.

COL. *Morris* (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating of Labourers and Artificers, and to leſſen the extravagant and exceſſive Wages, taken by Labourers and Artificers in this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for exempting the Pink* Charlotte, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Stealing of Horſes*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Thurſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve into a Committee

Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Draught of Inſtructions to be ſent to *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, for this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1717.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Townſhip of* Schenectady *in the County of* Albany, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *exempting the Pink* Charlotte *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annexing that Part of the Manor of* Livingſton, *which now lies in* Dutcheſs *County, unto the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terboſch*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Thomas Steuart*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have ſome Reward for the Loſs of his Arm, towards the Maintenance of himſelf and Family, being one of the Detachment from the Fort, to ſuppreſs the *Negroes*, that murdered ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 22, 1717.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William White, *to convey and ſell a certain Dwelling-Houſe, and Ground thereunto belonging, ſituate and being in Little-Queen-Street, in the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Draught of the Inſtructions to be ſent to Mr. *Ambroſe Phillipſe*, the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, for this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 23, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for exempting the Pink* Charlottee, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *John Johnſton*, Eſq; Mayor of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to free a Sloop, now on the Stocks in the Province of *New-Jerſey*, from the Duty of Tonnage.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to clear a Sloop upon the Stocks, in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *belonging to Col.* John Johnſton, *from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 23, 1717.

AN engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the better Settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That that Board had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop, called the* Good Intent, *built at* Newport, *in* Rhode-Iſland, *belonging to Meſſieurs* Benjamin Fanevil, Thomas Bayeux, Andrew Freſneau *and* David Minveille, *free from the Duty of Tonnage*, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the Amendment made by them, to the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *declaring a Sloop, belonging to Mr.* Jacob Moene, *free from Tonnage*, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the Amendment made by that Board, to the ſaid Bill.

And that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Mary, *the Widow and Executrix of* John Corbet, *deceaſed, to convey and aſſure a certain Dwelling-Houſe and Tenement, and the Ground thereunto belonging, ſituate and being on the Weſt Side of the* Broad-Street, *in the City of* New-York; without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to clear a Sloop upon the Stocks in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *belonging to Col.* John Johnſton, *from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying Foxes and Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County, and County of* Suffolk; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* William White, *to convey and ſell a certain Dwelling-Houſe and Ground thereunto belonging, ſituate in* Little-Queen-Street, *in the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1717.

COL. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to clear a Sloop upon the Stocks, in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *belonging to Col.* John Johnſton, *from the Duty of Tonnage*, was committed; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts heretofore made in this Province, relating to the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be read a third Time.

The ſaid engroſſed Bill being read the third Time;

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the Bill, without any Amendment.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Draught of the Inſtructions, to be ſent to *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, for the Colony of *New-York*; That they had made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which they directed him to report to the Houſe, which were received and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Draught of the Inſtructions with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 24, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany; without any Amendment.

And that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annexing that Part of the Manor of* Livingſton, *which now lies in* Dutcheſs *County, unto the County of* Albany; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walters*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County*; without any Amendment.

And that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for exempting the Pink* Charlotte, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; without any Amendment.

The Petition of *Rodrigo Pacheco*, of the City of *New-York*, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to exempt a certain Snow, called the *Leghorn*, built in *Connecticut* Colony, from paying the Duty of Tonnage.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act,, *to clear a Sloop upon the Stocks, in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *belonging to Col.* John Johnſton, *from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for exempting the Snow or Veſſel, called the* Leghorn, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for exempting the Snow or Veſſel, called the* Leghorn, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of Mr. *William Waldron*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to exempt the Sloop, called the *Mary* and *Hannah*, from paying the Duty of Tonnage.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of Mrs. *Jannet Merret*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying ſhe may be made capable to receive a certain Sum of Money, ordered to be paid the Executors of Capt. *George Lockhart*, or his Aſſigns, mentioned in an Act for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

An Act, for exempting the Sloop *Mary* and *Hannah*, from paying the Duty of Tonnage; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Beekman*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to clear a Sloop upon the Stocks in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *belonging to Col.* John Johnſton, *from the Duty of Tonnage*, without any Amendment.

Alderman *Janſen*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, Treaſurer of this Colony, concerning the Diſpoſition of the Money raiſed and appointed to be paid to the ſeveral Perſons named, in one Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the Perſons therein named*, &c. and find he has received the Sum of *Twenty Seven Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty Pounds*; of which he has paid, by the Directions of the ſaid Act, as appears by his Book, and ſeveral Liſts, for which he produced Vouchers, the Sum of *Twenty Six Thouſand Nine Hundred Sixty One Pounds, Eleven Pence Farthing*; ſo that there remains in his Hands the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings Three Farthings.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Treaſurer of this Colony be allowed *Two Pounds and One Half, per Cent.* for his Trouble of receiving and paying the Money mentioned in an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money*, &c. out of the Money remaining in his Hands, as aforeſaid.

Alderman *Janſen*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for exempting the Snow or Veſſel called the* Leghorn, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; that they have gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The the Bill with the Amendment be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *exempting the Snow or Veſſel called the* Leghorn, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Wildman.*

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe at Fort George *immediately.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *exempting the Sloop* Mary *and* Hannah, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *for the reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury.*

An Act, *to enable* Mary, *the Widow of* John Corbet, *deceaſed, to ſell a Houſe in* New-York, *for Payment of his Debts.*

An Act, *declaring a Sloop belonging to Mr.* Jacob Moene, *free from Tonnage.*

An Act, *declaring a Sloop called the* Good Intent, *built at* New-Port, *in* Rhode-Iſland, *belonging to Meſſeurs* Benjamin Fanevile, Thomas Bayeux, Andrew Freſneau, *and* David Minveil, *free from the Duty of Tonnage.*

An Act, *for building a County Houſe and Priſon in* Dutcheſs *County.*

An Act, *for annexing that Part of the Manor of* Livingſton, *which now lies in* Dutcheſs *County, unto the County of* Albany.

An Act, *exempting the Pink* Charlotte, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage.*

An Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the* Indian *Trade at* Albany.

An Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province*, &c.

An Act, *to clear a Sloop upon the Stocks in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *belonging to Col.* John Johnſton, *from the Duty of Tonnage.*

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 28, 1717.

THE Draught of the Inſtructions to *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, for this Colony, being tranſcribed fair, was read, and ſigned by the Speaker and the Majority of the Houſe.

Ordered, The Clerk of this Houſe do tranſmit the Inſtructions of this Houſe, and a Duplicate thereof, to the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, by the firſt good Opportunity.

Then the Houſe adjourned to the 20th Day of *Auguſt* next.

Die Martis, Auguſt 20, 1717.

THIS Day his Excellency by Proclamation adjourned the General Aſſembly to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, Auguſt 27, 1717.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe thro' the Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion

A Motion was made, that this House resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 28, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 28, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 29, 1717.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost*, reported from the Committee, They had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Matter.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 29, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, They had made further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Matter.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 30, 1717.

THE House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 30, 1717.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provoost*, reported from the Committee, They had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Matter.

The Petition of *John Everit* and *John Hickford*, of the City of *New-York*, Mariners, and Owners of the Sloop *Mary* and *Elizabeth*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth; They having bought the said Sloop, and after rebuilt her in the City of *New-York*, are liable to pay the Duty of Tonnage, humbly pray, the said Duty may be remitted or mitigated.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Consideration by this House.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 31, 1717.

THE House, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provoost*, reported from the Committee, They had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Reſolved, That this House, will *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Matter.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. September 2, 1717.

THE Petition of *Cornelius Cool*, *Adrian Garretſen*, *Matthias Ten Eyck*, *Jacobus Du Bois*, *Johannis Schepmoes*, *Roeloff Swartwont*, *Cornelius Lammerſe*, *Peter Peterſe*. *Lawrance Ouſterhout* and *Jannetſe Newkirk*, Owners of that Tract of Land, commonly called, the Town of *Hurley*, in the County of *Ulſter*, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for settling the Boundaries between the Petitioners and the Town of *Marble Town*, in the said County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1717.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garretſen, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus Du Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, Roeloff Swartwont, Conelius Lammerſe, Peter Peterſe, Lawrence Ouſterhout *and* Jannetſe Newkirk, *ſituate and being in the County of* Ulſter, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted by Patent, unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Truſtees for, and on the Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble Town, *in the County of* Ulſter *aforeſaid*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Petition of *John*, *Cornelius*, *Margreta*, *Deborah* and *Jannetie*, the Children and Heirs of *John Miſerol*, late of *Buſhwick*, in *King's* County, deceased, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for making void a fraudulent Conveyance, made by the Petitioner's Mother *Mary Davenport*, of their Father's Estate, to one *James Brown*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony, remit out of any publick Money in his Hands, not appropriated, to *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Esq; or his Assigns, 375 Ounces of Plate, and 125 Ounces of Ditto, pursuant to an Act of General Assembly, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and for raiſing Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champantie, *Esq; deceaſed, made in the third Year of his Majeſty's Reign*; and that Mr. Speaker do sign the said Order accordingly.

Reſolved, That this House, will in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, on the Accounts laid before this House, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 3, 1717.

THE House met, and adjourned to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 4, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garritſen, &c. was read the second Time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

The Petition of *Thomas Noxon*, was presented to the House, and read, praying the Inhabitants of *Marble Town*, may be heard

heard againſt the paſſing a Bill, for ſettling the Bounds of the reſpective Patents of the ſaid Town, and the Town of *Hurley*, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garretſen, *&c. to give Notice to both the Towns, that they will conſider of the ſaid Bill, the 20th Inſtant, and hear the Allegations againſt paſſing the ſaid Bill.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void, a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her while ſhe was Sole, by the Name of* Mary Miſerol, *to one* James Brown, *of certain Lands, Goods and Chattles, late belonging to* John Miſerol, *her former Huſband, deceaſed*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 4, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for exempting the Sloop* Mary *and* Hannah, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee, of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1717.

THE Speaker (according to Order) ſigned the Order, made by this Houſe, the 3d Inſtant, for paying *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; 375 Ounces of Plate, and 125 Ounces of Ditto, which the Clerk of this Houſe, delivered to the Treaſurer.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 5, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 7, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *P. M. Sept.* 9, 1717.

THE Speaker informed the Houſe, That he had received a Letter of his Excellency, which imported there was tranſmitted to him, by Mr. *Bamfield*, his private Agent in *London*, a very ſtrange Memorial, given to the Members of the Houſe of Commons of *Great-Britain*, which he thought neceſſary to be communicated to this Houſe.

Ordered, The ſaid Memorial be read; and the ſaid Memorial, entitled, *A Memorial of ſeveral Aggrievances and Oppreſſions of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Colony of* New-York *in* America; was read.

Ordered, The Conſideration thereof, be referred to Col. *Rutſen*, Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, Col. *Provooſt* and Alderman *Kipp*, or any 4 of them, and that they report their Opinion thereof, to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her while ſhe was Sole, by the Name of* Mary Miſerol, *to one* James Brown, *of certain Lands, Goods and Chattles, late belonging to* John Miſerol, *her former Huſband, deceaſed*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed; and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, that all Parties concerned have Notice thereof.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Petition of the Coopers of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that a Prohibition or a Duty may be laid, on all empty Caſk, imported from the Province of *New-Jerſey*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſaid Petition into Conſideration *Friday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 10, 1717.

COL. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony; That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 11, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 11, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Petition of Eleven *Britiſh* Officers, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may receive *Eighteen-pence per* Day, each; from the 16th of *July* 1711, to the 1ſt of *Auguſt* 1714, they having received *Two Hundred and Forty Two Pounds*, in Part.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept*, 12, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die

Die Jovis, 3 ho. A. M. Sept. 12, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 13, 1717.

COL. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of a Memorial, entitled, *A Memorial of ſeveral Aggrievances and Oppreſſions, of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Colony of* New-York; That they are of Opinion, the ſame is a moſt falſe, malicious and ſcandalous Paper, reflecting upon the Governor and Government, and the whole Conſtitution of this Colony, and of pernicious Conſequence, and humbly conceive, that the Thanks of this Houſe, ought to be returned his Excellency, for communicating the ſame, and that he be addreſſed to uſe his Intereſt at the Court of *Great Britain*, to find the Author, in Order to be brought to Juſtice, and in the mean Time, his Excellency would pleaſe to acquaint the *Indians* of the five Nations, That we utterly abhor and deteſt that Suggeſtion, in the ſaid Paper or Libel, of reducing the *Indians* by Force and poſſeſſing their Lands; for the Steadineſs of thoſe *Indians*, to the Intereſt of *Great-Britain*, all the laſt War with *France*, it is that we owe in a great Meaſure, our preſent Security; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Memorial, be a Committee of this Houſe, to draw up an humble Addreſs, to be preſented to his Excellency upon the ſaid Report.

The Memorial of Col. *Richard Ingoldſby*, late Lieut. Governor of this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, hoping he may have a ſuitable Allowance to his Commiſſion, for which he never received any Salary, although he continued that Poſt for eight Years.

Ordered, The ſaid Memorial and the Petition of the *Britiſh* Lieutenants, be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 13, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, To-morrow.

The Petition of *Edward Pennant*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a certain Bill brought into this Houſe, greatly prejudicial to one *Thomas Huſk*, may not paſs, until the ſaid *Huſk*, be acquainted therewith.

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void, a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her when ſhe was Sole*, &c.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 14, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony, *Monday* next.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition of the Coopers, of the City of *New-York*, be referred to the Members of the ſaid City, and that they report their Opinion thereof to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, Sept. 16, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 17, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Petition of *Suſannah La Roche*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to this honourable Houſe, to ſettle a Houſe in *King's Street*, in the City of *New-York*, on her two Sons after her deceaſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 17, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 18, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 18, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of his Colony.

Col. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs to his Excellency, on the Paper, entitled, *A Memorial of ſeveral Aggrievances and Oppreſſions of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Colony of* New-York; That they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Addreſs be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 19, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 19, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 19, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, have Leave to go home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual an Act, made in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Land in joint Tenancy, or in Common*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, P. M. *Sept.* 25, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to couſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 26, 1717.

THE Petition of *Elizabeth Jourdain*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying her Accounts for lodging Soldiers, and entertaining the Gentlemen of her Majeſty's Council at her Houſe, on the Affair of the Expedition againſt *Canada*, may be allowed her amongſt the publick Debts of the Government.

The Petition of *Elizabeth Jourdain*, in the Behalf of the Son of *Thomas Penniſton*, her Son-in-law, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be allowed the Diſburſments, &c. and for the Service of his Father, Commander of his Sloop, preſſed by this Government, againſt a *French* Privateer that took a Veſſel belonging to this Port at *Sandy-Point*.

The Petition of *Robert Crannel*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be allowed a Salary, as Serjeant at Arms; and that his Warrants lying before this Houſe, may be taken into Conſideration.

Ordered, The ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inveſt the Property of a certain Dwelling-Houſe, and Ground thereunto belonging, in the City of* New-York, *in* Daniel *and* Chriſtopher, *the Sons of* Daniel Robert, *deceaſed, after the Deceaſe of* Suſanna La Roche, *their Mother*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts, laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 26, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 27, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 28, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *Sept.* 30, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inveſt the Property of a certain Dwelling-Houſe, and Ground thereunto belonging, in the City of* New-York, *in* Daniel *and* Chriſtopher, *Sons of* Daniel Robert; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *rendering more effectual an Act, made in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy, or in Common*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Petition of ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, and other Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Queen's* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the better aſcertaining the Bounds of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1717.

A Motion was made, that after this Day this Houſe receive no more Accounts, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will not receive any Account that ſhall be alledged as a Debt of this Colony after this Day.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be allowed the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for their Expence in the happy Revolution, for lodging of Soldiers, and finding them ſundry Neceſſaries, to be employed for the Uſe of the ſaid City.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Henry Holland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be allowed for his Service, as Gunner of his Majeſty's Fort at *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 2, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 3, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 3, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Memorial of *May Bickley*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be allowed for proſecuting divers *Negro* Slaves, for barbarouſly murdering Mr. *Adrian Hooglandt*, Mr. *Adrian Beekman*, and others.

Ordered, That he be allowed *Sixty Six Pounds*, for proſecuting the ſaid *Negroes*; and that Mr. *Sharpas*, the Town Clerk of the City of *New-York*, be allowed *Twenty Four Pounds One Shilling and Six-pence*, for his Service in the ſaid Proſecution.

The Petition of *Lucretia Hageman*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be conſidered for the Hardſhips and Misfortunes her Huſband has undergone in the Service of this Government.

Ordered, The Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

The Petition of *Auguſtin* and *John Graham*, the Sons of *James Graham*, Eſq; deceaſed, in behalf of themſelves and Siſters, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying the Service of their Father, as Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 4, 1717.

THE engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, was preſented to this Houſe, and read, being as follows.

To his Excellency Brigadier *HUNTER*, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Colonies of *New-York*, and *New-Jerſey*, and Vice Admiral of the ſame in *America*.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE *have had under our Conſideration, the Paper, entitled*, A Memorial of ſeveral Aggrievances and Oppreſſions of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Colony of *New-York*, in *America*; *ſent us by your Excellency: And think ourſelves bound in Duty and Conſcience to declare, that we are utterly Strangers at preſent, to Grievances and Oppreſſions; which if there were, we, of all Men, are under the greateſt Tye and Obligation to remonſtrate the ſame to you. There is no Money raiſed, or Tax impos'd on the People in this Colony, but by their own Conſent in General Aſſembly, which is chearfully given by a dutiful People, towards the Support of his moſt Sacred Majeſty's Government over us; and which hath been duly and faithfully applied to the Uſes intended and accounted for, to the Satisfaction of the General Aſſemblies during the Time of your Excellency's Adminiſtration; ſo that you cannot, with the leaſt Appearance of Truth, be charged with the Miſapplication of the public Money, or that in the Adminiſtration of the Government, you have, in any Inſtance, ſtretched your Power beyond it's juſt Limits. The Proſecution of Capt.* Mulford, *was not for his endeavouring to have Juſtice or Right done, or ſpeaking for the Property or Liberty of the Subject, as repreſented by the Memorialiſt, but for writing, printing and publiſhing a ſcandalous Libel againſt the Government of this Colony, to prevent the raiſing any Support for it: He had firſt attempted it by Way of Speech in the General Aſſembly, of which he was then a Member, and was heard with Impunity; but when he ventured to print and publiſh what he there had ſaid, he was expelled, as he juſtly deſerved. The Memorialiſt (if he be not the ſame Perſon) we believe, received the Accounts he gives, from him, who, tho' one of the Aſſembly of this Colony, is very much a Stranger to the Affairs and Intereſt of it, and, to promote his beloved* Connecticut, *an Enemy to it. The being Tributaries to barbarous Heathen, was a Cant very frequent with him while in the Houſe, and uſed by him to hinder the raiſing thoſe neceſſary Supplies the Government wanted to uſe in the* Indian *Affairs; but, we thank God, without any other Effect, than affording the Houſe now and then ſome Diverſion. 'Tis a little odd in a Memorialiſt (who talks ſo warmly for Liberty and Property, and repreſents the Province to be miſerably diſtreſs'd, if not vaſſal'd, by the raiſing of* Thirty Thouſand Pounds, *for a* Canada *Expedition*; Twenty Seven Thouſand Pounds, *for the paying of their Debts*; *and about* Four Thouſand Pounds *a Year to ſupport the Government) to propoſe an Expedition againſt the* Indians, *at the Expence of Half our perſonal Eſtates at once, for the pious Purpoſe of cutting their Throats and poſſeſſing their Lands: And to make this chimerical Project appear practicable, inſtances a* Quebec *Expedition, that brought* 3000 *of them to Temper, with the Loſs of only three Men and two Granado Shells. But wicked and ridiculous as this Memorial is, it may be attended with Effects worthy the Care of a* Britiſh *Miniſtry to prevent; and had it been given ſome Years ſince, when the* French *were our Enemies, in the Manner it now was, to the Members of the Houſe of Commons, it would hardly have failed of bringing an* Indian *War upon all the Colonies of* Engliſh *on the Continent.*

Your Excellency is not ignorant, that by villainous Acts the Indians *are made to believe, that the* Engliſh *on the Continent have agreed to cut them off, and that you are the only Governor that refuſed to join in that execrable Project; that it was with Difficulty they were perſuaded to diſbelieve it (if yet they do ſo): And if this ſilly Memorial ſhould fall into the Hands of the Enemies of the Government, either Foreigners or* Engliſh, *what miſchievous Uſe might not be made of it? The* Indians, *will be told, that ſuch a Propoſal has been made, and to the Members of a* Britiſh *Parliament, and that 'tis under their Conſideration. Your Excellency but too well knows the ill Impreſſions the* Indians *have received, and the Diſpoſition they are in to believe ſuch a Tale, and the ill Conſequences that muſt attend the Belief of it: For our Parts, we think ourſelves bound to declare our Abhorrence and Deteſtation of reducing the* Indians *by Force, and poſſeſſing their Lands, unleſs they firſt make War upon us; for to the Steadineſs of thoſe* Indians *to the Intereſt of* Great-Britain, *it is that we owe, in a great Meaſure, our preſent Security from the Irruptions of the more Barbarous; and whilſt the War with* France *continued, this Colony was not only covered and defended by thoſe* Indians, *but when Expeditions were undertaken againſt the* French *on this Side, we ever found them moſt ready to aſſiſt in them with all their Force. So that beſides the natural Injuſtice of ſuch a vile Attempt, as ſurmis'd in that Paper, if it were practicable, ſuch an Action muſt bear the Brand of the blackeſt Perfidy and Ingratitude. And we hope your Excellency and Council will join with us, in Directions and Inſtructions to the Agent to find out this Offender, and make Application to his Majeſty's Miniſters in order to his being brought to Juſtice.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the Addreſs.

Reſolved, The ſaid Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost* and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait on his Excellency, and know his Pleaſure, when he will be attended by this Houſe.

The Memorial of *Henry Wildman*, Coroner of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Satisfaction, for making nine Inquiſitions on the Bodies of Perſons murdered, in the horrid Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of the *Negroes* in 1712.

The Petition of *Martha Mompeſon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be conſidered, for her Huſband *Roger Mompeſon*'s Service as Judge of the Admiralty in this Province.

Ordered, That the Memorial and Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Accounts alledged as Debts of this Colony, are referred.

Col. *Provoost*, acquainted the Houſe, according to Order, he had waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would receive the Houſe immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended his Excellency; and being returned, informed this Houſe, That he with the Houſe, having attended his Excellency and preſented their Addreſs, his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, as he hoped the ſaid Memorial, would not have any ill Effect at Home, he would take effectual Care, it ſhould not make any ill Impreſſions on the *Indians*, and that he ſhould be ready to join with the Council and this Houſe, in any Thing, that might conduce to the Intereſt of the Province.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee

a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 5, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 7, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9. ho. A. M. Oct. 8, 1717.

THE Petition of *Allice Alliſon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may be paid her Account, among the publick Debts of this Government.

Ordered, That the Petition be rejected.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 8, 1717.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void, a fradulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her when ſhe was Sole*, &c. was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King's *and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 9, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 9, 1717.

Reſolved,

AND it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Treaſurer of this Colony may, and do pay to *Cornelius Poſt*, the Door Keeper of this Houſe, the Sum of *Thirty Three Pounds*, for cleanſing, glazing and mending the Aſſembly Chamber; and an Account of the Expences of Col. *David Provoost* and Alderman *Jacobus Kipp*, appointed by this Houſe, the 24th of *Auguſt* 1716, to receive the Claims alledged as Debts of this Colony, out of the publick Money in his Hands.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 10, 1717.

ALDERMAN *Kipp*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inveſt the Property of a certain Dwelling-Houſe, and Ground thereunto belonging, in the City of* New-York, *in* Daniel *and* Chriſtopher, *Sons of* Daniel Robert, *deceaſed*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King's *and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and all Members that come ſhall have Votes.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *exempting the Sloop or Veſſel, called the* Leghorn, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *exempting the Sloop* Mary *and* Hannah, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage*; without any Amendment.

Mr. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony*, was committed; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Saturday* next, reſolve into a Committee of this Houſe, to conſider of the Accounts laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 10, 1717.

COL. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Matthias De Mott*, was referred, That they had examined the Allegations of the Petitioner, and find by the regular Method he has taken, and by the Survey and Return thereon, he has an undoubted and equitable Right.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through the Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 11, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for annulling and making void, a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her when ſhe was Sole, by the Name of* Mary Miſerol, *to one* James Brown, *of certain Lands, Goods and Chattles, late belonging to* John Miſerol, *her former Huſband, deceaſed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe throughout the Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 11, 1717.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 12, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Accounts laid

laid before this Houſe, alledged as Debts of this Colony. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Provoost*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe; and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of *Twelve Thouſand, Three Hundred* and *Five Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Five-pence Halfpenny*, appears to be due to ſeveral Perſons, for Services to the Government, and Claims as Debts of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, for raiſing the ſaid Sum, for paying the ſaid Debts.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *nominating Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe throughout the Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 14, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inveſt the Property of a certain Dwelling-Houſe, and Ground thereunto belonging, in the City of* New-York, *in* Daniel *and* Chriſtopher, *Sons of* Daniel Robert, *deceaſed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terboſch*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe a ſufficient Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony; and Col. *Provoost*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, to raiſe a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King's *and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau, That they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

The Petition of *Benjamin Vandewater* and *Cornelius Verdyne*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a certain Bill, for ſettling the Bounds of *King's* and *Queen's* County, may not paſs until the Petitioners be heard thereon.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Petition of the *Britiſh* Officers poſted at *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have *Twenty Pounds* each, allowed with the other *Britiſh* Officers.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Abraham Governieur*, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be ſatisfied ſeveral Demands due from the Government.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, to raiſe a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will at any Time, between this and *Monday* Afternoon next enſuing, receive Propoſals for Farming the Exciſe, from any Perſon inclined to Farm the ſame, with the Names of ten Perſons to be Security for the ſame; the Propoſals to be ſigned by the ſaid Perſons, offering to become Securities, and by the Perſon propoſing to Farm the ſame.

Ordered, That the above Reſolve of this Houſe be immediately printed, and that the Door Keeper of this Houſe, do poſt up the ſame, in the moſt publick Places in this City.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1717.

THE Petition of the Truſtees of the Town of *Flat-Buſh*, in *King's* County, on Behalf of themſelves and other the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be heard againſt paſſing a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Petition of *Hannah Hooglandt*, Widow, *Charles Crommelin, William Anderſon, Ebenezer Wilſon, Benjamin Aſke, Peter Fauconnier* and *William Huddleſton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Allegations may be heard before this Houſe, by their Council, againſt paſſing the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard, according to the Prayer of their Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Livingſton*, Col. *Provoost*, Capt. *Janſen* and Alderman *Kip*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Livingſton*, do acquaint the Council, this Houſe deſires that Board, to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of this Houſe, on a Conference, relating to paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Col. *Hicks*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, to raiſe a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Schuyler*, That they had paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Ruſen*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, Col. *Provoost*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Lakerman* and Capt. *Janſen*, or any 5 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of Council at a Conference, relating to paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony, at 6 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Mr. *Macklanan's* in the City of *New-York*.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee, of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, to raiſe a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 19, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, to raiſe a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 21, 1717.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 22, 1717.

THE Petition of *David Jamiſon*, Eſq; Commiſſioner for executing the Office of Attorney General to his Excellency and Council, praying that Board to recommend his Caſe, to the Conſideration of this Houſe, for a Recompence for his Services, was recommended to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Capt. *Arent Schuyler*'s Petition, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to take his Account, for Services done for this Government into Conſideration.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Schuyler*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, with an Amendment; which being read, was agreed to by the Houſe, and this Houſe made another Amendment to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the Amendments made by that Board, to the Bill, and alſo that this Houſe have made an Amendment to the ſaid Bill, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Gilbert Livingſton* and Mr. *Francis Harriſon*, attending in the Lobby, were called in and laid their ſeveral Propoſals before this Houſe, That they would give the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* annually, for the Exciſe of this Province, for ſeven Years, to be paid Half Yearly, from the Commencement of the Farm, and every Year to renew their Security; which Propoſals were ſigned by the ſaid Mr. *Livingſton* and Mr. *Harriſon*, as Undertakers, and by Col. *Peter Schuyler*, *Patrick Macknight*, *Stephen De Lancey*, *John Rochead*, *Cornelius Cuyler*, *Adolph Philipſe*, *Octavo Coenraats*, *John Hamilton*, *Jacob Rutſen* and *Robert Watts*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will take the ſaid Propaſals into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 22, 1717.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 23, 1717.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe, of a Breach of Privilege, committed againſt Mr. Speaker and Capt. *Willet*, a Member of this Houſe, by one *George Webb*, a Wherry Man, by affronting them;

Ordered, That the ſaid *George Webb*, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for the ſaid Breach of Privilege.

The Petition of *William Apple*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be exempted from paying Exciſe, in regard of his great Sufferings, being diſabled by the barbarous Uſage of the *Indians*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do think it reaſonable to relieve the ſaid *William Apple*.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Schuyler*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Johannis Janſen, David Provooſt *and* Leonard Lewis, *Eſqrs. the Arrears due to them for their Services in General Aſſembly, as Repreſentatives for the City and County of* New-York, with ſeveral Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming unto* Matthias De Mott, *his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, a certain Tract of Land, ſituate and being in the County of* Ulſter, *in this Colony of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 24, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Terboſch*, have Leave to go Home, his Wife being very ill.

The Petition of *George Webb*, Boatman, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for a Breach of Privilege, committed againſt Mr. Speaker and Capt. *Willet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, wherein he acknowledged, his being ſenſible of the great Indignity and Affront offered by him, and prayed to be diſcharged from his Confinement.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Propoſals made by Mr. *Gilbert Livingſton* and Mr. *Francis Harriſon*, for Farming the Exciſe of this Province, for *Fifteen Hundred Pounds per Ann.* for ſeven Years;

And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* ſhould be accepted for the Farm of the Exciſe for this Province? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 29, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Lewis*, have Leave to go Home, upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Term for Farming the Exciſe of this Province;

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Exciſe of this Province be farmed for ſeven Years? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, the Exciſe of this Province, be farmed for five Years? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, for Farming the Exciſe of this Province, to Mr. *Livingſton* and Mr. *Harriſon*, for *Fifteen Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for five Years, on the Security propoſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 25, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 25, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual an Act of General*

neral Assembly of this Colony, entitled, *An Act for preventing, suppressing and punishing, the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*; was read the second Time, and committed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 26, 1717.

THE House taking into Consideration, the Petition of *George Webb*, Boatman, Mr. Speaker and Capt. *Willet*, were pleased to say, they had frankly forgiven said *Webb*, and desired this House would order his discharge.

Ordered, That the said *George Webb*, be discharged out of Custody, paying his Fees.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. Oct. 28, 1717.

THE House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 29, 1717.

ALDERMAN *Jansen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for preventing, suppressing and punishing, the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves*; without any Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be read a third Time.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual, an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for preventing, suppressing and punishing, the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes, &c. was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the Bill, without any Amendment.

The Petition of *Zacharias Hoffman*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may obtain a Copy of a Bill before this House, to impower one *Matthias De Mott*, to sue the Petitioner for a certain Tract of Land, lying in the County of *Ulster*, in his Possession, and for which he has a Patent, and that the Petitioner may be heard by his Council, against passing the same.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have a Copy of the said Bill, and that he may be heard by his Council against the Bill accordingly.

The Memorial of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, was presented to this House, and read, That he hopes this House, will allow his Account of *Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Five-pence Halfpenny*, for his Arrears of those Warrants, whereof Part was allowed in the long Bill, and one other Account of his, of *Two Hundred and Eight Pounds, Six Shillings and Three-pence*, for his Service in the Expedition against *Canada*, and sundries delivered *Anno* 1690, and Damage he sustained in the late Expedition against *Canada* in 1711.

Ordered, The same be taken into Consideration by this House.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Schuyler*, That they have agreed to the Amendment, made by this House to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Representative of the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm, the Excise of this Colony, for the Term of five Years*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 29, 1717.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 30, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise of this Colony, for the Term of five Years*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 30, 1717.

THE House, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means, to raise a Sum of Money for paying the Claims, alledged as Debts of this Colony. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported, That they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House, being as followeth, *viz.*

Resolved, The Excise of this Colony, be settled in the same Manner it is now, for five Years, to the first Day of *November* 1734.

Resolved, A further Duty of one Halfpenny, *per* Gallon, be laid on all Rum and other distilled Spirits, that shall be imported into this Colony.

Resolved, A further Duty of *Ten Shillings*, *per* Pipe, be laid on every Pipe of Wine, imported into this Colony.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 31, 1717.

A Message from the Council, by the Deputy Secretary, That they desire this House to appoint proper Persons, for running the division Line, between this Colony and the Province of *New-Jersey*, his Excellency being assured the Legislature of that Province of *New-Jersey*, will bear Half the Expence thereof.

A Message from the Council, by Doctor *Johnston*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau, with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Alderman *Jansen*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the said Amendments.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 31, 1717.

THE House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 1, 1717.

A Message from the Council, by Doctor *Johnston*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Esq*; *the Arrears due for his Service in General Assembly, from the 14th of* June, 1705, *until the 27th Day of* September, 1708; with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to their Amendments.

The Memorial of *Elizabeth Wessels*, Widow of *Harmanus Wessels*, deceased, was presented to the House, and read, praying her Account of *Sixty Two Pounds Twelve Shillings*, may be paid with the publick Debts of this Colony.

Ordered, The said Memorial lie on the Table.

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and discharging the several Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the several Persons therein named, which were omitted or neglected to be paid by an Act, passed in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen* Anne, *of glorious Memory; and to make and enforce Bills of Credit to the Value of* ; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 2, 1717.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *De Peyster*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying Foxes and Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County, and County of* Suffolk; without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and discharging the several Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the several Persons therein named, which were omitted or neglected to be paid by an Act, passed in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen* Anne, *of glorious Memory; and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit to the Value of* ; was read the second Time, and committed to Col. *Livingston*, the 4 Members of the City and County of *New-York*, Mr. *Sebring*, and Col. *Morris*, or any 4 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. Deputy Secretary.

Gentlemen, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House immediately at the Council Chamber in Fort George.

Then the Speaker with the House attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bills following, which were published, *viz.*

An Act, *exempting the Snow or Vessel called the* Leghorn, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage.*

An Act, *exempting the Sloop* Mary *and* Hannah, *from paying the Duty of Tonnage.*

An Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing, suppressing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves.*

An Act, *for paying* Johannes Jansen, David Provoost, *and* Leonard Lewis, *Esqrs, the Arrears due to them for their Services in General Assembly, as Representatives for the City and County of* New-York.

An Act, *for an Allowance for the Representative of the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany.

An Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau.

An Act, *for paying the Executors of* Thomas Coddrington, *Esq; the Arrears due for his Service in the General Assembly, from the 14th Day of* June, 1705, *to the 7th Day of* September, 1708.

An Act, *to encourage the destroying of Foxes and Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County, and County of* Suffolk.

As also, the Act, *for the restraining the taking of extravagant and excessive Usury*; which was assented to by his Excellency the 27th Day of *May* last, but deferred publishing until now.

Then the Speaker with the House returned.

And the House adjourned to *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 4, 1717.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 5, 1717.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 6, 1717.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise of this Colony, for the Term of Five Years.* After some Time spent therein, Alderman *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had made an Alteration in the Title of, and several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 7, 1717.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise of this Colony, for the Term of Five Years; and to enable the Farmers thereof effectually to collect the same*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Arent Schuyler*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that he may be allowed for his Services done for this Province, and for Six Barrels of Powder for the Use of his Majesty's Fort at *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 7, 1717.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 8, 1717.

A Message from the Council by the Deputy Secretary, that that Board do desire this House to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of that Board, at the House of Mr. *Parmyter*, at 3 of the Clock this Afternoon, in a free Conference on the Subject Matter of the Bill for letting to Farm the Excise; and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Council, this House have appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of the Council, at a Conference on the Subject Matter of the Bill for letting to Farm the Excise.

Mr. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ascertaining the Division Line between* King's *and* Queen's *County, on the Island* Nassau; That they have gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments, and added a Clause to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Bill be re-committed: It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the House agree to the Report: It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clause be engrossed.

The Petition of Charles Crommelin, Hannah Hoghlandt, Ebenezer Wilson, Peter Fauconnier, William Huddleston, Benjamin Aske, and William Anderson, *was presented to the House, and read, praying that they may be heard at the Bar of this House by their Council, on the Subject Matter of the Bill, entitled*, An Act, for the better ascertaining the Division Line between *King's* and *Queen's* County, on the Island *Nassau*; *before the said Bill pass this House.*

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard by their Council accordingly, *Tuesday* next come Sevennight.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 9, 1717.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Barberie*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to invest the Property of a certain Dwelling-House, and Ground thereunto belonging in the City of* New-York, *in* Daniel *and* Christopher, *the Sons of* Daniel Robert, *deceased*; with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haring*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do agree to the said Bill.

Alderman *Jansen*, reported from the Committee of this House, appointed to go to a free Conference with a Committee of the Council, on the Subject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise of this Colony*, &c. That they had been at a free Conference with the Committee of the Council, and heard their Reasons for their amending the said Bill.

A Message

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe of this Colony for the Term of Five Years; and to enable the Farmers thereof effectually to collect the ſame*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do carry the Bill and the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments made to that Bill.

A Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, by the Deputy Secretary, that his Excellency had communicated to that Board, a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, dated at *Albany*, the 6th Inſt. and the Minutes of the ſaid Commiſſioners relating to a Speech made by a Sachem of the *Senekes*; wherein, among other Things, he complains in the Name of the Five Nations of the Dearneſs of Goods by Reaſon they are immediately tranſported from *Albany* to *Canada*; and therefore deſires a Trade from thence may be ſtop'd.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will conſent to any Law that ſhall be propoſed to remedy the Miſchiefs complained of.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at Fort George.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe of this Colony, for the Term of Five Years; and to enable the Farmers thereof to collect the ſame*; which was publiſhed.

Then the Speaker with the Houſe returned.

The Petition of *Mary Broughton*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a reaſonable Allowance may be made for the Maintenance of the Petitioner and Family, for Warrants granted to her late Huſband, as Advocate General to this Province, and a Warrant granted to her Huſband's Father as Attorney General; all which Warrants amount to *One Hundred and Ninety Six Pounds.*

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* the 18th Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, Nov. 18, 1717.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 19, 1717.

THE Petition of *Henry Swift*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be paid the Remainder of a Debt due to him.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Thomas Scurlock*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; that he is informed, an Act of General Aſſembly is now before this Houſe, which allows a certain Sum to the *Britiſh* Officers; one *James Hall*, deceaſed, being one of ſaid Officers, died much indebted to the Petitioner for Diet, Drink, Cloaths and other Neceſſaries, prays the ſaid *James Hall*, may be included in the ſaid Act, and the Money appropriated to the Payment of the Petitioner.

Ordered, The Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 19, 1717.

THE Petitioners (according to Order) being heard by their Council, at the Bar of this Houſe, againſt paſſing the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County*, &c. withdrew.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 20, 1717.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 21, 1717.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 22, 1717.

THE Petition of *Benjamin Vandewater* and *Cornelius Van Duyn*, in Behalf of themſelves, and the reſt of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Brookland*, on the Iſland *Naſſau*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be allowed a Copy of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County, on the ſaid Iſland*, and that they may be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, by their Council, upon the ſubject Matter thereof.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Petition be rejected? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have a Copy of the ſaid Bill, and that they have Leave to be heard by their Council, at the Bar of this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter thereof, on *Tueſday* next in the Afternoon.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to unite *King's* County and *Queen's* County, into one County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to unite *King's* County and *Queen's* County, into one County; and that Col. *Morris*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *Peter Praa*, in Behalf of himſelf, and the Inhabitants of the Town of *Buſhwick*, in *King's* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be heard by their Council, at the Bar of this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County*, &c.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard according to the Prayer of their Petition, next *Tueſday* in the Afternoon.

The Deputy Secretary informed this Houſe, the Council had appointed a Committee of that Board, to join a Committee of this Houſe, to prepare ſuch Inſtructions to the Agent, as may be proper to find the Author of a printed Paper, entitled, A Memorial of ſeveral Aggrievances and Oppreſſions of his Majeſty's Subjects, in the Colony of *New-York* in *America*, and make Application to the Miniſtry, that he may be brought to Juſtice. *And that it was the Opinion of that Board, another printed Paper, ſigned* Samuel Mulford, *entitled*, An Information, *be alſo communicated to this Houſe, and recommended to the Conſideration of the Committee of this Houſe, and that, that Board had appointed a Committee, to meet a Committee of this Houſe, at the Houſe of Mr.* Parmiter, *at Five o'Clock this Evening accordingly.*

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Judge *Haring* and Mr. *Garretſen*, or any 4 of them, be appointed a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, at Mr. *Parmiter's*, at Five o'Clock this Evening accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting* King's *County and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau, *into one County, by the Name of King* George's *County, and to allow the Inhabitants of the ſaid King* George's *County, to elect ſix Perſons to repreſent them in the General Aſſembly of the Colony of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 23, 1717.

THE Petition of *Thomas Whitehead*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal the reſtricting Clauſe in an Act, for enabling the Petitioner to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Entail.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Accounts of Col. *De Peyſter*, Treaſurer of this Colony, of the Money mentioned to be paid, in an Act, made in the thirteenth Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c.

Reſolved, And it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, hath juſtly complied with and paid the ſeveral Sums of Money therein mentioned, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Act.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Owners of the *Negros*, who were executed in the City of

New-York, for Murder, Conſpiracy and Inſurrection, in the ſaid City *Anno* 1712, be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony*, &c. It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Owners of the *Negroes*, executed in the Counties of *Albany*, *Weſtcheſter* and *Queen's* County, ſome Years paſt for Murder, might alſo be inſerted, or that no Owner of a Negro ſhould be inſerted therein? It was carried in the Negative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 24, 1717.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for enabling* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a General Entail*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 25, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further enabling* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Entail*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

The Petition of *Benjamin Vandewater*, *Cornelius Van Duyn* and *Peter Praa*, not appearing by their Council, according to Order, by reaſon of the Sitting of the Supream Court;

Ordered, The hearing of the Petitioners be adjourned, till this Houſe think fit to give timely Notice thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 26, 1717.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 26, 1717.

MR. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named, which were omitted or neglected to be paid, by an Act, paſſed in the the 13th Year of the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen* Anne, *of glorious Memory, and to make and enforce the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of*

That they had amended the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Alderman *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further enabling* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a General Entail*, without any Amendment.

Ordered, The Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 27, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further enabling* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands, deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Entail*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony, to the Perſons therein named, and for raiſing and putting into the Hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony, ſeveral Quantities of Plate, to be applied to the publick and neceſſary Uſes of this Colony, and to make Bills of Credit to the Value of* 37,600 *Ounces of Plate for that Purpoſe*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting a Jail and Court Houſe, in the County of* Suffolk; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *making and eſtabliſhing the ſeveral Farms, Plantations and Settlements, in the Townſhip of* Southhold, *in the County of* Suffolk, *lying to the* Weſtward *of* John Benjamin's, *to be a diſtinct Pariſh, ſeparate from the* Eaſtern *Parts of that Town*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Petitioners *Benjamin Vandewater* and *Cornelius Vandyn*, in Behalf of themſelves and the Town of *Brookland*, and *Peter Praa*, in Behalf of the Town of *Buſhwick*, in *King's* County, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, by their Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau, To-morrow in the Afternoon? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will hear the Petitioners Tomorrow in the Afternoon by their Council, at the Bar of this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 28, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit the Exportation of raw Hides from this Colony*, with Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to the Amendments made to that Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau; ſhould be read the third Time. It was carried in the Affirmative.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better aſcertaining the diviſion Line, between* King *and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting a Jail and Court-Houſe, in the County of* Suffolk; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *making and eſtabliſhing the Farms, Plantations and Settlements, in the Townſhip of* Southhold, *in the County of* Suffolk, *lying to the* Weſtward *of* John Benjamin's, *to be a diſtinct Pariſh, ſeparate from the* Eaſtern *Parts of that Town*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 29, 1717.

THE Houſe being informed, there is a Petition or Addreſs preſented to his Excellency, relating to a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts, due from this Colony, to the Perſons therein named*, &c. paſſed this Houſe on *Thurſday* laſt.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do wait on his Excellency with the Deſire of this Houſe, that the ſame may be communicated to them.

Col. *Provoeſt*, waited on his Excellency accordingly, and being returned; preſented the ſame to the Houſe, which was entitled, *The humble Repreſentation of the Grand Jury for the City and County of* New-York, *met at the ſaid City, the 29th Day of* November 1717; which was read.

Ordered, That the Chief Juſtice, Mr. *Livingſton*, Col. *Provoeſt* and Alderman *Janſen*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to conſider of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next. *Die*

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Dec. 3, 1717.

Ordered, THAT Mr. *Sebring*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Dec. 4, 1717.

THE Petition of Capt. *Ebenezer Wilſon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be inſerted in the Bill, under a Committee of this Houſe, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* John Van Horne, *and the Executrix of* Johannis Hardenbergh, *the Arrears due for Services in General Aſſembly.*

Ordered, That the Petition be recommended and referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred, to conſider of a Paper, entitled, *The humble Repreſentation of the Grand Jury of the City and County of* New-York, That they had conſidered the ſame, and drawn up an Addreſs to his Excellency, which they directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Addreſs be engroſſed.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That thoſe of the Grand Jury, for the City and County of *New-York*, met at the ſaid City, the 29th Day of *November* laſt, that ſigned the Repreſentation to his Excellency, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *Stephen De Lancey*, *Henry Lane*, *Philip Cortlandt*, *William Smith*, *Barent Rynders*, *Joſ. Robinſon*, *George Emot*, *John Reade*, *Samuel Provooſt*, *John Moore*, jun. *Philip Schuyler*, *Auguſtus Jay*, *John Rolland*, *William Walton*, Col. *Robert Lurting*, *Henry Van Derſpiegel* and *Robert Watts*, that ſigned the ſaid Repreſentation, ſo highly reflecting on this Houſe, do attend the Bar of this Houſe, To-morrow Morning, at 11 o'Clock, in the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Dec. 5, 1717.

THE Petition of *John Parmyter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for reviving an Act, prohibiting all Perſons but *John Parmyter*, and his Aſſigns to make Lamp Black, during the Space of five Years.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Serjeant at Arms attending without, being called in, informed the Houſe, he had according to Order, taken the Gentlemen into Cuſtody.

Ordered, The Gentlemen in Cuſtody, be immediately brought before this Houſe, and Mr. Speaker aſking them the Reaſons, that induced them to make ſuch a Repreſentation, ſo highly reflecting on this Houſe; Some of them anſwered, their Reaſons were expreſſed in their Repreſentation, without Deſign of reflecting on this Houſe, and then withdrew: And after ſome Debate;

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Dec. 5, 1717.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act prohibiting all Perſons, but* John Parmyter, *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamp Black during the Space of five Years*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Serjeant at Arms, informed this Houſe, the Gentlemen in his Cuſtody, prayed to be heard before this Houſe.

Ordered, The Gentlemen in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, be brought before this Houſe, and being brought accordingly; they informed the Houſe, That they were humbly of Opinion, they might petition one Part of the Legiſlature, without any Intention of reflecting on the other Two, and then withdrew.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Gentlemen in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, ſhould be diſcharged paying their Fees? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying their Fees.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Dec. 6, 1717.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act prohibiting all Perſons, but* John Parmyter *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamp Black, during the Space of five Years*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Reſolved, And it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, Treaſurer of this Colony, do pay unto *Samuel Provooſt*, or his Order, the Sum of *Eleven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Six-pence Three-farthings*, the Ballance of *Twenty Seven Thouſand, Six Hundred and Eighty Pounds*, lodged in his Hands, by an Act of the General Aſſembly, paſſed the 13th Year of the Reign of the late Queen *Anne*, of immortal Memory, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying and diſcharging the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, to the ſeveral Perſons therein named*, &c.

Ordered, That the four Members of the City and County of *New-York*, and Mr. *Livingſton*, be added to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* John Van Horne, *and the Executrix of* Johannis Hardenbergh, *the Arrears due for Services in General Aſſembly.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Dec. 7, 1717.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act prohibiting all Perſons, but* John Parmyter, *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamp Black, during the Space of five Years*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Dec. 10, 1717.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe (there not being a Quorum in Town) by Proclamation, till To-morrow.

Die

Die Mercurij, December 11, 1717.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe, until To-morrow.

Die Jovis, December 12, 1717.

Ordered,

THAT Colonel *Willet*, have Leave to go Home till *Monday* next, his Lady being very much indiſpoſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 13, 1717.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 16, 1717.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 17, 1717.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 18, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Clarke*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony, to the Perſons therein named, and for raiſing and putting into the Hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony, ſeveral Quantities of Plate, to be applied to the publick and neceſſary Uſes of this Colony, and to make Bills of Credit to the Value of* 37,600 *Ounces of Plate for that Purpoſe*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in* King's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 19, 1717.

MR. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* John Van Horne, *and the Executrix of* Johannis Hardenbergh, *the Arrears due for ſerving in General Aſſembly*, was referred; That they have made an Amendment to the Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and having found the Allegations of Capt. *Ebenezer Wilſon*'s Petition referred to them, to be true, and that he ſerved the ſame Time, are humbly of Opinion, he ought to be inſerted in the Bill, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Ebenezer Wilſon*, be inſerted in the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages done by Swine in* King's *County, on the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of Mr. *Abraham Governieur*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be inſerted in a Bill before this Houſe, for paying ſome of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*.

The Petition of the Executors of *Samuel Staats*, Eſq; deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be inſerted in a Bill before this Houſe, for paying ſome of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That the Petitions be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 20, 1717.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony to the Perſons therein named; and for raiſing and putting into the Hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony, ſeveral Quantities of Plate, to be applied to the publick and neceſſary Uſes of this Colony, and to make Bills of Credit to the Value of* 37,600 *Ounces of Plate, for that Purpoſe*; agreed to ſeveral Amendments, added ſome Amendments, and diſagreed to others.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments made by the Council to that Bill, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the ſeveral Amendments made by that Board, and diſagreed to others.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* John Van Horne, *Capt.* Ebenezer Wilſon, *and the Executrix of* Johannis Hardenbergh, *the Arrears due for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Heirs of* James Graham, *and* Brandt Schuyler, *Eſqrs, the Arrears due for their Service in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual an Act, made in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne, *of immortal Memory*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, for the Term of ſeven Years*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Clarke*, who brought the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony to the Perſons therein named*, &c. with the Amendments made thereto by that Board, to acquaint this Houſe, that Board reſolved and do diſagree to the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Amendments made by that Board to the ſaid Bill; and that they adhere to the Amendments made by them to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, do carry back the Bill, with the Amendments made by the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do inſiſt on the Amendments made by this Houſe to their Amendments.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large*; That they have gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 21, 1717.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* John Parmyter, *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamp Black, during the Space of Five Years*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further enabling* Thomas Whitehead, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſome Part of the Lands deviſed to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Intail*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Wildman*, to deſire this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to meet a Committee of that Board, on a free Conference immediately, at the Houſe of Mr. *Braziers*, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments made by that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony, to the Perſons therein named*, &c.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Mr. *Livingſton*, Alderman *Janſen*, Col. *Provooſt*, Capt. *Budd*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Alderman *Kip*, Capt. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Willet*, and Mr. *Sebring*, are appointed Managers to go to the free Conference with the Council accordingly.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Managers of this Houſe, appointed to go to a free Conference with the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony*, &c. That they had been at the Conference, and had agreed to all the Amendments made by the Council to the ſaid Bill, except the Amendment to allow 1000 Ounces of Plate to Col. *De Peyſter*, and others, for Services done, on the late long Bill, from which Amendment the Council did recede; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Governeur*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying the Services due to him, for sitting in General Assembly as a Representative for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That the Executors of *Samuel Staats*, Esq; deceased, have Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying the Services due for his sitting in General Assembly as one of the Representatives for the City and County of *New-York*.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Clarke*, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for paying and discharging several Debts*, &c. with the Amendments agreed to by this House, and the Amendments agreed upon by the Committees of both Houses; and that the Bill will be accordingly amended.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 23, 1717.

A Message by Mr. Deputy Secretary.

Gentlemen, His Excellency desires the Attendance of this House immediately at Fort George.

The Speaker acquainted the House, he did name and appoint *Thomas Brasier*, of the City of *New-York*, Door-keeper to this House, in the Stead of *Cornelius Post*, deceased; and that the Widow of *Cornelius Post*, should receive the Salary of Door-keeper, until this House meet next.

Then the Speaker with the House attended the Governor accordingly, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bills following, *viz.*

An Act, for paying and discharging several Debts due from this Colony to the Persons therein named, and for raising and putting into the Hands of the Treasurer of this Colony, several Quantities of Plate, to be applied to the public and necessary Uses of this Colony; and to make Bills of Credit to the Value of 41,517 *Ounces of Plate for that Purpose.*

An Act, to prohibit the Exportation of raw Hides from this Colony.

An Act, to invest the Property of a certain Dwelling-House, and Ground thereunto belonging in the City of New-York, *in* Daniel *and* Christopher, *the Sons of* Daniel Robert, *deceased.*

An Act, reviving an Act, entitled, *An Act, prohibiting all Persons but* John Parmyter, *and his Assigns, to make Lamp Black, during the Space of Five Years.*

An Act, for the further enabling Thomas Whitehead, *to sell and dispose of some Part of the Lands devised to him by his Father, under the Limitation of a general Intail.*

The Speaker with the House being returned, Mr. Speaker was pleased to sign a List, entitled, *A List of several Persons that have not received their several and respective Sums of Money, allowed them in a former Act of General Assembly, made in the thirteenth Year of her late Majesty's Reign*, Anno 1714.

Then the House adjourned to the 15th of *April* next.

HIS Excellency was pleased to adjourn the House to the 15th of *May* next.

Die Jovis, May 15, 1718.

HIS Excellency was pleased by Proclamation to adjourn the General Assembly to *Monday* next, being the 19th Instant.

Die Lunæ, P. M. May 19, 1718.

HIS Excellency was pleased by Proclamation to adjourn the House 'till To-morrow.

Die Martis, P. M. May 20, 1718.

THE House was adjourned by his Excellency's Proclamation 'till To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, P. M. May 21, 1718.

THE Clerk acquainted the House, he had received a Letter from Mr. Speaker, and a Letter from him directed to the General Assembly; which was read, being as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE Favour you have shewed me in chooſing me your Speaker, I heartily acknowledge; to which I hope you will add this of giving me a Discharge from that Service, my Want of Health and Strength disabling my Attendance at this Time; this is my earnest Request, which I hope you will grant: If the Session continues, and I recover Strength enough, I'll wait on you as soon as I am able.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most humble Servant,
W. NICOL.

Islip, May 18, 1718.

Directed to the Gentlemen of the Assembly, at New-York.

The Clerk, (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, and acquainted him the Gentlemen that were met, were of Opinion, if his Excellency would please to adjourn them till *Monday* next, they hoped more Members might appear to choose a Speaker; the Clerk returned, and informed the Gentlemen, his Excellency would adjourn them by his Proclamation till next *Monday*, according to their Desire.

Die Lunæ, P. M. May 26, 1718.

THE House was adjourned till To-morrow by his Excellency's Proclamation.

Die Martis, May 27, 1718.

THE several Members that met ordered the Clerk of this House to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him what Number were met.

The Clerk being returned, informed the Gentlemen he had attended his Excellency, and delivered their Message; and that his Excellency was pleased to command him to acquaint them, he had received a Letter from Mr. *Nicoll*, their late Speaker, and his Letter directed to the Gentlemen of the General Assembly, wherein he owned the Favour of being chose their Speaker, and desired they would add the giving him a Discharge from that Service, his Want of Health and Strength disabling his Attendance at this Time. That the publick Affairs might not be hindered, his Excellency directed them to make Choice of a Person to succeed as Speaker, and on Notice thereof, would assign the Time he would receive him.

Then they proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker; and by Plurality of Voices made Choice of *Robert Livingston*, Esq; to be their Speaker, and conducted him to the Chair accordingly.

Then they ordered the Clerk to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, the House had made Choice of their Speaker, and desired to

know when he would be attended by this Houſe. The Clerk being returned, acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had appointed 3 of the Clock, to receive them.

The Houſe attended accordingly, and preſented *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; to his Excellency, for his Approbation, who was pleaſed to declare he approved of their Choice; then Mr. Speaker, in the Name of the Houſe, demanded their ancient Rights and Privileges, *viz.*

Freedom from Arreſts for themſelves and Servants, during their Seſſions, as uſual.

Freedom of Acceſs to his Excellency on all Occaſions relating to his Majeſty's Service, and the Welfare of this Colony.

Freedom of Debate and Speech in the Houſe, and a favourable Conſtruction of their Words.

That they may have Power to correct any of their Members that are Offenders. Which were granted.

His Excellency acquainted the Houſe, they might proceed on what lay before them; and that he had a Pacquet from *Europe*, but expected by the next ſomething more, which he ſhould communicate to them.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and thanked them for their Choice, and hoped they would aſſiſt him in doing his Duty.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the rendering more effectual an Act, made in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne, *of immortal Memory*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, for the Term of ſeven Years*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Clerk acquainted this Houſe, he had received a Pacquet from *Europe*, in which was a Letter from *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; the Agent of this Province at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated *London*, *October* 2, 1717; which was read. He alſo informed the Houſe, this Day he had received another Pacquet from the Agent, in which was a Letter dated *London*, *March* 11, 1718, and the Royal Aſſent to an Act, for preventing Multiplicity of Law Suits; which were alſo read.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, next *Friday* Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1718.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing of Horſes*. After ſome Time, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Budd*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring*, have Leave to go Home till *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 30, 1718.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Terboſch*, have Leave to abſent himſelf till next *Wedneſday*.

The Petition of *Frederick Ellis*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may receive ſome Recompence for his Houſe and Land in *Albany*, that he was diſpoſſeſſed of in the Time of the late Revolution.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſettling the Bounds between the Counties of *Albany* and *Ulſter*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1718.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, *Thurſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing of Horſes*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, *June* 4, 1718.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing of Horſes*.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1718.

CAPT. *Lewis*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing of Horſes*; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoſt*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for better collecting the Duties in the County of *Suffolk*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1718.

THE Petition of *Lewis Gomez*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill into this honourable Houſe, to exempt the bad Wines he imported from *Madeira*, the 16th Day of *May* laſt, from paying the other Half of the Duties on the ſaid Wines, not remitted by his Excellency and Council.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Thurſday* next, take the ſame into Conſideration.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent unto* Cornelius Cool, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, when they will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Report be received now? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Amendments being read;

Ordered, The Bill be re-committed to the ſame Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, have Leave to go Home till *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1718.

THE Petition of Capt. *Jacob Maurits*, and *William Kirtu*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent all Perſons, not authorized by his Excellency, to pilot any Veſſel coming into or going out of this Port.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Sixty Two Pounds and Twelve Shillings; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerretſen*, have Leave to go into the Country, his Brother being dangerouſly ill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſtealing Horſes*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1718.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining, ſettling and aſcertaining the South Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *on the Weſt Side of* Hudſon's *River*; *and the North Bounds of the County of* Ulſter, *on the Weſt Side of the ſaid River*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill,

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Representative of the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the stealing of Horses.*

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Business, till *Wednesday* next.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1718.

THE Clerk informed the House, he had received a Pacquet by Capt. *Clark*, from Mr. *Philipse*, the Agent, containing the Duplicates of former Letters from him, and a Bundle of News Papers.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise the Sum of* Sixty Two Pounds, *and* Twelve Shillings; was read the second Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Representative of the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining, settling and ascertaining, the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *on the* West *Side of* Hudson's *River, and the* North *Bounds of the County of* Ulster, *on the* West *Side of the said River*; was read the second Time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1718.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for establishing Pilotage*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Jansen*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, *&c.* was recommitted; That they had made several other Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 4 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1718.

THE Petition of *Nicholas Caron*, *Abraham Casserez* and *Samuel Richards*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, that they may be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to the Order of the Day) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the stealing of Horses.* After some Time spent therein, Capt. *Lewis*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further thereof.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1718.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for establishing Pilotage*; was read the second Time, and committed.

The Petition of *Johannit Van Zandt*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may be allowed the Sum of *Twenty One Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence*, omitted in transcribing of the Act, wherein the Names of the Claimants were mentioned.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this House, for paying the Petitioner, and such as were omitted aforesaid, in the said Act.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly, and that Col. *Provoost* and Major *Sebring*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Petition of *John Beatty's*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may be heard next *Friday* before this House, against the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Boundaries between the Lands granted to* Cornelius Cool, *&c. in the County of* Ulster, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted to the Trustees of* Marble *Town, in the said County.*

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 11, 1718.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent small Stallions running at large*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the stealing of Horses.*

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1718.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Provoost*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Rutsen*, Capt. *Lewis*, Capt. *Cuyper*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Major *Sebring*, Capt. *Willet* and Col. *Willet* be, and are appointed a Committee of this House, to inspect the Acts of General Assembly, and report to this House *Wednesday* next, what Acts are expired and near expiring by their own Limitation.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Boundaries, between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garretsen, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus Du Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, Roeloff Swartwout, Cornelius Lammerse, Peter Pieterse, Lawrence Oosterhout *and* Jannetie Newkirk, *situate, lying and being in the County of* Ulster, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted by Patent, unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Trustees for on the Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble *Town, in the County of* Ulster *aforesaid*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of Major *De Riemer*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name be inserted in the Bill now before this House, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise the Sum of* Sixty Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Major *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Representative of the Town of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1718.

THE House (according to the Order of the Day) proceeded to take into Consideration, the Petition of *Lewis Gomez*; after some Debate thereon;

Ordered, That the Petition be rejected.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *made in the 7th Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne *of immortal Memory*, entitled, *An Act for the easier Partition of Lands, in joint Tenancy or in Common, for the Term of seven Years.*

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1718.

COL. *Provoost*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *establishing Pilotage*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, The Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Petition of *John Sebring*, was presented to the House, and

and read, praying the Exactions of the Ferryman between the City of *New-York* and the Iſland of *Naſſau*; may be redreſſed by this Houſe.

The Petition of *Koenradt Ten Eyck*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Relief, againſt the Oppreſſions of the ſaid Ferryman.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Chambers*, Capt. *Lewis*, Judge *Haring*, Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Garretſen* and Capt. *Stillwell*, or any 7 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Petitions, and hear their Allegations, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, and make their Report thereof, to this Houſe *Wedneſday* next, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Ordered, That Capt. *Cuyler*, have Leave to go Home till next *Tueſday*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1718.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of any ſtray Horſe, Mare, Colt, neat Cattle and Sheep*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham de Caſſerez *and* Samuel Richards; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 17, 1718.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of any ſtrayed Horſe, Mare, Colt, neat Cattle or Sheep*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Petition of the Subſcribers, in Behalf of themſelves, and other the Traders and Inhabitants of this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; the leſſening of the Intereſt of Money, to Six *per Cent.* tends to the Diſcouragement of Trade in general, and ſhuts up the Purſes of thoſe, that are not brought up to, or willing to Trade, and live by the Intereſt of their Money. They humbly hope this honourable Houſe, will give new Life to Trade, by paſſing ſuch Laws, as may engage the Maſters of that dead and conſiderable Part of the publick Stock, to make it circulate to the common Advantage, by fixing Intereſt at Eight *per Cent.*

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1718.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Town of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Cats-Kill* and *Coxbackey*, in the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to elect a Superviſor for themſelves.

Ordered, That they have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham De Caſſerez *and* Samuel Richards; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Jacob Pit* and *Jan Pit*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill, now before this Houſe, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham De Caſſerez and Samuel Richards.

The Petition of *Tobias Boel*, jun. and *Henricus Boel*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred, to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham De Caſſerez and Samuel Richards, was committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the paying of ſundry Perſons by the Treaſurer of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1718.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing Pilotage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooymans* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to explain an Act, for regulating the Ferry, between the City of *New-York*, and the Iſland *Naſſau*?

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Major *Sebring*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe proceeding to take into Conſideration, the Petition of the Subſcribers, in Behalf of themſelves and others, the Traders of this Colony, praying that Intereſt of Money may be fixed at Eight *per Cent.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, that Intereſt of Money may be ſettled at Eight *per Cent.* It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen* and Alderman *Kipp*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1718.

THE Petition of *William Bradford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that he may be paid one Salary Warrant allowed him *per* this Houſe, which was left out of the late long Bill.

Ordered, The Conſideration of the Petition be referred to Col. *Provooſt* and Alderman *Kipp*, and that they report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Capt. *Lewis*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing and fraudulent Marking, and taking up of, and ſelling of Horſes within this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the Freholders and Inhabitants of the Precincts of* Cats-Kill *and* Coxhackey, *in the County of* Albany, *the Privilege of chuſing Yearly a Superviſor*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An Act for reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury, whereby Intereſt was reduced to* Six per Cent. per Annum, *and fixing the ſame at Eight* per Cent. was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1718.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of a certain Clauſe in an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony made and enacted in the third and fourth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting a Jail and Court-Houſe, in the County of* Weſtchester; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham De Caſſerez *and* Samuel Richards, was committed; That they have gone through the Bill, and amended the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1718.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to prevent the landing or putting on Shore, any Perſon ſick of the Small Pox, Meaſeals, or any other peſtilential or infectious Diſtemper, and to prevent the ſpreading the ſame, in the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* do prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Motion was made, that the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed accordingly, and that Mr. Speaker do take Care of the ſame.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of a certain Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, made and enacted in the third and fourth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland of* Naſſau; was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of* Cats-Kill *and* Coxhackey, *in the County of* Albany, *the Privilege of chuſing Yearly a Superviſor*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1718.

CAPT. *Lewis*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precincts of* Cats-Kill *and* Coxhackey, *in the County of* Albany, *the Privilege of chuſing Yearly a Superviſor*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the landing or putting on ſhore in this Colony, any Perſon ſick of the Small Pox, Meaſels, or any other peſtilential or infectious Diſtemper, and to prevent the ſpreading of the ſame in the City of* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham De Caſſerez, Tobias Boel, Henricus Boel, Jacob Pit, Jan Pit *and* Samuel Richards; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Judge *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Chambers* have Leave to go Home.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1718.

A Motion was made, that the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury, whereby Intereſt was reduced to* 6 per Cent. per *Ann. and fixing the ſame at* 8 per Cent. be read a ſecond Time now.

The Bill being read a ſecond Time, was committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of* Cats-Kill *and* Coxhackey, *in the County of* Albany, *the Privilege of chuſing yearly a Superviſor*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Chambers*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Chief Juſtice, do reviſe the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly in Force in this Colony, and compare them with the printed Acts, in order that a correct Copy of the ſame, with a good Table, may be prepared for the Preſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the landing or putting on Shore in this Colony, any Perſon ſick of the Small-Pox, Meazles, or any other peſtilential or infectious Diſtemper, and to prevent ſpreading the ſame in the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 23, 1718.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1718.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming unto* Matthias De Mott, *his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, a certain Tract of Land, ſituate and being in the County of* Ulſter, *in the Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1718.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying ſundry Perſons, by the Treaſurer of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that this Houſe reſolve into a Committee on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury, whereby Intereſt was reduced to* 6 per Cent. per *Ann. and fixing the ſame at* 8 per Cent. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill; and Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1718.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury, whereby Intereſt was reduced to* 6 per Cent. per *Ann. and fixing the ſame at* 8 per Cent. and Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had altered the Title of, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſtealing and fraudulent marking and taking up and ſelling of Horſes in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Judge *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 25, 1718.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Philipse*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more useful for the Security and Defence thereof*; without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for establishing Pilotage*, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which being read, was agreed to by this House.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to their Amendments made to the Bill.

A Message from the Council, by Doctor *Johnston*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent small Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horses under the Size therein mentioned*; with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which were read, and agreed to by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terbosch*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to their Amendments made to the Bill.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An Act for restraining the taking of extravagant and excessive Usury, whereby Interest was reduced to Six* per Cent. per Annum, *and fixing the same at Eight* per Cent. was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Jansen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Sebring*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Landing or putting on Shore in this Colony, any Person sick of the Small Pox, Measles, or any other pestilential or infectious Distemper, and to prevent the spreading of the same in the City of* New-York, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1718.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, that Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, [informed him from his Excellency, that the Council would appoint a Committe of their Board, to join a Committee of this House, on the Affair relating to Mr. *Samuel Mulford*.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Provoost*, Alderman *Jansen*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Hendrick Hansen*, Col. *Rutsen*, Mr. *Sebring*, Capt. *Lewis*, Judge *Haring*, Alderman *Kipp* and Mr. *Garretsen*, or any 7 of them, be and are appointed a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of the Council, at such Time and Place, as the Committee of the Council shall appoint, on an Affair relating to Mr. *Samuel Mulford*.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Landing and putting on Shore in this Colony, any Person sick of the Small Pox, Measles, or any other pestilential or infectious Distemper, and to prevent the spreading the same, in the City of* New-York.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 26, 1718.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Stillwell*, have Leave to go Home, his Wife being ill.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1718.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Wildman*, Deputy Secretary, That they had appointed a Committee of that Board, to meet a Committee of this House, on the subject Matter of the Message sent Yesterday, by Doctor *Johnston*, from his Excellency to this House, with Relation to Mr. *Samuel Mulford*, at the House of Mrs. *Jordaine*, at Four o'Clock this Afternoon precisely.

Col. *Hicks*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*, That they had altered the Title of the Bill, and made several Amendments to the Body thereof, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Capt. *Jansen*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for licensing Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Province*, That they had made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read. And,

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Report be approved, and that the House agree to the Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying of sundry Persons, by the Treasurer of this Colony*, That they had altered the Title of the Bill, and made several Amendments to the Body thereof, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham De Casserez, *&c.* with an Amendment.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 28, 1718.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the Return of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for licensing Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Province*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hansen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 30, 1718.

MR. *Wildman*, the Deputy Secretary, laid before this House for their Concurrence, the Report of the Committee of the Council, appointed to join with the Committee of this House, on the Message sent by his Excellency to this House, with Relation to Capt. *Samuel Mulford*, which was agreed to by that Board, with two Amendments; which Report, entitled, *The humble Representation of his Majesty's Council and the General Assembly of the Province of* New-York, *to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners, for hearing Appeals from the Plantations*; was read.

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The engrossed, Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Quantity of* 53 *Ounces and a Half of Plate*, unto Johannis Van Zandt, *and the Quantity of* 12 *Ounces and a Half of Plate*, unto Willempie Uytden Bogart, *Widow*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrick Hansen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, do wait on his Excellency, and pray the Complaints of Mr. *Samuel Mulford*, to the Court of *Great Britain*, mentioned in the humble Representation of his Majesty's Council and this House, *&c.* may be laid before this House To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 1, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Province*; without any Amendment.

And a Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry up the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments made to the Bill.

Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, on the Meſſage ſent by his Excellency to this Houſe, with Relation to Capt. *Samuel Mulford*, that the joint Committees had agreed on a Repreſentation, to be made to the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for hearing Appeals, and that he was ready to lay it before the Houſe, when they would pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, The Repreſentation be received immediately, and the ſame was read, Paragraph by Paragraph, and alſo the Amendments made thereto by the Council; which was agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Sebring*, do carry the Repreſentation, with the Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments made by them, to the Repreſentation.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Wildman*, That they had ordered the Clerk of the Council, to ſign the Repreſentation, drawn by the Committees of both Houſes, with Relation to Mr. *Samuel Mulford*, to be made to the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for hearing Appeals, and carry the ſame to this Houſe.

Ordered, The Repreſentation be read; the ſame being read;

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do ſign the Repreſentation, by Order of the General Aſſembly, and deliver the ſame to the Clerk of the Council.

Major *Sebring*, informed this Houſe, one *Edward Penant*, had accuſed ſome Member of this Houſe of Bribery, in a certain Paper, he delivered to a Committee of the Council, as he underſtood.

Ordered, That *Thomas Brazier*, Door Keeper of this Houſe, do Summons the ſaid *Edward Penant*, to attend this Houſe, at 4 o'Clock this Afternoon, to be examined concerning the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 4 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1718.

THE Door Keeper, acquainted the Houſe, that purſuant to an Order of this Houſe, he had inquired for *Edward Penant*, but was informed, he was embarked for *Amboy*, in the Province of *New-Jerſey*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Doctor *Johnſton*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An Act for reſtraining the taking of extravagant and exceſſive Uſury, whereby Intereſt was reduced to* Six per Cent. per Annum, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments, made to the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, without any Amendment; and that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precincts of* Cats-Kill *and* Coxhackey, *in the County of* Albany, *the Privilege of chooſing Yearly a Superviſor*; without any Amendment.

His Excellency communicated to this Houſe, by Mr. *Wildman*, a Letter from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, of the 11th of *October* 1717, and incloſed an additional Inſtruction to his Excellency, relating to the not paſſing Acts, which may effect the Trade and Shipping of this Kingdom, being as followeth, *viz.*

Additional Inſtruction for our truſty and well beloved Robert Hunter, *Eſq; our Captain General and Governor in Chief, of our Province of* New-York, *and the Territories depending thereon in* America; *or for the Commander in Chief of the ſaid Province, for the Time being.*

Given at our Court at *Hampton Court*, the 27th Day of *September* 1717, in the fourth Year of our Reign.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS by our Inſtructions to you, you are required not to paſs any Law of an extraordinary or unuſual Nature and Importance, whereby our Prerogative, or the Property of our Subjects may be prejudiced, without having either firſt tranſmitted unto us, the Draught of ſuch a Bill or Bills, and our having ſignified our royal Pleaſure thereupon; Or that you take Care in the paſſing of any Act, of an unuſual and extraordinary Nature, that there be a Clauſe inſerted therein, ſuſpending and deferring the Execution thereof, until our Pleaſure be known, concerning the ſaid Act. *It is our further Will and Pleaſure*, that you do not for the Future paſs any Act, which may any Ways affect the Trade or Shipping of this our Kingdom, without a Clauſe expreſsly declaring, that the Act ſhall not be in Force, until it be approved and confirmed by us, our Heirs or Succeſſors; and you are to ſignify our Pleaſure herein, to the Council and Aſſembly of our Province of *New-York*, under your Government; and to take Care, that the ſame be punctually obſerved for the future, upon Pain of our higheſt Diſpleaſure.

G. R.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Wildman*, Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein mentioned.*

An Act, *for an Allowance to the Repreſentative of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany.

An Act, *for granting to the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precincts of* Cats-Kill *and* Coxhackey, *in the County of* Albany, *the Privilege of chuſing Yearly a Superviſor.*

An Act, *for reviving and continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Province.*

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An Act, *for naturalizing* Nicholas Caron, Abraham de Casserez, Tobias Boel, Henricus Boel, Jacob Pit, Jan Pit, *and* Samuel Richards.

An Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more useful, for the Security and Defence thereof.*

An Act, *for establishing Pilotage.*

An Act, *for encouraging the returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.*

An Act, *repealing that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An Act for restraining the taking of extravagant and excessive Usury, whereby Interest was reduced to Six* per Cent. per Annum.

The Speaker and the House being returned, he acquainted them, he was directed by his Excellency to adjourn the House, to the third *Tuesday* in *September* next, and the House was adjourned to the third *Tuesday* in *September* next accordingly; being the 16th of *September* 1718.

Die Martis, P. M. September 16, 1718.

HIS Excellency was pleased this Day, to adjourn the General Assembly by Proclamation to *Thursday* next.

Die Jovis, P. M. Sept. 18, 1718.

HIS Excellency was this Day pleased to adjourn the General Assembly by Proclamation to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, Sept. 22, 1718.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleased by Proclamation to adjourn the General Assembly to To-morrow.

Die Martis, Sept. 23, 1718.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleased by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Assembly to To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, Sept. 24, 1718.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this House, do attend his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House is met; he returned and informed the House, his Excellency required their Attendance at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the House, waited on his Excellency accordingly; the House being returned, Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair, and informed the House, that his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech; which he had obtained a Copy of, being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

HAVING *received from the Lords Commissioners for Trade, some Objections against the Acts for settling a Revenue for Support of Government; I judge it absolutely necessary, that you should meet as soon as possible, in Order to provide proper Remedies for such Matters, contained in these Acts, as have in the mean Time obstructed their Lordship's Recommendation of them to his Majesty, for his Approbation, and may if not remedy'd, lay them under the Necessity of laying them before him, for his Disallowance, which as it would be of dangerous Consequence to the Credit and Interest of this Colony, so I am persuaded, it would be no very agreeable Task to their Lordship's, who have its Interest and Prosperity so much at Heart, as it well appears from their own Words, which are these: 'We have considered the 'Revenue Act, and have some Objections to it, particularly it 'affects the Shipping and Navigation of this Kingdom, as you 'will see by the inclosed Paper of Objections; however we 'would not lay it before his Majesty to be repealed, because you 'say, the Repealing it would ruin the Trade of the Province; 'you must therefore move the Assembly, to pass a new Act, not 'liable to the said Objections, otherwise we shall be obliged to 'lay this Act before his Majesty, for his Disallowance, for no 'Acts are to be passed in the Plantations, whereby the Shipping 'and Navigation of this Kingdom are affected, as you will 'see more particularly, by his Majesty's Additional Instructions to 'you, of the 27th of* September *last; we have the like Objections which are also here inclosed to the Act, to oblige all Vessels 'trading to this Colony (except such as are therein excepted) to 'pay a certain Duty, &c. passed in* September 1716, *and for 'the same Reasons, we must desire you to get a new Act passed, 'not liable to the Objections.'*

The Paper containing the Objections, I shall lay before you, and earnestly intreat your immediate Attention, to the Application of proper Remedies; at the same Time, I must put you in Mind, that in the next Year, which is the last of your Revenue Act, it will prove very deficient, as was observed at the Time it passed; so that this may be a very proper Juncture, by a new Act for that Purpose, to remove all just Objections, guard against that Deficiency, and to make further Provision for the Support of his Majesty's Government here.

The Season of the Year calls for Dispatch, and the Case cannot admit of Delay, and I cannot easily persuade myself, that an Assembly, which has all along had, and has given conspicuous Marks, of a hearty Zeal for his Majesty, and sincere Regard to his Service, and has given such kind repeated Proofs of their intire Satisfaction with my Administration, will hesitate in what is now recommended to them, which so nearly concerns the Interest of those whom you represent, as well as that of the Government.

ROBERT HUNTER.

The Objections, entitled, *Observations on two Acts, passed in* New-York, *laying Duties on* Negroes, *&c.* were also read.

Resolved, That this House, will take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 25, 1718.

Ordered,

THAT his Excellency's Speech be printed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting a Jail and Court House, in the County of* Westchester; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That all the Bills under Committees, be reported by the several Committees, to whom they are committed, before the 3d Day of *October* next.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 26, 1718.

THE House met, and adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 29, 1718.

THE Speaker acquainted the House, he had received a Letter from Col. *Morris*, that he wanted the original Act, for settling the Excise; the two last Acts, for settling Tonnage, and the Act for settling the Revenue.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, do attend the Clerk of the Crown or his Deputy, and examine with the Originals in his Office, the printed Acts following, *viz.* The Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government, in the Province of *New-York*, &c. passed in the first Year of his Majesty's Reign. An Act for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, passed in the 12th Year of her late Majesty's Reign. An Act for levying and paying the several Duties therein mentioned, for the Use of this Colony; passed in the 13th Year of her late Majesty's Reign; and an Act to oblige all Vessels trading into this Colony, except such as are therein excepted, to pay a certain Duty, *&c.* passed in the 3d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, and transmit the said Acts, after they are examined to Col. *Morris*, by the first Opportunity.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 30, 1718.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 1, 1718.

THE Clerk of this House (according to Order) attended on the Deputy Secretary, who having compared the printed

printed Acts with the Original Act, in the Secretary's Office, attested them to be right; which were preſented to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1718.

MR. Speaker communicated to this Houſe, a Letter that he had received from Col. *Morris*, ſignifying that he had received the printed Acts he ſent for, and examined with the Originals.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, and making the ſame more uſeful and effectual for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1718.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands, in joint Tenancy or in Common, and making the ſame more uſeful and effectual for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1718.

MR. *Hendrick Hanſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tennancy or in Common, and making the ſame more uſeful and effectual for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabati, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1718.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, An Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tennancy or in common, and making the ſame more uſeful and effectual for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do deliver to Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, the Treaſurer of this Colony, a certain Bond, wherein Mr. *Francis Harriſon* and Mr. *Gilbert Livingſton*, with others, are bound to pay, 3750 Ounces of Plate, Lion Dollars, or Bills of Credit, Current Money of this Colony, to the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being, for one Year, purſuant to an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 4th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe of this Colony, for the Term of five Years, and to enable the Farmers thereof, effectually to collect the ſame.*

The above Bond being received,

Per *Abraham De Peyſter*, Treaſurer.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1718.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation (the Speaker being abſent) to adjourn the General Aſſembly to To-morrow.

Die Martis, October 7, 1718.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1718.

COL. *Morris*, preſented to the Houſe, the humble Repreſentation of the General Aſſembly, of his Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, to his Excellency the Governor; which was read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, take the ſame into Conſideration.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of certain Clauſes, in one Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the Supporting his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; paſſed in the Year 1715; and for the explaining certain Clauſes, in an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the Year 1716, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels, trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty; and for the further Explanation and making more effectual certain Clauſes in an Act, by which a Duty is laid on all* Negroes *and other Slaves, imported into this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1718.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of certain Clauſes in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the Supporting his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; paſſed in the Year 1715: *And for the explaining certain Clauſes, in an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the Year* 1716, entitled, *An Act to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty; and for the further Explanation and making more effectual, certain Clauſes in an Act, by which a Duty is laid on all* Negroes *and other Slaves*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Explaining of certain Clauſes, in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the Supporting his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; paſſed in the Year 1715, &c. and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and added a *Proviſo* thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the *Proviſo* be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration, The humble Repreſentation of the General Aſſembly, of his Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, to his Excellency the Governor;

Ordered, The ſame be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1718.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Explaining of certain Clauſes, in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the Supporting his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; paſſed in the Year 1715; *and for the Explanation of certain Clauſes, in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the Year* 1716, entitled, *An Act to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty; and for the further Explanation and making more effectual certain Clauſes in an Act, by which a Duty is laid on all* Negroes *and other Slaves, imported into this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Reſolved, That Mr. Speaker, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto, and that the whole Houſe do attend the Speaker at the ſame Time, with the engroſſed humble Repreſentation of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, to his Excellency; which was

read, being ſigned by Mr. Speaker, and all the Members preſent, and is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency Robert Hunter, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Cheif of the Provinces of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame,* &c.

The humble Repreſentation of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Colony of New-York.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

AS the Obſerves you made to the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, on the Conſequences that would attend the Repeal of the Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the Support of Government here,* were very juſt; ſo we pray, that you would return that Board, the Thanks of this Houſe, for the Regard they were pleaſed to pay to your Sentiments, and to aſſure them, that though poſſibly we may make Acts here, liable to their Cenſure; yet they are not made ſo, with any ill Deſign of hurting the Trade and Navigation of *Great Britain*; and that in particular, the two Acts, to which their Lordſhips have been pleaſed to make Objections, were by us intended for the ample Support of his Majeſty's Government here, and contrived (as we then thought) in ſuch a Manner, as would be moſt effectual for that Purpoſe, with moſt Eaſe to his Majeſty's Subjects, and to make thoſe of them, who received an Advantage by our Trade, contribute their Mite to the Support of that Government, which protected them and us in it. As all the Payments made for the Tonnage of *Britiſh* Veſſels, has amounted to but little above *Two Hundred Pounds* this Money, ſince the Act laying that Duty was paſſed, which is now above two Years; ſo the ill Effects of ſo ſmall a Sum, will not, we preſume, be conſidered with Reſpect to the *Britiſh* Trade, and we humbly hope, that when their Lordſhips are informed, that *Britiſh* Veſſels, as well as others, paid a Duty of Tonnage, by Virtue of an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the Year 1709, which continued to be paid without any Objection or Obſerve made on that Act, by the then Board of Trade: That the Inſtruction their Lordſhips mention, was not communicated till long after the Act they object againſt, was paſſed; That in *Virginia*, they pay ſuch a Duty, and that *Britiſh* ſhipping in moſt of the Plantations, are no more than others exempted, from paying a Duty according to their Tonnage for Powder Money; they will think favourably of us, for ſubjecting them to the ſame Duty, as their Fellow Subjects paid for the Support of his Majeſty's Government, which we were humbly of Opinion, would as well juſtify ſuch an Impoſition, as the Support of his Majeſty's Garriſons and Fortifications. We were not without Views of encouraging the Building of Shipping in this Colony, by exempting the Veſſels built here from that Duty and his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, trading in Ships built any where elſe, were as liable to that Duty as others, and as they have freed themſelves from it, by complying with the Intention of that Act, ſo if we are rightly informed, the trueſt and moſt advantageous Way for the Subjects of *Britain*, who are inclined to be concerned in our Trade, to obviate that Part of their Lordſhips Objections againſt the Act, is to anſwer the Ends of it. But this Hint, we ſubmit to be improved by Men of their Lordſhips great Wiſdom and Penetration. And in the mean Time have paſſed an Act, not liable to that Objection, nor to that of *Negroes* imported directly from *Africa* in Veſſels owned by Inhabitans of *Britain*, but we humbly hope their Lordſhips will not think it inconſiſtent with the Intereſt of *Britain*, to indulge us in continuing a difference of the Duty between Veſſels built in this Colony, and thoſe owned by Inhabitants of the neighbouring Plantations, and built elſewhere; and alſo a Difference betwixt the Duty of *Negroes*, brought directly from *Africa*, and thoſe brought from the Plantations; becauſe it will encourage a direct Importation from *Africa*, and diſcourage an Importation from the Plantations, by whom we are ſupplied with the Refuſe of their *Negroes* and ſuch Malefactors, as would have ſuffered Death in the Places from whence they came, had not the Avarice of their Owners, ſaved them from the publick Juſtice by an early Tranſportation into theſe Parts, where they not often fail of repeating their Crimes. We ſhall not enlarge on this Head, conceiving theſe and many more Reaſons will be obvious to their Lordſhips, and forceable enough to induce them to comply with our Deſire; and we become humble Supplicants to your Excellency, that while we have the Honour and Advantage of your Continuance in the Station you are at preſent in, that you will uſe your Endeavour to diſpoſe that Right Honourable Board, to continue ſo far their Favours, to a Province not inconſiderable in the Plantations, nor diſaffected to the preſent Government, as to lay no Acts made here, before his Majeſty for his Diſallowance, till they have ſignified their Objections to your Excellency, as they now have done, that we may model them according to their Lordſhips Deſire, or give ſuch Reaſons as they ſhall think ſufficient for his Majeſty's Approbation of them. And we perſuade ourſelves, your Excellency can ſet the Reaſonableneſs of this Deſire, in ſo clear a Light to their Lordſhips, that they will be induced to think

think it will be no Diſervice to his Majeſty, nor inconſiſtent with the Intereſt of *Britain* to grant.

Before we enter into any Remarks on their Lordſhips Objections or rather Obſervations, on the Act, *for Support of his Majeſty's Government here*, we beg your Excellency to call to Mind, the Circumſtances of this Colony at the Time of paſſing this Act, both with Reſpect to the Inhabitants themſelves and to the Government of it, which we preſume, if ſet in its natural Light before their Lordſhips, and duly conſidered, they will be of Opinion, that the raiſing ſo ample a Support for his Majeſty's Government here, and in the Manner it was then done, was not only a Compliance with our Duty, but a more than common Inſtance of our Affection to it, and the Perſon by his Majeſty placed over it, to whoſe good Addreſs and Managment, it was not a little owing.

The Province laid then under the Burden of a Land Tax, for two fruitleſs (if not whimſical) Expeditions to *Canada*; and what Support the Government then had, was raiſed that Way, which though very far ſhort of what your Excellency deemed neceſſary, yet was an Addition to that Burden, and made the raiſing of it difficult, occaſioned by the Poverty of the People. What was called a Revenue, *viz.* A Tax on Trade, for the Support of the Government was expired; the imprudent Management, and the extravagant Miſapplication of that Revenue by former Governors, had created a Debt of about *Forty Thouſand Pounds*, which with the Arts uſed by many, who tho t it their Intereſt to defeat any Act, that ſhould lay any Tax on Trade, had created ſuch an Averſion in the People, either to the paying of thoſe Debts, or to the raiſing any Support for the Government that Way, which indeed was the only Way that it could be done to any tolerable Effect, that both the one and the other was almoſt deſpaired of. As for the Payment of the publick Debts, though often recommended by the Earl of *Clarendon* and your Excellency, and at laſt happily effected; yet the Bulk of them was known to be occaſioned, by the Miſapplication of the publick Money and the Senſe of the Colony, was fully expreſſed to my Lord *Cornbury*, by the Aſſembly of that Time, in theſe Words :----- "Since the Peace, this Colony has raiſed above *Twenty Two Thouſand Pounds*, in publick Money, a great Part of which has been laviſhed ſo profuſedly, and applied contrary to the Ends for which it was given, and againſt the expreſs Letter, of both the Letters Patents and Inſtructions to the late Governor, that it muſt be no Wonder if the People (were they able) ſhould be averſe to giving, having freſh before their Eyes, ſuch apparent Examples of the unjuſt and unaccountable Diſpoſition of their Money."

His Lordſhip's Conduct during his Adminiſtration, gave but too much Reaſon for the Reflection; and by the like Methods added to thoſe Debts; by thoſe Means, the public Credit was brought to the loweſt Ebb; Numbers of People was complaining with Warrants on the Government in their Hands, which could not be paid, and Perſons of all Ranks were Sufferers for want of that Money which the Aſſemblies of this Colony had provided, and would have ſufficiently prevented moſt of thoſe Demands, were it not for the groſs Miſapplication of it; this the Aſſembly were not inſenſible of at the Time of paying thoſe Debts, as may appear by the Preamble of the Bill that paid Part of them: However, to reſtore the public Credit, and add new Vigour to a then languiſhing Trade, we paid Part of thoſe Debts, and ſtruck Bills of Credit to the Value of *Twenty Seven Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty Pounds*, for that Purpoſe, and have ſince paid the Remainder, amounting to about *Sixteen Thouſand Pounds* more, for which Bills of Credit are alſo ſtruck.

The great Increaſe of the Trade and Oppulency of this Province, has been an Effect ſo viſible of this Proceeding, that we are ſure your Excellency has not failed of obſerving it.

The great Averſion of the People in general to lay a Tax upon Trade for the Support of the Government, (though now for the moſt Part remov'd) you cannot be a Stranger to, nor with the Difficulties that were overcome to obtain the preſent Settlement; the laſt of which we recommend to your Excellency to repreſent to their Lordſhips, in ſuch Manner as you think will moſt conduce to the Benefit of this Province; and the firſt we think cannot be ſet in a clearer Light, than by a Reſolve of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the Time of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Clarendon*, then Lord *Cornbury*, before the Revenue expired, in theſe Words: "*Die "Sabatii, September* 11, 1708. *Reſolved, "That the raiſing of Money for a Support of "the Government, or other neceſſary Charge, "by any Tax, impoſt or Burden on Goods im- "ported or exported, or any Clog or Hindrance "on Traffic or Commerce, is found by Expe- "rience to be the Expulſion of many, and the "impoveriſhing of the Reſt of the Planters, "Freeholders and Inhabitants of this Colony, "and of moſt pernicious Conſequence, which if "continued, will unavoidably prove the Ruin "of the Colony.*"

Though we believe, as our Conduct has ſhewn, and Experience proves, that the Gentlemen were miſtaken in their Sentiments on this Head, yet they ſpoke the Senſe of the Colony they at that Time repreſented, and which

which continued to be the Opinion of no ſmall Part of it at the Time this Act was paſſed; ſo that it was very far from an eaſy Taſk to prevail on a People, upon whoſe Minds the Malverſations of a late Adminiſtration had made ſo deep an Impreſſion, to enter into thoſe Meaſures that they believed the Source of them; and once more to put it into the Power of a Governor to add to the Miſchiefs his Predeceſſor had done. However, the Experience they had of your Prudence and Juſtice, made them venture, and the Government wanting a Support, Affection, and a Senſe of Duty, prevailed, which gave riſe to the Act now objected againſt by their Lordſhips. And becauſe (as the Act ſays) the *Indian* Nations were very much wavering in their Faith and Allegiance to the Crown, his Majeſty's Forts and Fortifications in this Province very much gone to decay, and the Neceſſities of the Government in many Caſes ſuch, as did demand a more ſpeedy Supply than could from Time to Time come in by the Duties given by this Act; therefore Bills of Credit was ſtruck to anſwer theſe then preſent and preſſing Neceſſities, to the Value of *Six Thouſand Pounds.*

Now, we humbly repreſent to your Excellency, (and which we hope will have it's proper Regard at their Lordſhips Board) that theſe Expeditions were entered into, theſe Debts paid, this Government ſupported by us at the preſſing Inſtances of our Superiors; that it was the King's Governors, in their publick Capacity, that contracted theſe Debts; that it is the King's Government we ſupport; that upon the Bills of Credit ſtruck to anſwer theſe Ends, the Trade, the Well-being and Credit of this Province now depends; that if any Act be repealed, which will affect theſe Bills (as the Repeal of this will) the Credit of the Whole will ſink, and the Trade immediately ſtagnate, which will prove of much more dangerous Conſequence to the Trade and Intereſt of *Britain*, than a trivial and inconſiderable Duty of Tonnage, paid by but a few Veſſels, can affect their Navigation; and which, by the Way, is avoided in this Act as it now ſtands; that the Debts will return, and the Number of Sufferers be greater, and what is worſe, remedileſs; and laſtly, as the Expeditions, and all abovementioned have been Inſtances, that there may be ſometimes a Neceſſity to engage the Credit of this Colony, it will render every Thing of that Kind impracticable for the future; which is a Conſequence ſo fatal to his Majeſty's Service, that we are ſure their Lordſhips will, if poſſible, avoid.

As to the Obſervations their Lordſhips have made on this Act, we ſhall now ſpeak to them, and we hope to your Excellency's and their Lordſhips Satisfaction.

An Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; paſſed in *July*, 1715, will expire in *July*, 1720;

Lays Duties,

For every Pipe of Wine imported directly from the Place of it's Growth, Seven Ounces and an Half of Plate; from any other Place than that of it's Growth, Fifteen Ounces.

There are no Wines imported from *Great-Britain*, that we know of, and will join with their Lordſhips in Opinion, that there ought not to be a greater Duty on Wines ſo imported, than on thoſe imported from the Place of its Growth; it was purely an Omiſſion, and done without Deſign.

Query. If any Wines are imported from *Great-Britain*, and if they are liable to the Duty of 15 Ounces, which ought not to be?

Such Importation not having been, but becauſe 'tis poſſible it may be, we have rectified that Miſtake, and put them on the ſame Foot with Wines directly imported.

For all *European* Goods imported from *Boſton*, for every £. 100 Value prime Coſt, 12 Ounces.

Ditto, imported from any other of his Majeſty's Plantations, 18 Ounces and three Quarters of Plate.

The laying a different Duty on *European* Goods imported from the Plantations, from what was paid for Goods directly imported from *Britain*, was firſt recommended to the General Aſſembly of this Colony, in a Speech made to them the 14th of *June*, 1705, by his then Excellency the Lord *Cornbury*; and the Thing in itſelf we take to be reaſonable, becauſe it encourages a direct Importation from *Britain*, by which we are ſupplied with good Commodities, inſtead of bad, from the Plantations; and are humbly of Opinion, it is of Advantage to the *Britiſh* Exportation, and a ſmall Means of encreaſing their Navigation, as well as a Benefit to ourſelves, we being uſually ſupplied from the Plantations, eſpecially the *Weſt-India* Iſlands, with the Refuſe of their Shops and Ware-Houſes, and ſuch, as for the moſt Part, were rotten or damnified with long lying.

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N. B. As no Mention is made of any Duty on *European* Goods imported directly from *Great-Britain*: *Query*, What Duty do they pay?

N. B. Because no Mention is made of any Duty on *European* Goods directly imported; therefore answer, They pay none. But perhaps their Lordships might suppose they paid a Duty by Virtue of some other Act, and desired to know; your Excellency can easily inform them, there is no Duty laid on them by any Act now in Force, or that has been in Force since the Revenue expired.

But we beg Leave to inform your Excellency, that they formerly paid a Duty of Two and an Half *per Cent.* towards the Support of the Government, which continued a long Time; and since there will be a Deficiency in the last Year of this Act, and their Lordships Objections against the Tonnage of *British* Vessels, will make a further Deficiency, we presume their Lordships cannot be displeased if we revive that Duty to make up that Defect, the Trade of this Province being mostly carried on at the Risque of the Inhabitants of it. Such a Duty will be a Tax only on ourselves; and if any *British* Merchants think it worth their while to adventure any Part of their Stocks in this Trade, it is, as we humbly conceive, not unreasonable they be subjected to the same Duty the Inhabitants are under, in the Case of *European* Goods as well as Wine, imported by them, which their Lordships does not seem to disapprove of, and is paid by the Purchasers of those Commodities, which are the Inhabitants of this Colony.

What relates to the Importation of *Negroes*, is already spoke to; and upon the Whole, we beg your Excellency would assure their Lordships, that as we always have, so we shall be very willing to give a Support for his Majesty's Government here, and, if we can, in such a Manner as will be most agreeable to his Majesty, and most for the Ease of his Subjects; and that at this Time it cannot be effectually done, without an Impost on the Importations or Exportations of this Province.

We are his Majesty's loyal Subjects, and your Excellency's humble Servants.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of general Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the easier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy, or in Common; and making the same more useful and effectual for the Purposes therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

Then the Speaker with the House, waited on his Excellency, and presented the engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of certain Clauses in an Act of General Assembly, of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Majesty's Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for striking Bills of Credit for that Purpose, passed in the Year* 1715, *and for explaining certain Clauses in an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, made in the Year* 1716, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Vessels trading into this Colony (except such as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty*, &c.

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and their Representation to him. Being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That his Excellency did receive their Address very kindly; and promised to use his utmost Endeavours for the Service of this Colony, that had given so many Testimonies of their Loyalty and Affection to his Government.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1718.

THE Memorial of *John Johnston*, Esq; Mayor of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that a *Spanish* Vessel had taken a Sloop and Cargo, bound from the Island of *Coracoa* to the City of *New-York*, upon the High Seas, wholly owned by himself, and carried her into *St. Juan de Porto Rico*; praying the Assistance of this House, to make a proper Representation of the same, that such Proceedures may be prevented.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do prepare the Draught of a Letter to the Agent at the Court *of Great-Britain*, in Relation to the Memorial; and that the said Agent be directed to sollicit that Affair at the publick Charge of this Colony: and that he also prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, to make such Representations of the same as he shall think proper, to his Majesty, and his Ministers, that the Memorialist may have Relief, and such Practices hindered for the future.

The Petition of *Abraham Van Horne*, *John Kelly*, *Robert Law*, and *Andrew Fannavile*, of the City of *New-York*, Merchants, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may be relieved in paying the Duty for *Negroes* that died soon after they were landed.

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration by this House.

Mr. *Gilbert Livingston*, one of the Farmers of the Excise of this Colony, attending without, was called in, and acquainted the House, the Farmers designed to Farm the Excise the ensuing Year, under the same Terms they had taken it this Year; and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1718.

COL. *Morris*, (according to Order) presented to the House, the Draught of a Letter to the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, in Relation to the Memorial of the Mayor of the City of *New-York*; and an Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor thereon; which being read;

Resolved, That this House will take the Draught of the Letter and the Address to his Excellency, into Consideration, To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *George Clark*, Eſq; that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining certain Clauſes in an Act of the General-Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a ſupply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe, paſſed in the Year* 1715; *and for the Explanation of certain Clauſes in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the Year* 1716, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty; and for the further Explanation and making more effectual certain Clauſes in an Act, by which a Duty is laid on all* Negroes, *and other Slaves imported into this Colony*; without any Amendment.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Petition of *Abraham Van Horne*, *John Kelly*, *Robert Law*, and *Andrew Fanevile*;

Ordered, That the Petition be rejected.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration the Draught of a Letter to the Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and an Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency; after ſome Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Letter and Addreſs be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer of this Colony to remit to* Ambroſe Philips, *Eſq*; *the Sum of* 187 *Ounces and* ½ *of Plate, for the Service of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Willet* and Mr. *Terbeſch*, have Leave to go Home.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1718.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1718.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer of this Colony to remit to* Ambroſe Philipſe, *Eſq*; *the Sum of* 187 *Ounces and* ½ *of Plate, for the Service of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the ſame, without an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, was read, and ſigned by the Speaker and all the Members preſent, and is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE humbly preſume that your Excellency has been informed, that a Sloop with her Cargo, belonging to the Mayor of this City, was, on her Voyage to this Port, taken by Subjects of the King of *Spain*, and carried into St. *Juan de Porto Rico*, an Iſland under the Obedience of his Catholic Majeſty, and there in a Court of Admiralty condemned, though the Maſter had neither directly or indirectly traded or trafficked, or attempted to trade or traffick in any Port belonging to his Catholick Majeſty, or with any of his Subjects; and that not only the ſaid Sloop, but others belonging to this Port, have been taken by the *Spaniards*, in their Voyages to and from the *Weſt-Indies*, with only the Produce of his Majeſty's Plantations on board.

We are alſo informed, that ſeveral Veſſels are fitting out at *Porto Rico*, in order to ſeize ſuch *Engliſh* Veſſels as ſhall paſs that Way, which will render our Trade, and the Supply of Proviſions to the *Weſt-India* Iſlands, precarious; and this being of moſt fatal Conſequence to the Trade of this Colony, we humbly pray your Excellency, that you would repreſent it in ſuch Manner to his Majeſty and his Miniſters, that Reſtitution may be made to the Mayor of this City, and, if poſſible, ſuch unjuſt Proceedings prevented for the future.

The engroſſed Letter from this Houſe, to *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*, was read; and ſigned by Mr. Speaker, and all the Members preſent.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer of this Colony, to remit to* Ambroſe Philipſe, *Eſq*; *the Sum of* 187 *Ounces and a Half of Plate, for the Service of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, The Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That Mr. Speaker and this Houſe, do attend his Excellency and preſent their Addreſs.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, waited on his Excellency with the Addreſs accordingly; and being returned, acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency received their Addreſs, and promiſed to repreſent their Deſires, as effectually as he could to his Majeſty.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, next *Friday* Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer of this Colony, to remit to* Ambroſe Philipſe, *Eſq*; *the Sum of* 187 *Ounces and a Half of Plate, for the Service of this Colony*; without Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *John Johnſton*, Eſq; that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Quantity of* 53 *Ounces and a Half of Plate, unto* Willempie Uytden Bogart, *Widow*, without Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1718.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this Houſe, do by the firſt good Opportunities, tranſmit to *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; Agent at the Court of *Great Britain* for this Colony, the Letter of this Houſe to him, and ſuch Papers as are therein mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1718.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philipſe*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries, between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garretſen, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus Du Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, Roeloff Swartwout, Cornelius Lammerſe, Peter Pieterſe, Lawrence Ooſterhout *and* Jannetie Newkirk, *ſituate, lying and being in the County of* Ulſter, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted by Patent, unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Truſtees for and on the Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble Town, *in the County of* Ulſter *aforeſaid*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which being read; were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, do carry the Bill, with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Alexander*, the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency deſires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber in Fort George, *immediately.*

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Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Acts, *viz*

An Act, for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, and making the ſame more uſeful and effectual for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act, explaining certain Clauſes in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for the ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York; *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; paſſed in the Year 1715: *And for the Explanation of certain Clauſes in an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, made in the Year* 1716, entitled, *An Act to oblige all Veſſels trading into this Colony (except ſuch as are therein excepted) to pay a certain Duty; and for the further Explanation and making more effectual certain Clauſes in an Act, by which a Duty is laid on all Negroes and other Slaves imported into this Colony.*

An Act, to enable the Treaſurer of this Colony, to remit to Ambroſe Philipſe, *Eſq; the Sum of* 187 *Ounces and a Half of Plate, for the Service of this Colony.*

An Act, for paying the Quantity of 53 *Ounces and a Half of Plate, unto* Johannis Van Zandt; *and the Quantity of* 12 *Ounces and a Half of Plate, unto* Willempie Uytden Bogart, *Widow.*

And *An Act, for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garretſen, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus Du Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, Roeloff Swartwout, Cornelius Lammerſe, Peter Peterſe, Lawrence Oſterhout *and* Jannetſe Newkirk, *ſituate lying and being in the County of* Ulſter, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted by Patent, unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Truſtees for and in the Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble *Town, in the County of* Ulſter, *aforeſaid*; which Acts were publiſhed the ſame Day. The Speaker, with the Houſe, being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had directed them to adjourn, to the firſt *Tueſday* in *April* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to the firſt *Tueſday* in next *April* accordingly.

Die Martis, A. M. April 7, 1719.

THERE not being a Quorum of the Members in Town, his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe, to *Tueſday* next.

Die Martis, April 14, 1719.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the Houſe, to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, April 20, 1719.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1719.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Haring*, have Leave to go Home upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1719.

THE Clerk acquainted the Houſe, he had received a Letter from Mr. *Ambroſe Philipſe*, the Agent; which was read.

Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, he had received a Letter from Mr. *Philipſe*; which was read.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1719.

MR. *Alexander* the Deputy Secretary attending without, being called in; acquainted Mr. Speaker, his Excellency was indiſpoſed, and had therefore commanded him to deliver his Speech in writing, which was read; and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

MY preſent State of Health, obliges me to ſend in Writing, what I had to recommend to you at the Opening of this Seſſion To-day.

I was ſolicitous, that you ſhould meet at this Time, that we might be in a Readineſs to put in Execution ſuch Orders, as his Majeſty might think neceſſary to ſend us, in Relation to the juſt and neceſſary War, he has declared againſt *Spain*. The Ship which probably brings theſe Orders, is not yet arrived, but hourly expected. The News you have had, of that Enemy's deſigned Attempt upon the Kingdom of *Ireland*, will eaſily perſuade you, that how impoſſible ſo ever an Enterprize of the like Nature upon theſe Parts may appear to be, it is not impoſſible, eſpecially conſidering the daily Reports of their equipping of Ships of War in their *American* Ports. Fury and Reſentment may carry them thither, where they think they may do the greateſt and cheapeſt Damage. I look upon the Militia with the regular Force we have, to be a ſufficient Guard to the Province; but I think, that for the better Defence of this City, there is a Neceſſity of renewing and repairing the two Batteries at the Entrance of this Haven, which are entirely ruined by the Injuries of Time and Tempeſts; for that Purpoſe, I deſire you would prepare a Bill for the defraying that Expence, and if you think fit, in the mean Time, to paſs a Vote of Credit for that Uſe, I ſhall ſet to Work immediately that no Time may be loſt.

In the next Place, it will be neceſſary that you inform yourſelves, from your Treaſurer and the other Officers, of the preſent State of the Revenue, that you may in Time provide for the Deficiency in theſe Funds, in this enſuing laſt Year of their Date, which was foreſeen, and I doubt you'll find to be conſiderable, as well as the Ways and Means, for the future Support of his Majeſty's Government here, towards which you have ever ſhewn the warmeſt Zeal and Affection.

The late Attempt of ſome wicked Men, to counterfeit your Bills of Credit, I hope is in a great Meaſure diſappointed, by the early Diſcovery and the Flight of the Perſons guilty in all Appearance, for the finding and ſecuring of whom, I have uſed all poſſible Diligence. I ſubmit it to you, whether it may not be neceſſary to paſs a Law, forbidding the Currency of all Bills above a certain Value, which ſhall be paſted on the Backſide, after a certain Time fixed, by which Time the Treaſurer may change true Bills, ſo paſted with others which he is to ſink; for this Counterfeit is concealed

concealed by the Means of ſuch Paſting, as theſe falſe Bills will convince you.

You know that the Time approaches, when your Country Affairs will rèquire your Receſs, that will induce you to give all due Diſpatch to Buſineſs before you. I ſhall acquaint you from Time to Time, with what occurs to me, which may be neceſſary for your Conſideration.

R. HUNTER.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do Addreſs his Excellency, and thank him for his favourable Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker and Col. *Morris*, do draw up an Addreſs accordingly.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1719.

MR. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, he and Col. *Morris*, had (according to Order) prepared an Addreſs to his Excellency, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, The Addreſs be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1719.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they are of Opinion, the Treaſurer of this Colony, ought to lay before this Houſe, the annual State of his Majeſty's Revenue in this Colony, and the Diſcharge of the ſame; and that the Officer for collecting the Duties of Tonnage and *Negroes*, the Weigh Maſter and the Vendue Maſter, do ſeverally lay before this Houſe, their annual Entries of Receipts and Payments of their reſpective Offices; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, the annual State of his Majeſty's Revenue in this Colony, and the Diſcharge of the ſame, with all convenient Speed.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer, Weigh Maſter and Vendue Maſter, do with all convenient Speed, ſeverally lay before this Houſe, their reſpective Accounts of the Money, annually ariſing or becoming due, on ſuch Branches of the Revenue, as each of them are appointed to collect and receive.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1719.

THE engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe, to his Excellency, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; being as followeth, *viz.*

To his Excellency *Robert Hunter*, Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of *New-York*, *New-Jerſey*, and Territories depending thereon in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the ſame, *&c.*

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*.

SIR,

WE are truly ſorrowful, as we believe every good Man, under your Government is, for your Excellency's Indiſpoſition, but hope it will not be of any long Duration, or render you incapable of continuing your good Offices to the People of this Province, and Care for the Welfare of it.

The Endeavours you have uſed to apprehend the Perſons ſuppoſed guilty of Counterfeiting the publick Bills of Credit, we hope will at laſt, be attended with the deſired Effect, of bringing them to public Juſtice, and in the mean Time, put a Stop to the Currency of ſuch Bills: We will conſider that and all the other Parts of your Excellency's Speech; and will endeavour to do what will be moſt conducive to his Majeſty's Service and the Benefit of this Province.

We thank you for your kind Expreſſions to us, and will make it our Study, always to deſerve your Eſteem and his Majeſty's favourable Opinion; and notwithſtanding the Attempts, we are informed have been made by ſome Perſons, Strangers to us and our Affairs, to give his Majeſty and our Superiors, different Sentiments of an Aſſembly, who we perſuade ourſelves, you believe we have given manifeſt Proofs of their Duty and Affection.

The Petitions and Memorials they made to traduce us, we are told, have been tranſmitted to your Excellency, which we pray you would Order to be laid before us, that we may have the Opportunity of vindicating our Innocency.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame in Behalf of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* and Col. *Provoſt*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the General Aſſembly have agreed upon an Addreſs to his Excellency, and deſire he would let the Houſe know, when his Excellency would be pleaſed to admit them to wait on him with it.

Col. *Morris*, acquainted the Houſe they had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, to know when he would be attended by the Houſe with their Addreſs; his Excellency was pleaſed to appoint immediately.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and Mr. Speaker and the Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to receive the ſame very kindly, and thanked them for the Concern they expreſſed for his Indiſpotion, and aſſured them, he would take all Opportunities of doing ſuch good Offices to this Province, as ſhould be in his Power, and lay before them the Papers they deſired, and what Anſwer had been made to them, by the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council.

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 30, 1719.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 1, 1719.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for erecting* King's *County and* Queen's *County, on the Iſland of* Naſſau, *into one County, by the Name of* King George's *County, and to allow the Inhabitants of the ſaid* King George's *County, to elect ſix Perſons to repreſent them in the General Aſſembly of the Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put, that the Bill be committed? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be rejected? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be rejected.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terboſch*, have Leave to go Home for ſix Days, his Family being indiſpoſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1719.

MR. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had directed him to communicate to this Houſe, a Letter his Excellency had received from the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade, the abuſe of Pitch and Tar, tranſported from this Province

Province to *Great-Britain*, dated at *Whitehall*, *March* the 5th $17\frac{17}{18}$; which was read.

Resolved, That this House will take the same into Consideration.

Mr. *Alexander*, the Deputy Secretary, laid before this House, the Papers they desired of his Excellency, in their Address to him; which were read.

Resolved, That this House, will next *Wednesday*, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1719.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *General Account, of what have and am to receive for Support of Government of this Colony, by Entries on Wine, Rum and Dry Goods; also what have received on Cocoa, Tonnage of Vessels, and* Negro *Slaves, and Weigh House; what have paid, and Bills cancelled, according to an Act of General Assembly, passed in* July 1715; *and Warrants as are drawn every Year for Support of Government*; which were read.

Col. *Provoost* (according to Order) laid before this House, the whole Account of the Duty of Tonnage of Vessels and *Negro* Slaves, from the first Day of *July* 1715, to the last Day of *January* $171\frac{8}{9}$.

Cadwallader Colden, Esq; the Weigh Master (according to Order) laid before this House an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Duties of Flour, Bread and Cocoa, received at his Majesty's Weigh House, and paid to the Treasurer by the present Weigh Master, being from the 16th of* May 1718, *to the 16th of* February *next ensuing*.

Ordered, That the several Accounts, be committed to Alderman *Kipp*, Capt. *Lewis*, Judge *Sebring*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Hendrick Hansen*, Capt. *Stillwell*, Col. *Provoost*, Alderman *Jansen* and Col. *Chambers*, or any Five of them, to audit and examine the same, and report their Opinion thereof to this House, and that the Committee have Power to send for Persons and Papers.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 5, 1719.

THE House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1719.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, *Friday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider farther of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1719.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 8, 1719.

COL. *Lurting* (according to Order) presented to this House an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of Goods sold at publick Vendue, since the Commencement of an Act of General Assembly, for paying three* per Cent. which Act was published the 15th of *May* 1717; and also an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of Goods sold at publick Vendue, paying three* per Cent. *from the 24th of* May 1718, *to the 24th of* February $171\frac{8}{19}$, *being three Quarters of the second Year*, and then withdrew; which were read.

Ordered, That the said Accounts, be referred to the Committee, to whom the Accounts of the Treasurer of this Colony, of the Tonnage of Vessels and *Negro* Slaves, and the Weigh Masters Account of the Duties of Flour, Bread and Cocoa, received at his Majesty's Weigh House; was committed.

Ordered, That the Printer do lay before this House, a Copy of an Act, passed in the Province of *New-Jersey*, that directs the running the Division Line between that Province and the Province of *New-York*; and also a Copy of an Act passed in the Province of *New-Jersey*, that relates to raking of Oysters, To-morrow Morning.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 9, 1719.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this House do prepare and bring in a Bill to continue an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods sold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*, for two Years.

The Clerk informed this House, that he had served the Printer with an Order of this House, to lay before them a Copy of an Act passed in the Province of *New-Jersey*, that directs the running the Division Line between that Province and the Province of *New-York*; and also a Copy of an Act passed in the Province of *New-Jersey*, that relates to raking of Oysters; and that the said Printer had told him, they were delivered to Mr. *Alexander*, Clerk to the Council in the Province of *New-Jersey*; and that the said Printer was going to the said Province, and would endeavour to get the said Acts, and on his Return would lay the Copies thereof before this House, if he could obtain them.

Ordered, That Alderman *Jansen*, and Alderman *Kip*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him with the Desire of this House, to send an Express to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to apprehend the Accomplices of one *Andries Henning*, committed to the common Goal of this City for dispersing false *Spanish* Pieces of Eight.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *May* 11, 1719.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods sold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Alderman *Jansen*, Col. *Provoost*, Capt. *Lewis*, Mr. *Coejeman*, and Alderman *Kip*, or any three of them, be a Committee of this House, to inspect the Acts of this Province, and report to this House what temporary Acts are expired, and near expiring by their own Limitation, and their Opinion which of them are necessary to be continued and revived.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 12, 1719.

ALDERMAN *Jansen*, reported from the Committee appointed to inspect the Acts of this Province, that they had perused the same, and found the following Laws were expired by their own Limitation, *viz.* *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves*, passed in the Year 1702; *An* Act, *for encouraging Navigation*, passed in the first Year of his Majesty's Reign; *An* Act, *for regulating and returning able and sufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, passed in the eleventh Year of the Reign of the late King *William*; And, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and for raising the Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champanty, *Esq; deceased*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, the said Laws ought to be revived; which was read to the House.

Ordered, The same be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 12, 1719.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, *Thursday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Acts of this

Province. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That an Act for regulating Slaves, paſſed in the Year 1702, expired by its own Limitation, be revived for 7 Years.

Reſolved, That an Act, for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law, expired by its own Limitation, paſſed in the 11th Year of the Reign of the late King *William*, be revived for 7 Years.

Reſolved, That an Act, appointing an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and for raiſing of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of *John Champanty*, Eſq; deceaſed, expired by its own Limitation, be revived for one Year.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do prepare and bring into this Houſe, the Bills for reviving the ſaid ſeveral Acts.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing an Exception or Proviſo, mentioned and expreſſed in one Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving publick common Highways in this Colony; and for the erecting and building a County Goal and County Houſe in the County of* Richmond; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1719.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the ſecond Time; and a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Act be revived for two Years? It was carried in the Affirmative. The Bill, and Title thereof being amended at the Table;

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing an Exception or Proviſo, mentioned and expreſſed in one Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better laying out, regulating, clearing and preſerving public common Highways in this Colony; and for the erecting and building a County Goal and County Houſe in the County of* Richmond; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and for raiſing of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champanty, *Eſq; deceaſed*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Iſabella Davis*, the Widow of *William Davis*, late of the City of *New-York*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable her to ſell 4 Lots of Land in the ſaid City, to pay the Remainder of her Huſband's Debts, and aſſiſt her towards the ſupporting herſelf and Children.

Ordered, The Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 13, 1719.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 30 *Ounces of Plate, for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1719.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act, for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Outcry*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Major *Sebring*, reported from the Committee appointed to audit and examine the Accounts of the Treaſurer of this Colony, the Accounts of the Tonnage Officer, and Weigh Maſter, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to this Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Amount of what the Treaſurer has received of the ſeveral Branches of the Revenue, ſince the firſt Day of *July*, 1715, 'till the 4th of this Inſtant Month of *May*, 1719, being the Sum of *Sixteen Thouſand Eight Hundred and Thirty Pounds, Four Shillings and Two Pence Half-penny*, as appears by his Account laid before this Houſe; and likewiſe the Sum of *Six Thouſand Pounds*, delivered him in *July*, 1715, by the Commiſſioners, in Bills of Credit, ſigned by them, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Purpoſe*; being in all the Sum of *Twenty Two Thouſand Eight Hundred and Thirty Pounds, Four Shillings and Two Pence Half-penny*; out of which Sum the Treaſurer has paid (as is directed by Act of the Aſſembly as aboveſaid, and by Warrants of his Excellency and Council, from *Auguſt*, 1715, 'till the 4th of *May*, 1719) the Sum of *Twenty one Thouſand Two Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Five Shillings and Five Pence Half-penny*, as may appear by his Account delivered as aboveſaid; ſo that there will remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer, according to the Account laid by him before this Houſe, of the Amount of the Revenue from *July*, 1715, 'till the 4th of *May*, 1719, when received, the Sum of *One Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighteen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence.*

Reſolved, There alſo will remain in the Hands of the Tonnage Officer, according to the Account laid by him before this Houſe, Part of the Amount of that Duty from *July*, 1715, 'till the 1ſt of *January*, $17\frac{18}{19}$, when received, *Seven Hundred and Twenty Eight Pounds, One Shilling*, the total Sum being *Two Thouſand Three Hundred and Forty Six Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Nine Pence*; out of which ſaid Sum there is to be ſunk, *One Thouſand Two Hundred Pounds*, the 1ſt of *July* next, in Bills of Credit made current in this Colony by Virtue of the ſaid Act; and alſo for paying the Sum of *Five Hundred Ninety Two Pounds Ten Shillings*, for one Quarter of a Years Sallary, to the 13th Day of *June*, 1719; which amounts to the Sum of *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Ninety two Pounds Ten Shillings*; ſo that there remains in Favour of the Revenue, the Sum of *Five Hundred and Fifty Four Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine Pence*, beſides what the Income will be from the 4th of *May*, to the Treaſurer on the Duties on Wine, &c. And alſo, that of the Tonnage Officer, from the 1ſt of *January* laſt, 'till the 1ſt Day of *July* next, on the Duty of Tonnage of Veſſels and *Negroe* Slaves. And alſo that of the Weigh Maſter from the 16th of *February* laſt, to the firſt of *July*, 1719; all which is humbly ſubmitted.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 14, 1719.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, *Saturday* next.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing of* 30 *Ounces of Plate for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and for raiſing of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof in the Room of* John Champanty, *Eſq; deceaſed*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1719.

COL. *Morris*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Juſtices of the Peace to build and repair Goals and Court Houſes in the ſeveral Counties of this Province*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, that the Agent for this Colony at the Court

Court of *Great-Britain*, may obtain an Order on the Treasurer for his Sallary; and the House being informed a Person in this Province was appointed to receive the same;

Ordered, That Alderman *Jansen*, do make Inquiry for the Person, and acquaint this House of his Progress therein.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 15, 1719.

ALDERMAN *Jansen*, informed the House, that (according to Order) he had inquired for the Person that had an Order from the Agent of this Colony, to receive his Sallary, and that one Mr. *Nathan Simson*, who had said Order, was attending without; being called in, presented to the House a Bill drawn by *Ambrose Philipse*, Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, on Col. *De Peyster*, Treasurer of this Colony, for 500 Ounces of Plate, being his Years Sallary, ending the 25th of *December*, 1718.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do sign an Order for the Treasurer to pay to Mr. *Nathan Simson*, 500 Ounces of Plate accordingly; an Order being drawn, Mr. Speaker signed the same.

Col. *Willet*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising the Quantity of 60 Ounces of Plate for the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock *Wednesday* Morning next.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1719.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Justices of the Peace to build and repair Goals and Court Houses in the several Counties of this Province*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great Britain, *and for raising of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champanty, *Esq; deceased*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for regulating Slaves*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the regulating and returning able and sufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1719.

THE House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 21, 1719.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1719.

COL. *Provoost*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming unto* Matthias De Mott, *his Heirs and Assigns for ever, a certain Tract of Land, situate and being in the County of* Ulster, *in the Province of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and find the Allegations in the said Bill are not fully proved, therefore are of Opinion the said Bill be rejected; which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Bill be rejected accordingly.

Capt. *Stillwell*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing an Exception or Proviso, mentioned and expressed in one Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act, for the better laying-out, regulating, clearing and preserving, publick common Highways in this Colony, and for the erecting and building a County Jail and County House, in the County of* Richmond; was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Petition of some of the principal Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Haverstraw*, in the County of *Orange*, in Behalf of themselves and others; was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable them to choose a Supervisor, a Collector, two Assessors, a Constable and two Overseers of the Highways.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 22, 1719.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* 60 *Ounces of Plate, for the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Karel Hansen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Rams running at large, in the Township of* Hempstead *in* Queen's *County*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Alexander*, the Deputy Secretary, delivered to the Clerk of this House, a Bond given by Mr. *Gilbert Livingston* and Mr. *Francis Harrison*, Farmers of the Excise of this Province, for the present Year 1719.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do deliver the said Bond to the Treasurer of this Province.

The House, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Justices of the Peace to build and repair Goals and Court Houses, in the several Counties of this Province.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill *Tuesday* next.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 23, 1719.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Rutsen*, have Leave to go Home, for ten Days on extrordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1719.

CAPT. *Van Horne*, acquainted this House (that according to Order) he had delivered to the Treasurer of this Province, a Bond, received by the Clerk of this House, from Mr. *Alexander*, the Deputy Secretary, given by Mr. *Gilbert Livingston* and Mr. *Francis Harrison*, Farmers of the Excise of this Province, and others, for which he produced a Receipt from the Treasurer for the same, which he presented to the House; and being received, was read.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 26, 1719.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Pretincts of* Haverstraw, *in the County of* Orange, *to choose a Supervisor, a Collector, two Assessors, one Constable and two Overseers of Highways*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill,

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Bridge over the* Creek *or* Kill, *called* Kinderhook's Creek *or* Kill, *in the County of* Albany, *and for altering the Highway in that Part of the ſaid County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Rams running at large in the Townſhip of* Hempſtead, *in* Queen's *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Printer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe an Act, made in the Province of *New-Jerſey*, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Diviſion Line, betwixt this Province, and the Province of* New-York. And,

An Act, made in the Province of *New-Jerſey*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the preſerving of Oyſters in the Province of* New-Jerſey.

Ordered, That the Acts do lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Mr. *Sebring*, preſented to the Houſe, ſeveral Papers of Mr. *Samuel Champantie*, Brother to, and Executor of the laſt Will, of *John Champantie*, Eſq; deceaſed, late Agent for this Province, at the Court of *Great Britain*, relating to Arrears due for that Service.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

The Petition of the Coopers, Freemen and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, for themſelves and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a Duty may be laid on empty Caſk, imported from the neigbouring Colonies or prohibited.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Petition be referred to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and that they report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1719.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precincts of* Haverſtraw, *in the County of* Orange, *to chooſe a Superviſor, a Collector, two Aſſeſſors, one Conſtable, and two Overſeers of Highways*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 27, 1719.

THE Petition of *Thomas Hunt*, jun. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe, for vacating a Deed or Deeds, made by *Thomas Hunt* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, the Petitioner's Father and Mother, of certain Lands in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, unto *James Pugſley*, of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Bridge over the* Creek *or* Kill, *called* Kinderhook's Creek *or* Kill, *in the County of* Albany, *and for altering the Highway, in that Part of the ſaid County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by this Houſe, and are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, *That if the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, receives certain Intelligence, that an armed Force of Enemies are deſigned to make a Deſcent upon this Province; that this Houſe will pay for the erecting ſuch Batteries and Fortifications, as ſhall by the Governor or Commander in Chief, with Advice of his Majeſty's Council, for the Time being, be judged of abſolute Neceſſity for the Defence of this Colony. The State of the Revenue has been inquired into, and they are of Opinion, there will be no Deficiency in the Funds at the Expiration of five Years; but on the contrary, there will be Money in the Treaſurer's Hands; but if a Deficiency ſhould happen*;

Reſolved, That publick Credit ſhall be ſupported.

Reſolved, That a Revenue be raiſed and continued, for the Support of his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, for one Year after the Expiration of the preſent Revenue.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing an Exception or Proviſo, mentioned and expreſſed in one Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways in this Colony, and for the erecting and building a County Jail and County Houſe in the County of* Richmond, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 28, 1719.

COL. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Juſtices of the Peace, to build and repair Jails and Court Houſes in the ſeveral Counties of this Province*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be made immediately; which was read.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be re-committed? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Houſe adjourn till *Monday* next? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Houſe be adjourned till *Saturday* next? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1719.

THE Petition of *Tedeus Beekman*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring a Bill into this Houſe, that he may be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1719.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating the Freeholders and Inhabitants, to the Weſtward of the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Tedeus Beekman; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to vacate and diſannul, a certain Deed or Deeds of Settlement, ſaid to be made and executed by* Thomas Hunt *and* Elizabeth *his Wife, of the Borough and Town of* Weſtcheſter, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *but fraudulently obtained by* James Pugſley, *of the ſame Place, their Grand Child by one of their Daughters, in favour of the ſaid* James Pugſley, *and his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, to the Diſheriſon and Prejudice of* Thomas Hunt, *junior, the Heir at Law*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1719.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating the Freeholders and Inhabitants, to the Weſtward of the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Tedeus Beekman; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to vacate and diſannul, certain Deed or Deeds of Settlement, ſaid to be made and executed by* Thomas Hunt *and* Elizabeth *his Wife, of the Borough and*

Town of Weſtcheſter, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter; *but fraudulently obtained by* James Pugſley, *of the ſame Place, their Grand Child, by one of their Daughters, in Favour of the ſame* James Pugſley, *and his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, to the Diſinheriſon and Prejudice of* Thomas Hunt, *jun. the Heir at Law*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Col. *Hicks*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Rams running at large, in the Townſhip of* Hempſtead *in* Queen's *County*, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame, without an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1719.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to elect Superviſors in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Juſtices of the Peace, to build and repair Goals and Court Houſes in the ſeveral Counties of this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1719.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1719.

THE Houſe proceeding to take into Conſideration the Support of his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, for one Year after the Expiration of the preſent Revenue;

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly; and that Mr. Speaker and Col. Morris, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to elect Superviſors in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1719.

MAJOR *Sebring*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to elect Superviſors in* Dutcheſs *County*, was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precincts of* Haverſtraw, *in the County of* Orange, *to chooſe a Superviſor, a Collector, two Aſſeſſors, one Conſtable and two Overſeers of Highways*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 4, 1719.

MR. Speaker (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1719.

THE Petition of *Jan Van Taerlingh*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be naturalized, and that his Name may be inſerted in a Bill before this Houſe, for naturalizing *Tedeus Beekman*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to inſert the Name of *Jan Van Taerlingh* in the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1719.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Rams running at large, in the Townſhip of* Hempſtead, *in* Queen's *County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Aldermen *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Petition of the Coopers, Freemen and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, for themſelves and others, That they have duly conſidered the ſame, and are humbly of Opinion, all empty Caſks, imported into this Colony, from neighbouring Provinces, ought to pay a Duty, towards the Support of his Majeſty's Government in this Colony; which was read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, was committed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to encourage all Perſons, that ſhall be reſiſted or moleſted in raking Oyſters, to bring ſuch Perſons, ſo endeavouring to prevent the Raking of Oyſters, to the City of *New-York*, and that the Members of the ſaid City, do prepare and bring in the Bill accordingly.

Judge *Haring*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in* Dutcheſs *County*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Luñæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1719.

THE Petition of *Peter Vander Lyn*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be naturalized, and that his Name may be inſerted in a Bill before this Houſe, for naturalizing *Tedeus Beekman*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to inſert the Name of *Peter Vander Lyn*, in the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1719.

CAPT. *Lewis*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Tedeus Beekman, That they had gone through the Bill, and according to the Order of this Houſe, have inſerted the Names of *Jan Van Taerlingh* and *Peter Vander Lyn*, in the ſaid Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read; and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government, in the Province of* New-York. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 9, 1719.

MR. Speaker communicated to this Houſe, a Letter from his Excellency, recommending to this Houſe, a Proviſion for the ſecond Judge.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Col. *Morris*, according to an Order, for reviſing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly in Force in this Colony, and compare them with the printed Acts, that a correct Copy of the ſame, with a good Table, may be prepared for the Preſs, informed the Houſe, in Compliance with the ſaid Order, he had proceeded to collect the ſeveral Titles of the Acts of General Aſſembly, paſſed ſince the Year 1682, which he preſented to the Houſe.

Reſolved, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 10, 1719.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to elect Supervi-ſors in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terboſch*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precincts of* Haverſtraw *in the County of* Orange, *to chooſe a Superviſor, a Collector, two Aſſeſſors, one Conſtable and two Overſeers of Highways*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Cuyper*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Chambers* have Leave to go Home upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 10, 1719.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Tedeus Beekman, Jan Van Taerlingh and Peter Vander Lyn; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government, in the Province of* New-York. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 11, 1719.

THE Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the Province of *New-York*, for themſelves and others, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying an Act may paſs, for running and determining the Diviſion Line between this Province, the Colony of *Connecticut* and Government of the *Maſſachuſets*, and for impowering Commiſſioners and Surveyors for this Province, to join with thoſe of the two neighbouring Governments, if they pleaſe to join, if not, to authorize the Commiſſioners and Surveyors appointed for this Province, to run and determine the ſame ſeparately.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of the Pariſh of *Rye*, in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to oblige the Inhabitants to repair their Pariſh Church.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly; and that Capt. *Budd*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government, in the Province of* New-York. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 11, 1719.

CAPT. *Budd* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices inhabiting the Pariſh of* Rye, *and the Veſtry Men of the ſaid Pariſh, or the greater Part of them, to raiſe annually, a Sum of Money for the keeping in Repair, the Pariſh Church of the ſaid Pariſh*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *laying a Duty on all empty Caſks imported into this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government, in the Province of* New-York.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 12, 1719.

THE Memorial of *Charles Le Roux*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; he was informed, *William Bradford*, was allowed *Thirty Pounds*, as paid to the ſaid *Charles*, for engraving Copper Plates, for printing the laſt Bills of Credit, which has been received by the ſaid *William Bradford*, but not paid to the ſaid *Charles La Roux*, the ſaid Mr. *Bradford* making Uſe of thoſe Plates, formerly engraved for that Service.

Ordered, That the Memorial be referred to the Members of the City of *New-York* and Col. *Rutſen*, and that they enquire into the ſame, and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

The Petition of *Robert Crannel*, Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be allowed a Sallary, or aſſigned a Reward for his Service.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Mr. Speaker communicated to this Houſe, a Letter from Major *De Riemer*, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Sixty Two Pounds, and Twelve Shillings; now under a Committee of this Houſe, that he may be paid for his Service in General Aſſembly, as one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, The ſame be referred to the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *laying a Duty on all empty Caſks imported into this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices inhabiting in the Pariſh of* Rye, *and the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, or the greater Part of them, to raiſe annually a Sum of Money for the keeping in repair the Pariſh Church of the ſaid Pariſh*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into

into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

The House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1719.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be made immediately; which he read, and delivered in at the Table; where the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, next *Saturday* Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1719.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and ascertaining the Lines of Partition and Division between this Colony and the Colonies of* Connecticut *and* Massachusets Bay; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Alderman *Jansen*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *laying a Duty on all empty Casks imported into this Colony*; That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1719.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, laying a Duty on all empty Casks imported into this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Bridge over a Creek or Kill called*, Kinderhook's Creek *or* Kill, *in the County of* Albany, *and for altering the Highway in that Part of the said County*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Alderman *Kipp*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices inhabiting in the Parish of Rye, and the Vestrymen of the said Parish, or the major Part of them, to raise a certain Sum of Money, for the keeping in Repair the Parish Church of the said Parish*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Estate of* Thomas Lewis, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceased*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1719.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Estate of* Thomas Lewis, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceased*; was read the second Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and ascertaining the Lines of Partition and Division between this Colony and the Colonies of* Connecticut *and* Massachusets Bay; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Byerly*, that, that Board recommended to this House, the Consideration of the Report made to that Board by *Daniel Ebbets*, and *William Hobbs*, of their View of the Repairs lately made in his Majesty's Custom House, by *James Dixon*, Esq; which they were directed by *Thomas Byerly*, Esq; to make an Estimate of what will be further required, to put the said Custom House into such sufficient Repair as his Majesty's Service, on Account of Offices for Clerks, and other Persons, employed in the Customs, and necessary storing of Goods, does demand; that they were of Opinion the said Works could not be compleated under the Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, or thereabouts; which was read.

Ordered, The same be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 16, 1719.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the first Day of* July, *which shall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *until the first Day of* July, 1721; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, and Col. *Provoost*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Bridge over a Creek or Kill, called*, Kinderhook's Creek *or* Kill, *in the County of* Albany, *and for altering the Highway in that Part of the said County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coejemans*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices inhabiting in the Parish of* Rye, *and the Vestrymen of the said Parish, or the major Part of them, to raise a certain Sum of Money, for the keeping in Repair the Parish Church of the said Parish*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1719.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Rights and Privileges of the Township of* Schenectady, *in the Province of* New-York, *in* Albany *County*; was read the first Time. And a Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Bill be rejected? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Bill be read a second Time? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1719.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1719.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1719.

COL. *Rutsen*, informed the House, that the Committee to whom the Memorial of *Charles Le Roux*, was referred, That they had directed him to move, that this House would please to order the Treasurer of this Colony to produce to the Committee, the Plates or Stamps of the last Bills of Credit, made current by an Act of General Assembly, for paying and discharging several Debts due from this Colony to the Persons therein named, &c. made in the 4th Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do, in the Afternoon, lay before the Committee of this House, to whom the Memorial of *Charles Le Roux*, was referred, the Plates or Stamps of the last Bills of Credit, made current by the said Act.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Bekman*, that they have agreed to the following Bills without Amendment, *viz.*

A Bill,

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain; *and for raiſing of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champanty, *Eſq; deceaſed.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating able and ſufficient Jurors on Trials at Law.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to elect Superviſors in* Dutcheſs *County.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Haverſtraw, *in the County of* Orange, *to chuſe a Superviſor, a Collector, two Aſſeſſors, one Conſtable, and two Overſeers of Highways.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing an Exception or Proviſo, mentioned and expreſſed in one Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better laying out, clearing and preſerving public common Highways in this Colony; and for building a County Goal and County Houſe in the County of* Richmond.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing of* 60 *Ounces of Plate, for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to authoriſe the Juſtices of the Peace, to build and repair Goals and Court-Houſes in the ſeveral Counties of this Province.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in* Dutcheſs *County.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Bridge over the Creek or Kill, called,* Kinderhook's Creek *or* Kill, *in the County of* Albany, *and for altering the Highway in that Part of the ſaid County.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Rams running at large in the Townſhip of* Hempſtead, *in* Queen's *County.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices inhabiting in the Pariſh of* Rye, *and the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, or the major Part of them, to raiſe a certain Sum of Money for the keeping in Repair the Pariſh Church of the ſaid Pariſh.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on all empty Caſks imported into this Colony.*

And a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Tedeus Beekman, Jan Van Taerlingh, *and* Peter Vander Lyn.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be allowed ſuch reaſonable Sallary, as will enable him to perform his Duty in attending this Houſe, by printing their daily Votes, as well as the Reſt of his Services for the Government.

Ordered, The ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Eſtate of* Thomas Lewis, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1719.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Eſtate of* Thomas Lewis, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terboſch*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Rutſen*, reported from the Committee to whom the Memorial of *Charles Le Roux*, was referred, That they have examined the Allegations ſet forth in the ſaid Memorial, and thereby do find the Money allowed *William Bradford*, the Printer, in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony to the Perſons therein named*, &c. made in the 4th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, for cutting and engraving the Plates or Stamps for the Bills of Credit made current by the ſaid Act, was not by him the ſaid *Bradford*, paid to the ſaid *Charles Le Roux*, nor any Part thereof; nor did it appear to them, he has made any new Stamps, but made uſe of the old, which were paid for before by the Country; which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read.

Ordered, That the Report be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1719.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *George Clark*, Eſq; that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord*, 1720, *until the firſt Day of* July, 1721; without any Amendment.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to regulate the Lawyers Fees; and that Col. *Morris* do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen* have Leave to go Home.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for annulling and making void, a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Devenport, *made by her when ſhe was ſole*, &c. without Amendment.

Col. *Provoſt*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to vacate and diſannul a certain Deed or Deeds of Settlement, ſaid to be made and executed by* Thomas Hunt, *and* Elizabeth, *his Wife, of the Borrough and Town of* Weſtcheſter, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *but fraudulently obtained by* James Pugſley, *of the ſame Place, their Grand-Child*, &c. That they had examined the ſame, and found the Allegations therein contained to be true; and that the Committee had made ſome Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1719.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to vacate and diſannul a certain Deed or Deeds of Settlement, ſaid to be made and executed by* Thomas Hunt, *and* Elizabeth, *his Wife, of the Borough and Town of* Weſtcheſter, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *but fraudulently obtained by* James Pugſley, *of the ſame Place, their Grand-Child, by one of their Daughters, in Favour of the ſame* James Pugſley, *and his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, to the Diſinheriſon and Prejudice of* Thomas Hunt, *jun. the Heir at Law*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Lines of Partition and Diviſion, between this Colony and the Colonies of* Connecticut *and* Maſſachuſets-Bay; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1719.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Lines of Partition and Diviſion, between this Colony and the Colonies of* Connecticut *and* Maſſachuſets-Bay, and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1719.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Lines of Partition and Diviſion, betwixt this Colony and the Colony of* Connecticut; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr.

Mr Speaker, The Governor deſires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber in Fort George *immediately.*

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned;

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 24, 1719.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lion Dollars*; was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be rejected? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker, acquainted the Houſe, that having attended his Excellency with the Houſe, he was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bills following; which were alſo publiſhed, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry.*
2. *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law.*
3. *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and for raiſing of Money annually to defray the Charge thereof, in the Room of* John Champantie, *Eſq; deceaſed.*
4. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Slaves.*
5. *An* Act, *for raiſing* 60 *Ounces of Plate, for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany.
6. *An* Act, *for repealing an Exception or Proviſo, mentioned and expreſſed in one Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better laying-out, regulating, clearing and preſerving, publick common Highways in this Colony, and for the erecting and building a County Goal and County Houſe in the County of* Richmond.
7. *An* Act, *to authorize the Juſtices of the Peace, to build and repair Goals and Court Houſes, in the ſeveral Counties of this Province.*
8. *An* Act, *to prevent Rams running at large in the Townſhip of* Hempſtead *in* Queen's *County.*
9. *An* Act, *to elect Superviſors in* Dutcheſs *County.*
10. *An* Act, *to enable the Precinct of* Haverſtraw, *in the County of* Orange, *to chooſe a Superviſor, a Collector, two Aſſeſſors, one Conſtable, and two Overſeers of Highways.*
11. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Tedeus Beekman, John Van Taerlingh *and* Pieter Vander Lyn.
12. *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in* Dutcheſs *County.*
13. *An* Act, *laying a Duty on all empty Caſk, imported into this Colony.*
14. *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government, in the Province of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *until the firſt Day of* July 1721.
15. *An* Act, *for building a Bridge over a* Creek *or* Kill, *called* Kinderhook's Creek *or* Kill, *in the County of* Albany, *and for altering the Highway, in that Part of the ſaid County.*
16. *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices inhabiting in the Pariſh of* Rye, *and the Veſtry Men of the ſaid Pariſh, or the major Part of them, to raiſe a certain Sum of Money, for the keeping in Repair the Pariſh Church of the ſaid Pariſh.*
17. *An* Act, *for ſettling the Eſtate of* Thomas Lewis, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed.*
18. *An* Act, *for annulling and making void, a fraudulent Conveyance of* Mary Davenport, *made by her when ſhe was Sole*, &c.

And that his Excellency had alſo made a Speech, which he had obtained a Copy of to prevent Miſtakes, which was read; being as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have now ſent for you, that you may be Witneſſes to my Aſſent to the Acts, paſſed by the General Aſſembly in this Seſſion. I hope that what remains unfiniſhed, may be perfected by To-Morrow, when I intend to put a cloſe to this Seſſion.

I take this Opportunity, alſo to acquaint you, that my late uncertain State of Health, the Care of my little Family, and my private Affairs on the other Side, have, at laſt, determined me, to make Uſe of that Licenſe of Abſence, which has been ſome Time ago ſo graciouſly granted me; but with a firm Reſolution to return to you again, if it is his Majeſty's Pleaſure that I ſhould do ſo. But if that proves otherwiſe, I aſſure you, that whilſt I live, I ſhall be watchful and induſtrious to promote the Intereſt and Welfare of this Country, of which I think, I am under the ſtrongeſt Obligations, for the Future, to account myſelf a Countryman.

I look with Pleaſure, on the preſent quiet and flouriſhing State of the People here, whilſt I reflect on that, in which I found them at my Arrival. As the very Name of Party or Faction ſeems to be forgot, may it for ever lie buried in Oblivion, and no Strife ever happen among you; but that laudable Emulation who ſhall approve himſelf the moſt zealous Servant and moſt dutiful Subject to the beſt of Princes, and moſt uſeful Member of a well eſtabliſhed and flouriſhing Community; of which, you Gentlemen, have given a happy Example, which, I hope will be followed by future Aſſemblies. I mention it to your Honour, and, without Ingratitude and Breach of Duty, I could do no leſs.

R. HUNTER.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency on his favourable and kind Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker and Col. *Morris*, do draw up an Addreſs accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 25, 1719.

MR. Speaker and Col. *Morris* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, an Addreſs to his Excellency, which was read; and agreed unto by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Ordered, That the Addreſs be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and being as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency Brigadier Robert Hunter, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majeſty's Colonies of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, *and all the Territories and Tracts of Land depending thereon in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame.*

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York.

SIR,

WHEN we reflect upon your paſt Conduct, your juſt, mild and tender Adminiſtration, it heightens the Concern we have for your Departure, and makes our Grief ſuch, as Words cannot truly expreſs.

You have governed well and wiſely, like a prudent Magiſtrate, like an affectionate Parent, and wherever you go, and to whatever Station the divine Providence ſhall pleaſe to aſſign you, our ſincere Deſires and Prayers for the Happineſs of you and yours, ſhall always attend you.

We have ſeen many Governors, and may ſee more; and as none of thoſe, who had the Honour to ſerve in your Station, were ever ſo juſtly fixt in the Affections of the Governed, ſo thoſe to come will acquire no mean Reputation, when it can be truly ſaid of them, their Conduct has been like yours.

We thankfully accept the Honour you do us, in calling yourſelf our Countryman; give us Leave then, to deſire, that you will not forget, this is your Country, and (if you can) make haſte to return to it.

But if the Service of our Sovereign will not admit of what we ſo earneſtly Deſire, and his Commands, deny us that Happineſs, permit us to Addreſs you, as our Friend, and give us your Aſſiſtance, when we are oppreſſed with an Adminiſtration the Reverſe of yours.

Which was agreed to and ſigned by all the Members preſent.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker and this Houſe, do wait on his Excellency, and preſent him with their Addreſs.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Report be approved? It was carried in the Affirmative, and the Report was read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Lines of Partition and Diviſion, betwixt this Colony, and the Colony of* Connecticut, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, which were read; and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* do carry the Bill and the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

The Memorial of *Gilbert Living ſton*, Farmer of the Exciſe of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be protected in his juſt Rights, againſt the arbitrary Meaſures and illegal Proceedings of the Corporation of the City of *Albany*, in ſeizing and taking a Hogſhead of Rum, containing, One Hundred and Twelve Gallons, from one *Johannis Myndertſe*, a Retailer of ſtrong Liquors, in the Town of *Schenectady*, that had taken the Exciſe from the ſaid Farmer, to ſell to Chriſtians.

Reſolved, That the ſeizing of Rum or any other ſtrong Liquor going to *Schenectady*, or any other Town or Precinct, in the County of *Albany*, belonging to Perſons that have Licenſe to ſell Drink to the Chriſtians, or any other Perſons whatſoever, for their own Uſe, is illegal and of pernicious Conſequence, and an Obſtruction to the Farming the Exciſe in that Part of the Province, to the great Damage of the Owners of ſuch Liquors, and leſſening the Support of Government, and a Breach of the Acts of General Aſſembly of this Colony.

Reſolved, This Houſe will protect the Farmars of the Exciſe, againſt all thoſe, that ſhall hinder the ſelling Drink to Chriſtians by retail, purſuant to the Laws of this Province.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do addreſs his Excellency, to Mue his Warrant to the Treaſurer of this Colony, to pay to *Thom Brazier*, Door-keeper to this Houſe, for an Expreſs to the Co lony of *Connecticut*, and other Services, the Sum of *Eleve Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and his Warrant to pay to *Katharine Poſt*, the Widow of *Cornelius Poſt*, late Door Keeper to this Houſe, for Services done by her, the Sum o *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being, ſhall Account with the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, or any of them, when and as often as thereunto re quired, for all publick Money by him received, or to be received by Virtue of any Act or Acts, made in this Colony, and no to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor deſires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Report made by the Committee, to whom the Memorial of *Charles La Roux* was referred;

Ordered, That *William Bradford*, the Printer, do repay unto the Treaſurer of this Colony, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* allowed to him in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts, due from the Perſons therein named, and for raiſing and putting into the Hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony, ſeveral Quantities of Plate, to be applied to the publick and neceſſary Uſes of this Colony; and to make Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 41,570 *Ounces and a Half of Plate, for that Purpoſe, made in the fourth Year of his Majeſty's Reign for cutting and engraving the Plates or Stamps for the Bills of Credit, made Current by the ſaid Act, there not appearing any new Plates or Stamps cut or engraved.*

Then Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, attended his Excellency at the Council Chamber, to whom the Speaker preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe, who received the ſame very kindly, and was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Lines of Partition and Diviſion, betwixt this Colony and the Colony of* Connecticut; which was publiſhed.

Then his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly, to the firſt *Tueſday* in *May*, 1720.

[*Here begins the 6th Year of* George *the Firſt.*]

THE Honourable *Peter Schuyler*, Eſq; Preſident of his Majeſty's Council for the Province of *New-York*, &c. by his Proclamation, bearing Date the 21ſt Day of *April* 1720, adjourned the General Aſſembly to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *June* next.

A Proclamation by the Honourable *Peter Schuyler*, Eſq; the Preſident, dated the ſixth Day of *June* 1720, in *New-York*, adjourned the General Aſſembly to the third *Tueſday* in *July* next.

A Proclamation, by the Honourable *Peter Schuyler*, Eſq; dated the 14th of *July* 1720, in *New-York*; adjourned the General Aſſembly to the third *Tueſday* in *September* next.

[*Here ends the 6th Year of* George *the Firſt.*]

A Proclamation by the Honourable *Peter Schuyler*, Eſq; dated the 15th of *September* 1720, in *New-York*; adjourned the General Aſſembly to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *October* next.

A Proclamation, by his Excellency the Governor, *William Burnet*, Eſq; dated the 29th Day of *September* 1720, in *New-York*; adjourned the General Aſſembly, to the 13th Day of *October* next.

Die Jovis, P. M. October 13, 1720.

THE ſeveral Members that met, purſuant to his Excellency's Proclamation, bearing date the 29th Day of laſt *September*, ordered the Clerk to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him therewith; the Clerk being returned, informed them, his Excellency expected their Attendance immediately. Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended accordingly; being returned, Mr Speaker reſumed the

the Chair, and informed the House, his Excellency had made a Speech; which he had obtained a Copy of, and was read, being as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Am fully sensible of my Unfitness to fill the Room of my incomparable Predecessor, and to meet Gentlemen, who have for some Years, been such near Witnesses of his wise and worthy Administration. I could not recover my Uneasiness on this Head, were there not many happy Circumstances to relieve me.

I serve the best Prince that ever was, from whom I may depend on the most gracious Acceptance of my unworthy Services.

I succeed a Gentleman, who left this Province in a flourishing State, and is still ready to take Care of its Interests, which his Majesty's Favour and the general Regard shewn him at Home, will give him great Opportunities of doing, and which in the most affectionate Terms to this People and to myself, he has heartily undertaken.

I meet a Council and Assembly, who concurred with him and assisted in those great Measures, that are now completely confirmed by his Majesty, which have been so effectual to settle the Peace and Publick Credit of this Province, and are so much of the same Nature with the glorious and successful Methods, lately taken by the Legislature of *Great-Britain*, for payment of all the publick Debts, by increasing the Circulation of Paper Credit.

Upon the whole, when I consider the present State of Affairs, and compare it with the distracted and unsettled Posture in which my Predecessor found them; I begin to flatter myself, that my Task will be much easier, and my Assistance much greater from you, than he met with at his first coming.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

After such Proofs of your Care of Credit and the Support of the Government, I have no room left to doubt, of your finding an immediate and effectual Remedy, for the great Deficiency of the present Revenue.

I leave it to you to judge, if it is not Time, to make a further Provision for the Support of Government, since the present Act will expire in *July* next; and this I am commanded by his Majesty, to recommend to your earnest Consideration.

In providing a Revenue for a reasonable Term, you will shew your Opinion of those employed by his Majesty among you; and above all, give the best Proofs of your Thankfulness to his Majesty, for his most gracious Care of your Continuance, by his late Commands, signified by Mr. Secretary *Craggs*, to the President of the Council, That you be not dissolved, nor suffered to dissolve for want of due Prorogation.

I come now to an Affair of the last Importance to yourselves, and the Safety of your Country, and what I thought it my Duty to recommend to your Care, without Loss of Time, the present Condition of the Frontier. I must believe, that while you approve yourselves loyal to his Majesty, and just to one another in paying the publick Debts, you will not neglect that first Principle of Nature, Self-Preservation. It is no less, that comes now before you, than whether you will suffer the Province to lie open to the first Attempts, the *French* shall think fit to make against it? This must be the Case, if we look on patiently, and see them advancing every Day farther into our Country, building trading Houses in the main Passes belonging to it. Seducing Numbers of our *Indians* to live among them; setting others on Expeditions against those who depend on a neighbouring *British* Colony, and spreading false and scandalous Reports among the five Nations, in order to draw them off from their Allegiance, to the Crown of *Great-Britain*.

This is the Substance of our best and freshest Advices from those Parts, and what the most Trusty of our *Indians* have communicated to us, imploring our immediate Help, to prevent their Nations from falling entirely into the Hands of the *French*, of which we know the fatal Consequence. Now if in a Time of profound Peace, we find the *French* are using such Arts, and by their new Settlements on *Missisippi*, give us just Reason to apprehend a dangerous Increase of their Power, can we be so much wanting to ourselves, as to lose a Moment in providing for our own Security? We may yet do what I hope will be effectual, by repairing our Forts, which are now in a total Decay, building new Ones where it shall be found necessary, putting our Militia in the best Condition for Service, using our utmost Endeavours to re-establish our Interest with the *Indians*, and preventing any Trade on this Side, that may be destructive to the Publick.

Thus, without any Imputation of violating the Peace with *France*, on our Part, we may be secure in all Events against a Nation, whose Practices among us have had a constant View to their own Ambition, and our Ruin.

Gentlemen, we live in the happiest of Times; our mother Country, *Great-Britain*, flourishes beyond what was ever known before, in Wealth, Power and Glory: We may ascribe it to a Blessing that attends such national Virtues as publick Spirit and publick Faith, in which she has out-shined all her Neighbours.

The glorious Revolution begun by King *William*, (of immortal Memory) has now, after many Struggles and Dangers, received its finishing Stroke and utmost Perfection, and seems now secured beyond the Reach of any Thing

Thing but Envy. The preſent Age cannot be happier than under a Prince ſo admired and beloved as his Majeſty; nor Poſterity have a fairer Proſpect, than from the next Heir to the Crown, and the whole illuſtrious Line after him.

Theſe Bleſſings reach us, though in a lower and remoter Sphere; and as *Great-Britain* is an Example to other Nations, we have Advantages, that if we improve, will make us a Pattern to other Colonies.

W. Burnet.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech, and the Votes of this Houſe, be printed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Major *Sebring*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating the Freeholders and Inhabitants to the Weſtward of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, but by Reaſon of the long Adjournment, had not come to a Concluſion, therefore pray'd Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Committee have Leave to ſit again.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1720.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, *Monday* next.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, and Capt. *Budd*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs till *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1720.

CAPT. *Mulford*, ſaying in the Houſe, the Colony was *Thirty Five Thouſand Pounds* in Debt; he was aſked by one of the Members, whether a new Choice would prevent that Debt? He anſwered, No; but it would remove that Aſſembly that had occaſioned it.

A Motion was made, that Capt. *Mulford* be called to the Bar of this Houſe, to explain what he meant by thoſe Words;

Reſolved, That Capt. *Mulford* be called upon to explain himſelf.

The Clerk went to call him, being withdrawn (as was thought) into the Lobby.

The Clerk informed the Houſe that he was gone.

Ordered, That the Clerk ſerve him with a Copy of the Reſolve of this Houſe, and acquaint him that he attend this Houſe accordingly at 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That this Houſe Addreſs his Excellency, and thank him for his kind Expreſſions to this Houſe, and acknowledge his juſt Sentiments of the good Adminiſtration of Brigadier *Hunter*; and that the Treaſurer of this Colony do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the State of the Revenue; and pray'd that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, and the Chief Juſtice, do prepare and bring in an Addreſs to his Excellency, to thank him for his favourable and kind Expreſſions in his Speech to this Houſe, and acknowledge his juſt Sentiments of the good Adminiſtration of Brigadier *Hunter*.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do lay before this Houſe an Account of the State of the Revenue.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1720.

CAPT. *Mulford*, according to Order, attended, and the Speaker acquainted him with the Order of this Houſe, and called upon him to explain himſelf, what he meant by the Words he Yeſterday ſpoke. Capt. *Mulford* ſaid, That he had ſaid thoſe Words, and ſome more that were omitted to be entered, which he thought might abate ſomething of the Harſhneſs of them, *viz.* But it would remove that Aſſembly that had occaſioned it, in ſome Meaſure; and Mr. *Gerretſen* teſtified, that to the beſt of his Memory he heard him add the Words, In ſome Meaſure; and Capt. *Mulford* proteſted he had uſed the Words, with that Addition, but did not mean or intend by them any Reflection upon the Houſe; that it was a raſh Expreſſion, and pray'd the Houſe would excuſe him for it.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *Support of the Government of* New-York, *Dr. and Cr.* which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1720.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That by an Account of the State of the Revenue, laid before this Houſe by the Treaſurer, they find an Article therein of *Three Hundred and Ten Pounds*, for reſtoring the Stores which were taken out of the Fort for Preſents to the *Indians* at Albany, for which the Government is charged Debtor; are of Opinion the ſame ought to be explained, and was directed to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into

into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, and Capt. *Jansen*, do attend the Treasurer of this Colony, and desire him to inform them how that Article of *Three Hundred and Ten Pounds*, is to be understood; and report the same to this House.

Mr. *Cuyler*, informed the House, that he had seen a Warrant payable to Brigadier *Hunter*, for *Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds*; *Four Hundred Pounds* of which was for Presents to the *Indians*; and *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* for his own Voyage to *Albany*; and that Brigadier *Hunter*, going for *England*, prevented any Voyage to *Albany*, or making Presents in that Year, as he believes.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, and Alderman *Jansen*, wait upon the Treasurer, and enquire into that Matter, and whether the said Warrant be paid; and that they also inspect the Minutes of Council for their Information.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1720.

COL. *Provoost*, and Capt. *Jansen*, reported, That in Obedience to the Order of this House, they had inspected the Minutes of Council, and found therein, a Report of a Committee of the Council, that sundry Goods mentioned in the said Report, amounting to the Value of *Three Hundred and Ten Pounds*, were necessary to be made a Present to the *Indians*: This Report was made some small Time before the President went to *Albany*. They find also, that a Warrant was issued since the Arrival of his Excellency *William Burnet*, Esq; payable to his said Excellency, for the Sum of *Three Hundred and Ten Pounds*, to reimburse some Stores taken out of the Fort for Presents to the *Indians*, being the Sum abovementioned. They also waited on the Treasurer, concerning the Warrant of *Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, payable to Brigadier *Hunter*; and the Treasurer informed them, there was such a Warrant, but that it was not paid, nor charged in the general Account of the State of the Revenue.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, and Alderman *Jansen*, wait on the Governor, and inform him of the Nature of that Warrant, and pray him that it may, with the Consent of Brigadier *Hunter's* Agents, be cancelled in Council, and a Minute made thereof accordingly.

A Motion being made, that a Bill be brought into this House, for laying out, clearing and regulating Highways through this Province;

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerretsen*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That this House will, *Friday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to *Friday* next, 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1720.

THE House being met, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more useful for the Security and Defence thereof*; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that a Bill be prepared and brought in for continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony, made in the 12th Year of the Reign of the late Queen* Anne. It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1720.

ALDERMAN *Jansen*, and Col. *Provoost*, informed the House, That they had waited on his Excellency, and acquainted him with the Order of this House, of cancelling a Warrant drawn for paying Brigadier *Hunter*, *Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds*; and his Excellency was pleased to say, he would communicate the same to the Agents of Brigadier *Hunter*, and inform the House of their Answer thereunto.

Mr. *Bobin* attending without, was called in, and acquainted the House, his Excellency had commanded him to lay before this House the Answer Brigadier *Hunter's* Agents had made to his Excellency, on his acquainting them with the Message of this House to him, on Account of the above Warrant; which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

May it please your Excellency,

IN Obedience to your Excellency's Commands to us, to consider of a Minute of the General Assembly, concerning the cancelling of a certain Warrant for Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *payable to Brigadier* Hunter, *for his Voyage to* Albany, *and making Presents to the* Indians, *in the Year he went to* England;

We are humbly of Opinion, that, seeing Col. De Peyster *has given a Receipt to Brigadier* Hunter, *for the said Warrant, it will not be safe for him to deliver the same to the Council, to be cancelled, without a publick Act of the Government, indemnifying him from the said Receipt. And are your Excellency's most obedient Servants,*

A. De Peyster,
John Johnston,
James Alexander.

Ordered, That an Act, for cancelling the said Warrant, be prepared and brought in accordingly.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better settling the Militia of this Province, and making it more useful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making void and cancelling one Warrant, dated in Council, the 13th of* June, 1719; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways through this Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Rutsen* reported to this House, his Excellency had informed him, upon inspecting the Council Books, there appeared a Minute, that there was sent to the Commissioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, last Year, by Brigadier *Hunter*, 1000 Weight of Lead, 500 Weight of Powder, and *Forty Pounds* in Strouds and other Goods, for Presents to the *Indians*.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, Alderman *Jansen* and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait on his Excellency, and pray a Copy of those Minutes of Council may be laid before this House.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in to prohibit the Exportation of *Indian* Goods to *Canada*; and to prevent a Trade with the *French* of that Country.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House being informed that *Francis Harrison*, and *Guisbert Livingston*, Esqrs, declined being farther concerned as Farmers of the Excise; and had, pursuant to the Act of Assembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise of this Colony for the Term of five Years, and to enable the Farmers thereof effectually to collect the same*; delivered to the Governor, Accounts upon Oath of the Amount of the Excise.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, Alderman *Jansen* and Mr. *Cuyler*, wait upon his Excellency, and desire that he would be pleased to order the said Accounts to be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony lay before this House an Account of what Money has been paid into his Hands by the Farmers of the Excise.

Resolved, That this House, will *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1720.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Col. *Provoost* reported to this House, that they had waited on his Excellency, according to an Order of this House, and his Excellency was pleased to inform them, he would order

Minute of Council, and Accounts of the Lead, Powder and *Indian* Goods, ſent laſt Year by Brigadier *Hunter*, to the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, for Preſents to the *Indians*, to be laid before this Houſe; and that he had delivered to them the Accounts of the Farmers of the Exciſe, which they preſented to this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, take the Accounts of the Farmers of the Exciſe into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 24, 1720.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration the Accounts of the Farmers of the Exciſe, laid before this Houſe;

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, for nominating and appointing Commiſſioners to Farm the Exciſe through this Colony.

Alderman *Janſen* laid before this Houſe, the Minutes of Council of the 24th of *June*, 1719, and 16th of *April*, 1720, relating to the Lead, Powder and *Indian* Goods ſent laſt Year by Brigadier *Hunter*, to the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, for Preſents to the *Indians*; which were read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 25, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named appointed to let to Farm the Exciſe for ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was agreed, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Bills of Credit now in the Treaſurer's Hands be continued Current; that is to ſay, *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, till the firſt Day of *July*, in the Year 1721; and other *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, till the firſt Day of *July* 1722.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That the Vendue Maſter, do forthwith lay before this Houſe, an Account of Money ariſing or becoming due on Vendues.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter, do forthwith lay before this Houſe, an Account of Money ariſing or becoming due on his Majeſty's Beam.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer, do forthwith lay before this Houſe, an Account of Money ariſing or becoming due, by the Duty ariſing on the importing of *Negroes* and Tonnage of Veſſels.

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 25, 1720.

COL. *Willet* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*, That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added a Proviſo thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Proviſo be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was agreed to, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That an honourable and ample Support be raiſed for the Government of this Province, and that the ſame be continued for five Years; *viz.* from the firſt Day of *July* 1721, till the firſt Day of *July* 1726.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, their Addreſs to his Excellency; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe for ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 26, 1720.

THE Petition of *Iſabella Davis*, the Widow of *William Davis*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying ſhe may have Leave to bring a Bill into this Houſe, to enable her to ſell four Lots of Land, bounded on the *South River* in the City of *New-York*, for paying the Debts of her Huſband and aſſiſt towards ſupporting herſelf and Children.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Col. *Provooſt* laid before this Houſe, an Account of what is paid and remains in his Hands, and what to receive of ſundry Perſons, for which no Credit is given to the Colony in the Treaſurer's Account, laid before this Houſe the 18th Inſtant.

Ordered, That the Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways throughout this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; being as followeth, *viz.*

To his Excellency William Burnet, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, of the Provinces of* New-York, New-Jerſey, *and Territories depending thereon in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame.*

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

ALMOST a ten Years Experience of the juſt and ſteady, but mild Adminiſtration of Brigadier *Hunter*, which endeared him to the Generality of his Majeſty's Subjects here, and to all ſuch who eſteemed the late happy Revolution, as an extraordinary Inſtance of the Favour of Heaven to the *Britiſh* Nation and this Province, gave us Reaſon to deſire his Return to this Place.

We thank your Excellency for the juſt Obſerves you have made on his Conduct, and the kind Notice you are pleaſed to make on our Endeavours to ſettle the Peace and publick Credit of this Colony; which we hope, will not fail of having the deſired Succeſs.

However Diſtaſteful our Demeanour may have been to ſome miſtaken (though otherwiſe well meaning Men) yet ſince his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to approve of it,

it, and think it neceſſary for his Service that we be continued; We have abundant Reaſon to regulate our Conduct in ſuch Manner, that his Majeſty may retain his favourable Sentiments of us.

To anſwer the Expectations his Majeſty and your Excellency have from us; We have reſolved to raiſe an ample and honourable Support for his Majeſty's Governmen there, and to continue the ſame for five Years. And while we have the Honour to continue in this publick Station, our Care ſhall be, that ſuch a Support ſhall never be wanted, and to make up any Deficiency, that by unforeſeen Accidents may happen in it.

Every other Thing, recommended by your Excellency, ſhall be duly conſidered of by us, and ſuch ſuitable Remedy provided, as the Shortneſs of the Time, Nature of the Thing, and Circumſtances of the Province will admit.

We believe, that the Son of that worthy Prelate, ſo eminently Inſtrumental under our glorious Monarch, *William* the Third, in delivering us from arbitrary Power, and its Concomitants, Popery, Superſtition and Slavery, has been educated and poſſeſſes thoſe Principles, that ſo juſtly recommeded his Father to the Councils and Confidence of *Proteſtant* Princes, and ſucceeds our former Governor not only in Power, but Inclinations to do us good.

As we deſire that your Adminiſtration may prove happy to us, eaſy and beneficial to yourſelf, ſo we ſhall contribute our utmoſt Endeavours to make it ſo; and we hope prove Succeſsful, notwithſtanding any Machinations of weak Men, combined to make it otherwiſe.

David Provooſt, *R. Livingſton*, Speaker.
Jacobus Kipp, *Lewis Morris*.
Andries Coejmans, *Samuel Garretſen*,
John Cuyler, *Jacob Rutſen*,
William Willet, *Cornelius Sebring*,
Peter Haring, *Jan Janſen*,
John Terboſch, *Garret Van Horne*,
Karel Hanſen, *Iſaac Hicks*,
Abra. Lakerman, *Joſeph Budd*,
Cornelius Cuyper, *John Stillwell*,
Hendrick Hanſen, *Leonard Lewis*,
A. Gaaſb. Cambers, *Thomas Willet*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1720.

THE Houſe met, and ſigned their Addreſs to his Excellency.

Ordered, That Major *Sebring* and Capt. *Willet*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire he will pleaſe to inform them, when he will be attended by this Houſe, and receive their Addreſs.

Capt. *Mulford* making Objections to the Legality of this Houſe, was ordered to withdraw; and after ſome Time, being called in, Mr. Speaker aſked Mr. *Mulford*, whether he would ſit and act with this Houſe? He anſwered he could not.

Ordered, That Mr. *Samuel Mulford*, be expelled this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1720.

MAJOR *Sebring* reported to this Houſe, that Capt. *Willet* and himſelf, had (according to the Order) waited on his Excellency, to know when he will be attended by this Houſe with their Addreſs, who was pleaſed to appoint 12 o'Clock this Day.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe waited on his Excellency with their Addreſs; and being returned, he acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their Addreſs to the Governor, which he received very kindly, and ſaid, he thanked the Houſe for their Addreſs, was very happy on his firſt Entrance upon the Government, to find in them ſo much Affection and Loyalty to his Majeſty, ſo good a Diſpoſition to him, and ſo much Unanimity among themſelves.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, to elect a Member for the County of *Suffolk*, in the Room of Capt. *Mulford* expelled this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1720.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government, in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, that this Houſe may be informed, what Proceedure his Majeſty's Council of this Colony, have made on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*; paſſed by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt* and Capt. *Van Horne*, do ſearch the Minutes of Council for this Province, for the Proceedings that Board have made on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*; paſſed by this Houſe.

The Petition of *Robert Lettice Hooper*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring a Bill into this Houſe, to prevent any Perſon but the Petitioner, his Heirs and Aſſigns, from making any refined Sugar, during ſuch Time, as ſhall to this Houſe ſeem convenient.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of his Petition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time herein mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe for ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do write to Mr. *William Nicoll*, a Member of this Houſe, for the County of *Suffolk*; to attend the Service of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1720.

COL. *Provooſt* reported, That he and Capt. *Van Horne*, had inſpected the Minutes of Council (according to Order

der) and found, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*, was rejected by that Board, on their ſecond reading of that Bill.

A Motion was made, that the Bill be brought into this Houſe to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to impower the Juſtices of Peace of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, to nominate and appoint a Place within that County, to build the County Houſe and Goal.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the Juſtices of Peace for *Queen's* County, to be impowered to ſell their County Houſe and Goal, and liberty to build another County Houſe and Goal, where they ſhall think moſt convenient in the ſaid County.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*, without any Amendment; and, That they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for the further laying-out, and better clearing publick Highways, throughout this Colony*; without any Amendment.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe for ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province.*

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1720.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; and Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, and was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1720.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain Lyon Dollars*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1720.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe for ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Chambers*, and Capt. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Henry Holland*, Gunner of his Majeſty's Fort at *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to take his Caſe into Conſideration, and pay his Arrears due for the ſaid Service and eſtabliſh him *Two Shillings*, *per* Day.

Ordered, That the Petition be diſmiſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time within mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſabella Davis, *to ſell and diſpoſe of four Lots, Pieces or Parcels of Ground in the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to aſſign a Place to build a Court Houſe and Goal for ſaid County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making void and cancelling one Warrant, dated in Council the* 13*th Day of* June 1719, *drawn upon the Treaſurer of this Colony, and payable to Brigadier* Robert Hunter, *Eſq; late Governor of this Province, for the Sum of* Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for reviving one Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp* do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Col. *Rutſen* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Value of Lyon Dollars*; was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title of the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1720.

THE Petition of *Cornelius Van Horne*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring a Bill into this Houſe, to ſell the Houſe and Ground in the City of *New-York*, heretofore in the Poſſeſſion of *Gabriel Thompſon*, deceaſed, for paying his juſt Debts.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *directing and appointing the Value that Lyon Dollars ſhall paſs Current for, within this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Cornelius Van Horne, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a certain Houſe and Ground, ſtanding and lying in the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſabella Davis, *to ſell and diſpoſe of four Lots, Pieces or Parcels of Ground, in the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to aſſign a Place, to build a Court Houſe and Goal for that County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That Major *Sebring* and Alderman *Janſen*, do wait on the Treaſurer of this Colony, and deſire him to lay before this Houſe, the Account of Money received by him, on the Duty ariſing by Vendues.

Ordered, That the Vendue Maſter, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Duty ariſing on Vendues, To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Thomas Byerley*, Eſq; do lay before this Houſe,

House, an Account of the Money received by him, arising on the Duty laid on Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Province.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 2, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Persons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Assigns, to refine Sugar or distill Spirits, during the Term therein mentioned*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for mending and keeping in Repair, the Post Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentiond*; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, Alderman *Jansen*, Alderman *Kipp*, Capt. *Van Horne* and Mr. *John Cuyler*, go to the Treasurer of this Colony, and inquire how much the Revenue has amounted to, during the five Years, expired *primo July* 1720, and the Payments made for that Time.

What the Revenue has amounted to from *primo July* 1720, to this Time, and the Payments paid and ordered to be paid since the 1st of *July* 1720. What Cocoa is entered during the five Years, expired *primo July* 1720, and what the Custom of the Cocoa amounts to, consumed in this Province for the said Time; and what Cocoa is entred since *July* last.

Ordred, That Mr. *Samuel Heath*, the Deputy Weigh Master, do attend this House To-morrow Morning, and lay before them, an Account of what Money he has received on the Duty arising by the Weigh House, since the Death of Mr. *John Graham*, late Weigh Master, deceased, that was due thereon before his decease, and what remained unpaid on that Duty, at the Time he was superceeded.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 3, 1720.

THE Vendue Master and the Weigh Master (according to Order) laid their several Accounts before this House.

Col. *Hicks* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to sell the Court House and Goal in the said County, and build another*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Cornelius Van Horne, *to sell and dispose of a certain House and Ground, standing and lying in the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed, and ordered that the Committee have Power to send for Persons and Papers.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Persons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Assigns to refine Sugar or distill Spirits, during the Term therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Post Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge; was read the second Time, and committed.

The Deputy Weigh Master attending without, being called in, produced an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of Debts out standing and belonging to his Majesty's Weigh House, and Porters thereunto belonging, due in the Time of* John Graham, *Esq; Weigh Master, deceased, amounting to* Two Hundred, Ninety Eight Pounds, Seven Shillings and Fourpence; and then withdrew.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost* and Major *Sebring*, do wait on his Excellency and inform him, that this House, do pray that Affair relating to an Order of Council, to impower Mr. *Samuel Heath*, the Deputy Weigh Master, to collect the Duty of the Weigh House, remaining due at the Death of Mr. *John Graham*, late Weigh Master, now lying before a Committee of that Board, may be determined, that the Money collected by, and now in the Hands of the said Deputy Weigh Master and to be collected, may be paid to the Treasurer of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 3, 1720.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to sell the Court House and Goal, in the said County, and build another*, was read the second Time, and committed.

Capt. *Stillwell* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Westchester, *to assign a Place to build a Court House and Goal for that County*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read and delivered in at the Table, which was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Provoost* reported to this House (that according to Order) he, Alderman *Jansen*, Alderman *Kipp*, Capt. *Van Horne* and Mr. *John Cuyler*, waited on the Treasurer of this Colony, and inquired into the Amount of the Revenue, and presented to this House, an Abstract thereof, from the Treasurer's Books.

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Alderman *Jansen* reported to this House that (according to Order) Major *Sebring* and himself, had waited on the Treasurer, for the Account of Money received by him, on the Duty arising by Vendues, and were informed by the Treasurer, he had received from the Weigh Master, the Sum of *Eighty Seven Pounds, Nine Shillings* and *Three pence*, from 1715 to 1717, and from 1717 to 1720, nothing.

Col. *Morris* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendring of it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the Selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Motion was made, that all Affairs now before this House, be postponed till the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentiond*; be reported by the Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House, will postpone all Affairs now before this House, until the said Bill be reported by the Committee of the whole House, to whom the said Bill is referred.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned.*

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 4, 1720.

THE Clerk presented to this House a Letter from Mr. *William Nicoll*, a Member of this House, and a Representative for the County of *Suffolk*, to excuse himself from attending the Service of this House, being indisposed in his Health.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Col. *Provoost* reported to this House, that Major *Sebring* and himself, had (according to Order) attended his Excellency, and informed him, this House prayed, that Affair relating to Mr. *Samuel Heath*, Deputy Weigh Master, now under the Consideration of a Committee of the Council, may be adjusted; his Excellency was pleased to say, he would give Directions for the bringing that Matter to a speedy Determination.

Then the House adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1720.

A Motion was made, that the Commiſſioners for the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of their Diſpoſal of the *Three Hundred Pounds*, for the preſent Year at the Expiration thereof, which will be the 13th Day of *June* 1721.

Ordered, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, do lay the ſaid Accounts before this Houſe accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Doctor *Johnſton*, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*, without any Amendments; and that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *directing and appointing the Value that Lyon Dollars ſhall paſs Current for in this Province*; without any Amendments.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to aſſign a Place, whereon to build a Court Houſe and Goal for that County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Budd* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Alderman *Kipp* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 5, 1720.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encourgement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to lay a Duty of Two *per Cent.* for every *Hundred Pounds* prime Coſt, on all *European* Goods, imported into this Colony, for the Support of the Government for five Years, and for the building and repairing Fortifications; and that Col. *Morris* do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ; 9 *ho. A. M. Nov* 7, 1720.

COL. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein mentioned*, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe would pleaſe to allow him ſuch reaſonable Sallary, as may enable him to perform his Duty in attending this Houſe, by printing the daily Votes, as well as the Reſt of his Services for the Government.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1720.

THE Petition of *Robert Crannel*, Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to aſſign him a ſmall Sallary with the Reſt of the Officers, or ſome Reward for his Service.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering of it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province*; *and for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1720.

ALDERMAN *Janſen* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Cornelius Van Horne, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a certain Houſe and Ground, ſtanding and lying in the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, and ſome Alterations in the Title; and had alſo added a Clauſe to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be engroſſed.

Alderman *Janſen*, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſabella Davis, *to ſell and diſpoſe of four Lots, Pieces or Parcels of Ground, in the City of* New-York, *in the Province of* New-York, was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent unto* Cornelius Coole, Adrian Gerritſe, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus Du Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, Roelof Swartwout, Cornelius Lammerſe, Peter Pieterſe, Lawrence Ooſterhout, *and* Jannetie Newkirk, *ſituate, lying and being in the County of* Ulſter, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley; *and the Lands granted by Patent unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton, *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Truſtees for and in the Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble *Town, in the County of* Ulſter, *aforeſaid, made in the fourth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade at* Albany, *and rendring it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought into this Houſe to

to revive an Act of General Assembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1720.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; and Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which he read, and delivered in at the Table; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1720.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Garret Van Horne, *and* Cornelius Van Horne, *to sell and dispose of a certain House and Ground, situate, lying and being in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Sebring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent unto* Cornelius Coole, Adrian Gerritse, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus Du Bois, &c. *situate, lying and being in the County of* Ulster, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted by Patent unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton, *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Trustees for and on the Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble *Town, in the County of* Ulster *aforesaid, made in the fourth Year of his Majesty's Reign*; was read the second Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to send for Persons and Papers.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Isabella Davis, *to sell and dispose of four Lots, Pieces and Parcels of Ground, in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 10, 1720.

COL. *Provoost* reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which he read, and delivered in at the Table; which were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 11, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov* 11, 1720.

MAJOR *Sebring* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent unto* Cornelius Coole, Adrian Gerretse, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read and delivered in at the Table; which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Clause, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit to the Valut of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp*, do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Gilbert Livingston*, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House to take his Losses by Farming the Excise of this Province into Consideration, and give him such Redress as may again put him in a Way of Business, which he intirely left on that Account.

Ordered, The same be taken into Considerarion by this House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Thomas Noxon*, Agent to, and in Behalf of the Inhabitants of *Marble* Town, in the County of *Ulster*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may have a Copy of a Bill now before this House, relating to the settling the Boundaries between the Town of *Marble* Town, and and the Town of *Hurley*, in the County of *Ulster*; and that the Inhabitants of *Marble* Town aforesaid, may have timely Notice given them, to offer their Reasons to this House (if any they have) why the said Bill should not pass.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 12, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods sold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 14, 1720.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of* Two Pounds, *on every* Hundred Pounds *Value prime Cost, of all* European *Goods, imported into this Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods sold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 15, 1720.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Explaining of an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An Act for settling the Boundaries, between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garretsen, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus Du Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, Roeloff Swartwout, Cornelius Lammerse, Peter Pieterse, Lawrence Oosterhout *and* Jannetse Newkirk, *situate lying and being in the County of* Ulster, *commonly called the Town of* Hurly, *and the Lands granted by Patent unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Trustees for, and on the Behalf of the Inhabitants of Town of* Marble Town, *in the County of* Ulster *aforesaid*; *made in the 4th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terbosch*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; *and for repealing one Act of General Assemby of this Province*, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the first Day of* July, *which shall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *until the first Day of* July 1721; was read the third Time, and

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an Amendment was made thereto on the Table, and the Amendment was read.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Major *Sebring*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Willet*, Col. *Provooſt*, Alderman *Janſen*, Alderman *Kipp* and Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they had agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and of rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Iſabella Davis, *to diſpoſe of four Lots, Pieces or Parcels of Ground, in the City of* New-York.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they had agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to aſſign a Place to build a County Houſe and Goal for that County.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons, but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein mentioned.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 15, 1720.

THE Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of* Two Pounds, *on every* Hundred Pounds *Value at prime Coſt, of all* European *Goods, imported into this Colony*; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read and delivered in at the Table; which were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and the Clauſe be engroſſed.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act* entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry, and rendring the ſame more effectual*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read and delivered in at the Table; and were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 16, 1720.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of* Two Pounds, *on every* Hundred Pounds *Value prime Coſt, of all* European *Goods, imported into this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 16, 1720.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Goods, ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry, and rendering the ſame more effectual*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 17, 1720.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 17, 1720.

A Meſſage by Col. *Beekman*, ſaid to be an Order of the Governor and Council; and a Meſſage by Col. *De Peyſter*, ſaid to be by Order of Governor and Council, being read; and it not appearing who were Members aſſiſting at the Council, Col. *Morris*, Col. *Provooſt*, Major *Sebring* and Alderman *Janſen*, are appointed to wait on the Gentlemen of the Council, and pray them to inform this Houſe, why they ſent thoſe Meſſages in a Method unuſual and different from their former Procedures.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 18, 1720.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *De Peyſter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of* Two Pounds, *on every* Hundred Pounds *Value prime Coſt, of all* European *Goods, into this Colony*; without Amendment.

And, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; *and for repealing one Act of the General Aſſembly, of this Province*, entitled, *An Act for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *until the firſt Day of* July 1721; without any Amendments.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums hereafter mentioned, be applied to the Uſes following *(that is to ſay.)*

To the Governor for his Salary, *Fifteen Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To the Chief Juſtice for going the Circuit, while Mr. *Morris* continues, *Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years; for any Perſon elſe, put into that Office, *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To the Commiſſioners for the *Indian* Affairs, *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To Firewood and Candles for the Garriſon at *New-York*, *Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To repairing the Fortifications, *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To Preſents to the *Indians*, *Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To the Governor's Voyage to *Albany*, *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To Firewood and Candle for the Garriſon at *Albany*, *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* for 5 Years.

To the Secretary, *Thirty Pounds, per Annum*, for enrolling the Acts, for 5 Years.

To the Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the Searcher of the Revenue, *Fifty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk of the Aſſembly, *Eighty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the two Land and Tide Waiters, *Forty Pounds, per Annum*, each, for 5 Years.

To the Printer, for printing the Acts, Minutes, *&c.* and what ſhall be ordered by the Government, *Fifty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the Door-keeper, and Meſſenger of the Council, *Twenty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the Gauger, *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the *Indian* Interpreter, *Thirty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the Door-keeper of the Aſſembly, *Twenty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the ſecond Judge, *Robert Walters*, *One Hundred Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

To the Clerk attending the Judge in his Circuit, *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, for 5 Years.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act, for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry, and rendering the ſame more effectual*; without any Amendment. And that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; without any Amendment. And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Gerrit Van

Van Horne, *and* Cornelius Van Horne, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a certain Houſe and Lot of Ground, ſituate, lying and being in the City of* New-York; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garretſen*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Gerrit Van Horne, *and* Cornelius Van Horne, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a certain Houſe and Lot of Ground, ſituate, lying and being in the City of* New-York, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to that Bill.

Reſolved, There be paid the ſeveral and reſpective Sums following, which his Excellency is humbly deſired to iſſue his Warrants in Council to the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Payment of, *viz.*

To Mr. *George Bamfield*, for Money expended by him on the Service of this Colony, and as a Reward for his Care and Pains, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, current Money of *New-York*, to be remitted to him by Bills of Exchange.

To *Lewis Morris*, Eſq; the Sum of *Twenty Five Pounds*, for his particular Service to this Houſe.

To *Thomas Braſier*, the Sum of *Eight Pounds*, for Firewood and Candles, and other Neceſſaries.

To *Catharine Poſt*, the Sum of *Six Pounds*, for the Uſe of her Houſe for the ſitting of Committees.

To *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk of the Aſſembly, for Pens, Ink and Paper, for three Seſſions, and drawing and engroſſing ſome Bills this Seſſions, and Poſtage of Letters, the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 19, 1720.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency expects the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber, immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended on his Excellency, accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bills following, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making it more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof.*
2. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing publick Highways, throughout this Colony.*
3. *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe for ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province.*
4. *An* Act, *directing and appointing the Value that Lyon Dollars ſhall paſs current for, within this Province.*
5. *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *to aſſign the Place, whereon to build a Court Houſe and Goal for that County.*
6. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.
7. *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein mentioned.*
8. *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendring it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French.
9. *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned.*
10. *An* Act, *to enable* Gerret Van Horne, *and* Cornelius Van Horne, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a certain Houſe and Ground, ſituate, lying and being in the City of* New-York.
11. *An* Act, *to enable* Iſabella Davis, *to ſell and diſpoſe of four Lots, Pieces and Parcels of Ground, in the City of* New-York.
12. *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned, and for repealing one Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord*, 1720, *until the firſt Day of* July, 1721.
13. *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of* Two Pounds, *on every* Hundred Pounds *Value, prime Coſt, of all* European *Goods imported into this Colony.*
14. *An* Act, *for continuing an* Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling.*
15. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry, and rendering the ſame more effectual.*

After which his Excellency pleaſed to ſay,

Gentlemen,

THE Chearfulneſs you have ſhewn in providing for a Support of Government, juſtly recommends you to his Majeſty's Favour, which I ſhall not fail to repreſent.

Your Care of the Frontier, and to prevent a Trade ſo dangerous to the Safety of the Province, entitles you to the Love of your Countrymen; and your Confidence in me, will make me impatient to meet ſo good an Aſſembly again.

And I deſire you would adjourn yourſelves from this Day to the firſt *Tueſday* in *March* next.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *Robert Crannel*, for this Seſſion, for his Attendance on the Houſe as Serjeant at Arms, *Five Pounds*.

To *Abraham Wendell*, for detaining his Sloop to attend ſome of the Members to go up the River, *Eight Pounds*.

Reſolved, That Stockadoes be got and brought together, to repair the Fortifications of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, and that this Houſe will pay for the getting and bringing the ſame to Place, at ſuch reaſonable Rates as this Houſe, upon Examination of the Accounts for that Service, ſhall think proper; and the Perſons bringing thoſe Accounts are to take Notice in the Accounts ſo brought, of the Length and Bigneſs of the ſaid Stockadoes, and the Length of Way carted; all which is to be made out upon Oath, that the Houſe may be truly informed in that Matter.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer of this Province pay out of any of the publick Money, to *John Williams*, *Three Pounds Eight Shillings and Three Pence*, whoſe Name was omitted in the Liſt, for his Service as a private Centinel in the Company of *Johannis D'Honeur*, in the laſt Expedition, for the Supernumary Days; this is beſides the Money allotted him in the Liſt of Capt. *Jacobus De Key*, whom he ſerved in the ſecond Expedition to *Canada*.

Ordered, That the Printer print all the Votes ſince the 12th of *November*, till the End of this Seſſion, that two Copies may be tranſmitted to each Member.

And then the Houſe adjourned themſelves till the firſt *Tueſday* in *March* next enſuing; and they are adjourned accordingly.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated in *Fort George*, in *New-York*, the thirteenth Day of *February*, in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *George*, *Anno* 1720, to adjourn the General Aſſembly unto *Tueſday* the 18th Day of *April* next.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated at *Burlington*, the 30th Day of *March*, in the 7th Year of the Reign of King *George*, *Anno* 1721, to adjourn the General Aſſembly for his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, to *Tueſday*, the 9th Day of *May* next.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated at *Burlington*, the 29th Day of *April*, 1721, to adjourn the General Aſſembly for his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, till *Wedneſday*, the 10th Day of *May* next.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated at *Burlington*, the 29th Day of *April*, 1721, to adjourn the General Aſſembly, till *Thurſday*, the 11th Day of *May* next.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated at *Burlington*, the 29th Day of *April*, 1721, aforementioned, further to adjourn the General Aſſembly, till *Tueſday* the ſixteenth Day of *May* next.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 16, 1721.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, for laying-out, regulating and clearing, publick Highways through this Colony; the Act for that Purpoſe, being near expiring by its own Limitation.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 17, 1721.

Samuel Hutchinſon, Eſq; preſented to this Houſe an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for the County of *Suffolk*, in the Room of Capt. *Samuel Mulford*, expelled this Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* and Col. *Provooſt*, do wait on Excellency, with Mr. *Hutchinſon*, that he may qualify himſelf by taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and ſign the Teſt, to fit as a Member of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 19, 1721.

COL. *Willet* reported to this Houſe, that according to Order, Col. *Provooſt* and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency, and ſaw Mr. *Hutchinſon* take the Oaths according to Law, and ſign the Teſt.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinſon*, take his Place as a Member of this Houſe accordingly.

A Meſſage by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe, immediately at the Council Board.

Then Mr. Speaker, and the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech; which to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy of, being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

IT muſt always be a Pleaſure to meet an Aſſembly, that have acted with ſo much Unanimity and Diſpatch in the Service of the Publick; and have at the ſame Time, ſhewn a due Regard to the Government, and a tender Care of the Credit, Eaſe and Safety of the Colony.

This Conduct makes you worthy to repreſent ſuch a flouriſhing People, and gives me a peculiar Satisfaction, in finding your Continuance approved at Home.

I ſhall communicate to you, the Letter I have received from the Lords of Trade, on that and ſome other Matters, and ſhall ſend you, what Papers may ſerve to inform you of the preſent State of the Frontier, and the continued Attempts of the *French* againſt this Province.

You cannot be inſenſible of the dangerous Conſequences they will have, if not timely and effectually prevented.

If you have left any Part of the publick Buſineſs unfiniſhed the laſt Time you met, you will now, I hope, perfect it, with as little Expence of Time as poſſible. I ſhall always give you Opportunities, of doing every Thing you conceive for the Benefit of your Country, and join heartily with you to the utmoſt of my Ability, to promote the common Good.

W. BURNET.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will addreſs his Excellency, and thank him for the kind Aſſurances he has given in his Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Willet*, Alderman *Janſen*, Alderman *Kipp* and Col. *Provooſt*, do prepare and bring in the ſame To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Saturday* next.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 20, 1721.

COL. *Morris* acquainted the Houſe, that (according to Order) they had prepared an Addreſs of this Houſe, to his Excellency, which being read; was agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Addreſs be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* and Col. *Provooſt*, do wait on his Excellency to know when his Excellency will be attended by this Houſe, with their Addreſs; who being returned, informed Mr. Speaker, (that according to Order) Col. *Provooſt* and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to appoint immediately.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſign the engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, which was read; and is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency William Burnet, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of* New-York, New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame*, &c.

The humbly Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of the Province of New-York.

SIR,

WE could not receive ſo good a Speech as you were pleaſed to make to us, without very grateful Sentiments of a Governor, who expreſſes ſo great an Eſteem for us, and gives in ſo agreeable a Manner, ſuch kind Aſſurances of his Inclinations and Intentions, to uſe his utmoſt Endeavours for our Happineſs.

We come here to thank you, but want Words ſufficiently to expreſs how much, we think ourſelves and thoſe we repreſent obliged.

Nothing can contribute more to the Proſperity of a People, than a good Agreement with their Governor, which we ſhall uſe our ſtrongeſt Endeavours on all Occaſions to promote, and think in making you eaſy, we provide effectually for our own Felicity, and do the moſt uſeful as well as moſt acceptable Service to the Publick.

By Order of the General Aſſembly,
Robert Livingſton, *Speaker.*

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended on his Excellency with the Addreſs of this Houſe; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their Addreſs to the Governor, who was pleaſed to receive the ſame very kindly, and thanked them for their good Addreſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. May 22, 1721.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration;

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt* and Col. *Rutſen*, do wait on his Excellency, and pray he will pleaſe to communicate to this Houſe,

House, the Letter from the Lords of Trade, and those Papers relating to the Frontier, mentioned in his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 23, 1721.

COL. *Provoost* and Col. *Rutsen* (having according to Order) waited on his Excellency, received the Letter from the Lords of Trade, which he presented to the House, and being read; approved of his Excellency's continuing this House, having no Objection thereto, "the Practice being exactly conformable to that in *Ireland*, where one Parliament has subsisted under different Governor's, since his Majesty's Accession to the Throne;" he also laid before this House, those Papers relating to the Frontier, which were read; with the Letter from Monsr. *Vaudreuil* the Governor of *Canada*, to Col. *Schuyler*.

Mr. *Karel Hansen* laid before this House, an Account of the Charge of the Stockadoes brought to repair the Fortifications of *Schenectady*, pursuant to a resolve of this House, made the 19th of *November* last.

Ordered, That the Papers laid before this House, by Col. *Provoost*, be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Account of the Charge of Stockadoes for repairing the Fortifications of *Schenectady*, be referred to Col. *Provoost*, Mr. *Jansen*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Capt. *Willet*, Col. *Rutsen*, Col. *Lewis*, Capt. *Budd*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Judge *Haring*, or any 7 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

The Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of *Albany*, at their General Sessions of the Peace, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House to regulate the *Northermost* Bounds of the County of *Ulster*, and the *Southermost* Bounds of the County *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining, settling and ascertaining the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *on the* West *Side of* Hudson's River, *and the* North *Bounds of the County of* Ulster, *on the* West *Side of the said River*, was committed. A Motion was made, that the Trustees of *King*'s Town, have a Copy of the Petition.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Corporation of the Town of *King's* Town, in the County of *Ulster*, be served with a Copy of the said Petition.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 23, 1721.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing, and further laying-out, Highways*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House taking into Consideration the present State of the Frontier, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of that Matter; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Rutsen* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Matter.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 24, 1721.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill for regulating Fences, be prepared and brought into this House.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought into this House, to prohibit Lotteries.

Ordered, That a Bill for prohibiting Lotteries, and that by Way of voluntary Subscriptions, be prepared and brought into this House.

A Motion was made, That the Treasurer of this Colony, lay before this House, a Letter he hath received from the Lords of the Treasury of *Great-Britain* last *Fall*.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony, do lay before this House, a Letter he hath received from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury of *Great-Britain*, last Fall.

The Petition of *Elsie Bosch*, Widow, and Relict of *Albert Bosch*, late of the City of *New-York*, Sword Cutler, deceased; *Justus Bosch*, *Albertus Bosch*, *Casparus Bosch*, and *Anna Maria*, being Children of the aforesaid *Albert Bosch*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to this House, to enable the Petitioner *Elsie Bosch*, to sell a certain small Dwelling House in this City, for the Relief of the said *Elsie* during her Life; and after her Decease, to the Uses in the Will of *Albert Bosch*, her late Husband.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Ordered, That Leave be given to Judge *Haring*, to go home for a Week, upon extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 24, 1721.

COL. *De Peyster*, (according to Order) laid before this House, the Letter received by him from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury of *Great-Britain*, dated the 17th of *August* 1720.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, and Col. *Hicks*, repair to the Secretary's Office of this Province, and inspect the Instructions of Brigadier *Hunter*, the late Governor, what Directions are contained therein to oblige the Treasurer of this Province, to account to the Auditor General of his Majesty's Revenue in the Plantations, or his Deputy; and report the same to this House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing and further laying out Highways*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 25, 1721.

MR. *Jansen*, presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the settling the Estate of* Albartus Conradus Bosch, *late of the City of* New-York, *Sword Cutler, deceased*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Petition of *James Harding*, *John Rapalje*, *Johannis Bergen*, and *John Middagh*, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for continuing the Road or Highway, from the Ferry towards the Town of *Brookland*, in *King*'s County, as the same now is and has been upwards of Sixty Years past.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *Johannis Van Soobriger*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House taking into Consideration the Payment of Mr. *Ambrose Philips*'s Salary, the Agent for this Province, at the Court of *Great-Britain*;

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen*, Col. *Provoost*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Stilwell*, and Mr. *Hutchinson*, or any three of them, be a Committee of this House, appointed to examine what Salary remains due and unpaid to Mr. *Ambrose Philips*, the late Agent for this Province at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and report the same to this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 25, 1721.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Provoost*, presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the common Road or Highway from the Ferry towards the Town of* Brookland, *on the Island* Nassau, *in the Province of* New-York; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing, and further laying out Highways*; after some Time spent therein, Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will resolve into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinson*, have Leave to go home for ten Days, upon extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 26, 1721.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Eſtate of* Albertus Conradus Boſch, *late of the City of* New-York, *Sword Cutler, deceaſed*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Motion was made, that the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Revenue and the Arrears of Taxes of the Cities and Counties, due on the two Expeditions to *Canada*.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Revenue for the Support of this his Majeſty's Government; and alſo an Account what every reſpective City and County, is in Arrears in their Taxes for the two Expeditions to *Canada*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 26, 1721.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, *P. M. May* 31, 1721.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1721.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Lotteries within the Province of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for facilitating the Partition of Land in Joint Tenancy, or in Common, promoting and improving thereof, rendering the Payment of the Quit-Rents due thereupon, certain and eaſy; and diſcharging all Engagements relating thereunto*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Account, entitled, *The Province of* New-York, *debtor to* Philip Livingſton; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, being for Stockadoes, for his Majeſty's Fort at *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Account of the Charge of Stockadoes for repairing the Fortifications of *Schenectady*.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 1, 1721.

MR. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Eſtate of* Albertus Conradus Boſch, *late of the City of* New-York, *Sword Cutler, deceaſed*; That they had examined the Allegations ſet forth in the Bill, and found them true; and that all Parties being agreed, they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Ammendments thereto, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Ammendments, be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the common Road or Highway, from the Ferry towards the Town of* Brookland, *on the Iſland of* Naſſau, *in the Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought into this Houſe to prevent Vagarants.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe to prevent vagarant Perſons, accordingly.

A Motion was made, that Care be taken to prevent the keeping great Quantities of Gun-Powder within the City of *New-York*; and to build, or encourage the building of ſome convenient Place, at a proper Diſtance from the ſaid City, for a Store to lodge and ſecure ſuch Quantities of Gun-Powder as ſhall be imported into the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Motion into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1721.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Lotteries within the Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Eſtate of* Albertus Conradus Boſch, *late of the City of* New-York, *Sword Cutler, deceaſed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing and further laying out Highways*; and Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *facilitating the Partition of Land in joint Tenancy or in Common, promoting the Settlement and Improvement thereof, rendering the Quit Rents due thereupon, certain and eaſy, and diſcharging all Engagements relating thereunto*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1721.

THIS Houſe being informed, that Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, Eſq; Treaſurer of this Colony, was in ſo ill a State of Health, that he was incapable of executing the Office of Treaſurer of this Colony.

A Motion was made, that ſome other Perſon might be nominated and appointed by this Houſe, to be Treaſurer of this Colony in his Place and Stead.

Col. *De Peyſter's* ill State of Health being known by all the Members of this Houſe, they proceeded to the Nomination of another Perſon, to be Treaſurer of this Colony in his Place and Stead, and named his Son, *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. Eſq;

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. Eſq; be appointed by this Houſe, Treaſurer of this Colony of *New-York*; and that the Speaker acquaint the ſaid *De Peyſter*, that this Houſe have nominated and appointed him to be Treaſurer of this Colony, in Place and Stead of his Father; and that he find ſufficient Security in the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, for the true Performance of his Office, the Security to be approved by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, and Col. *Hicks*, do wait on his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him, that the ill State of Health of the preſent Treaſurer of this Colony, makes it neceſſary to appoint ſome other Perſon in his Stead; and that this Houſe had nominated and appointed *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. to be Treaſurer of this Colony accordingly.

Col. *Morris*, and Col. *Hicks*, being returned, acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency was well pleaſed with the Choice.

Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, that he had acquainted *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. Eſq; with the Reſolutions of the Houſe, of appointing him Treaſurer of this Colony; which

which he accepted of, and desired the Speaker to return his humble Thanks to the House, for their favourable Opinion of him.

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to *Abraham De Peyster*, jun. Esq; to be Treasurer of this Colony, that he may immediately enter upon the Execution of his Office.

Then the Speaker, by order of the House, issued the following Warrant.

House of Representatives for his Majesty's Province of New-York.

To Abraham De Peyster, *jun. Esq; Treasurer of the Colony of* New-York, *greeting*.

THIS House being well assured of your Integrity, Prudence and Ability, have nominated and appointed you to be Treasurer of this Colony of *New-York*, in Place and Stead of your Father, *Abraham De Peyster*, Esq; And you the said *Abraham De Peyster*, jun. Esq; are hereby appointed to be Treasurer of this Colony of *New-York*, and to receive and pay all Monies arising due and payable unto, or by the Treasurer of this Colony, by Virtue of all or any the Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, now in Force, or hereafter to be made and in force, according to the Tenor of the said Acts; and to do, perform and execute the said Office of Treasurer of this Colony, as fully, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, as your Father, *Abraham De Peyster*, Esq; late Treasurer of this Colony, did, or might legally have done.

By Order of the General Assembly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1721.

THE House met, and adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *June* 5, 1721.

THE Petition of *Allard Anthony*, of the City of *New-York*, Cordwainer, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House will please to pass an Act, that no Leather made in, or imported into the City of *New-York*, may be worked, before the same be duly stamped or marked; and that the Petitioner may be appointed to be Marker General of the said Leather, and execute the said Office by himself, or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies.

Resolved, That this House will take the said Petition into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1721.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Lotteries within the Province of* New-York. After some Time spent therein, Alderman *Kip* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which being read, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1721.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Lotteries within the Province of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garret Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Province*. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1721.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony*; and Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1721.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House taking into Consideration the Petition of *Allard Anthony*;

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this House, for marking or stamping of Leather.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 8, 1721.

THE late Treasurer's ill State of Health, rendering him incapable to comply with the Order made the 26th of *May* last, for laying an Account of the Revenue and Taxes in arrear before this House;

Ordered, That Mr. *Abraham De Peyster*, jun. is desired to lay before this House the most perfect Account he is capable, of the Receipts and Payments of the Revenue for the Support of this Government; and also, an Account of what every respective City and County in this Province is in Arrear in their Taxes for the two Expeditions to *Canada*, that shall appear by his Father the late Treasurer's Books.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1721.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing, and further laying out Highways*; and Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 9, 1721.

COL. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the common Road, or the King's Highway, from the Ferry towards the Town of* Brookland, *on the Iſland of* Naſſau, *in the Province of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, and further laying out Highways*, was committed, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 10, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the common Road, or King's Highway, from the Ferry towards the Town of* Brookland, *on the Iſland of* Naſſau, *in the Province of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garretſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. the Treaſurer of this Colony (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Revenue, for the Support of this Government; and Accounts of what every reſpective City and County in this Province is in Arrear in their Taxes for the two Expeditions to *Canada*.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, and further laying out Highways*, was committed, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. June 12, 1721.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 13, 1721.

COL. *Provooſt* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johannis Van Soolingen; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſeveral Shoemakers of the City of *New-York*, in Behalf of themſelves, and others of the ſame Occupation, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying no Act may paſs, for ſtamping or marking of Leather; after ſome Debate thereon,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Petition lie on the Table? It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Printer attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Motion was made, that the Accounts of the late Treaſurer, laid before this Houſe, the Accounts of Stockadoes, for repairing the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, purſuant to a Reſolve of this Houſe, and the preſent State of the Frontier, the continued Attempts of the *French*, againſt this Province, and how the five *Indian* Nations may be ſecured in his Majeſty's Intereſt, be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do wait on his Excellency, and pray a Committee of the Council, may be appointed to join a Committee of this Houſe, to audit the late Treaſurer's Account of the Revenue, till the 5th of this Inſtant *June*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will take the Accounts of Stockadoes, for repairing the Forts of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, purſuant to a Reſolve of this Houſe, and the preſent State of the Frontier, the continued Attempts of the *French*, againſt this Province, and how the five Nations may be ſecured in his Majeſty's Intereſt, into Conſideration.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, for collecting the Arrears of Taxes due from the ſeveral Cities, Counties, Towns, Manors and Precincts within this Province, laid for the two Expeditions to *Canada*, to ſink the Bills of Credit made current in 1709 and 1711.

A Motion was made, that the Reſolve of this Houſe, made the ſecond Inſtant *June*, whereby the New Treaſurer, *Abraham De Peyſter*, junior, was obliged to give Security for the Performance of his Office, to the Value of *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, may be reconſidered, and that he may give Security for *Five Thouſand Pounds*, in regard it cannot be ſuppoſed, he ever can have ſo much Money of the Support of Government in his Hands at one Time? It is therefore conſidered by this Houſe; and,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. Treaſurer, be obliged to give ſufficient Security, only for *Five Thouſand Pounds*, for the Performance of his Office, to the Satisfaction of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 14, 1721.

MR. Speaker informed the Houſe, he had waited on his Excellency (according to Order) and prayed a Committee of Council may be appointed, to join a Committee of this Houſe, to audit the late Treaſurer's Accounts of the Revenue, till the 5th of this Inſtant *June*, and his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would move the Council on that Head the next Time they met, and that he would take Care, a Committee ſhould be appointed accordingly.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing and further laying-out Highways*; and Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments and added ſeveral Clauſes to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 14, 1721.

THE Petition of *John Smith*, of the City of *New-York*, Currier, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be appointed the General Searcher and Surviſor, of all Tanned Leather, in an Act to be brought into this Houſe, for marking and ſtamping of Leather.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for two Expeditions to* Canada; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Charge of Stockadoes, for repairing his Majeſty's Forts at *Albany* and Schenectady, and do find that there is due to *Philip Livingſton*, for Money advanced by him for the Stockadoes for the Fort at *Albany*, *Fifty Seven Pounds*, *Nine Shillings* and *One Penny Halfpenny*; and to Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, for the Stockadoes, which he has engaged to pay for the Fort at *Schenectady*, *Ninety One Pounds*, *Eleven Shillings* and *Nine-pence*, being in all *One Hundred* and *Forty Nine Pounds and Ten-pence Halfpenny*; which was read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 15, 1721.

A Motion was made, that the Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, enti-

entitled, *An* Act, *facilitating the Partition of Land, in joint Tenancy or in Common, promoting the Settlement and Improvement thereof, rendering the Payments of the Quit Rents due thereupon certain and easy, and discharging all Engagements thereunto.*

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, and that all Persons concerned have Notice thereof.

The Petition of *Susanna Parmyter*, the Widow and sole Executrix of *John Parmyter*, late of the City of *New-York*, deceased; was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring a Bill into this House, to impower her to dispose of a Dwelling-House in *Beaver-Street*, in the City of *New-York*, to pay her Husband's Debts.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Petition of several of the Merchants and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that for the Encouragement of the Trade and Navigation of this Province, a Bill may pass this House, to exempt from the Duty of Tonnage, all Ships and Vessels that now or hereafter shall, *Bona Fide*, wholly belong and be owned by the Inhabitants of this Province, or any of them.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Consideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturaling* Johannis Van Soolingen; was read the second Time, and committed.

The Petition of *Johan Remerse*, *Hendrick Schliedorn*, *Johan Bernhard*, *Voe Dieren* and *Johannis Hause*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth; they being of foreign Birth, prayed their Names may be inserted into the Bill for naturalizing *Johannis Van Soolingen*.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturaling* Johannis Van Soolingen.

The Petition of *Gilbert Livingston*, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House will please to take his Case, as one of the Farmers of the Excise, into Consideration, in Order to his Relief.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Consideration by this House To-morrow.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis* and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait on the Treasurer of this Colony, to know what the Excise brought in before the Farmers took the same, and what is paid in by them during the two Years.

Upon reading the Letter from the Right Honourable the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, to the Treasurer of this Colony, and a Letter from his Excellency to the said Treasurer;

Ordered, That an humble Representation, be made by this House, to his Excellency, upon the Head of the Treasurer's accounting with the Auditor General, and pray that his Excellency would transmit the same, to one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* prepare and bring in the said Representation.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 15, 1721.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 16, 1721.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Bobin*, That they had appointed a Committee of that Board, to meet a Committee of this House, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Col. *De Peyster's*, to examine the late Treasurer's Accounts.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, Mr. *Jansen*, Alderman *Kipp*, Capt. *Garret Van Horne*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Lewis*, Mr. *Hendrick Hansen* and Col. *Stillwell*, or any 5 of them, be appointed a Committee of this House, to meet a Committee of the Council, at 3 o'Clock this Afternoon, at Col. *De Peyster's* House, to join a Committee of that Board, to examine the late Treasurer's Accounts, and report their Proceedings therein to this House.

A Message from the Council by Col. *Beekman*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Lotteries within the Province of* New-York, with Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of House; which being read; were agreed to by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinson*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Lotteries within the Province of* New-York, to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

A Message from the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Estate of* Albertus Conradus Bosch, *late of the City of* New-York, *Sword-Cutler, deceased*; without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Col. *Beekman*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the common Road or the King's Highway, from the Ferry towards the Town of* Brookland, *on the Island of* Nassau, *in the Province of* New-York; without any Amendments.

Col. *Lewis* (according to Order) waited on the Treasurer of this Colony, to know what the Excise brought in before the Farmers took the same, and what is paid in by them during two Years; and laid before this House an Account, that he had received on Account of Excise, since *primo November* 1714, till the Farmers took the same, the Sum of *Twenty Seven Hundred Eighty Six Pounds, Five Shillings and Four-pence Halfpenny*, and had received from the Farmers, *Francis Harrison*, Esq; and *Gilbert Livingston*, for the first and second Years, *Nineteen Hundred Pounds*; which was read.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, write to Mr. Secretary *Clark*, and desire him to lay before this House, a Copy of *Horatio Walpole*, Esq; his Commission and Patent, for being Auditor General, and a Copy of the Deputation, given by Mr. *Walpole*, to the said *Clark*.

Col. *Provoost* and Col. *Hicks* (according to Order) repaired to the Secretary's-Office of this Province, to inspect the Instructions of Brigadier *Hunter*, the late Governor; what Directions are contained therein, to oblige the Treasurer of this Province, to account to the Auditor General of his Majesty's Revenue in the Plantations, or his Deputy; and being informed the Instructions were in the Governor's Custody, waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to deliver the Instructions to them, and the 30, 31, and 32 Articles of the Instructions, being read, are as follows, *viz.*

30. You are not to permit any Clause whatsoever, to be inserted in any Law for levying Money, or the Value of Money, whereby the same shall not be made liable to be accounted for, unto us here in *Great-Britain*, and to our Commissioners of our Treasury, or our High Treasurer for the Time being.

31. And we do particularly require and enjoin you, under the Pain of our high Displeasure, to take Care that fair Books of Accounts of all Receipts and Payments of all such Money, be duly kept and the Truth thereof attested upon Oath, and that the said Books be transmitted every Half Year or oftner, to our Commissioners of our Treasury, or High Treasurer for the Time being, and to our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, and Duplicates thereof by the next Conveyance; in which Books shall be specified every particular Sum raised or disposed of, together with the Names of the Persons to whom any Payment shall be made, to the

the End we may be ſatisfied of the right and due Application of the Revenue of our ſaid Province, and the Territories depending thereon.

32. You are not to ſuffer any publick Money whatſoever, to be iſſued or diſpoſed of, otherwiſe than by Warrant under your Hand, by and with the Advice and Conſent of our ſaid Council; but the Aſſembly may be, nevertheleſs permitted from Time to Time, to view and examine the Accounts of Money or Value of Money, diſpoſed of by Virtue of Laws made by them, which you are to ſignify unto them, as there ſhall be Occaſion.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1721.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Morris*, do prepare and bring in a Bill to ſecure and collect the Duties at the Eaſt End of the Iſland of *Naſſau*.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making void, and cancelling one Warrant, dated in Council the* 13*th Day of* June, 1719; That they had gone through the Bill, and had diſected him to report the Bill to the Houſe without any Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making void, and cancelling one Warrant, dated in Council the* 13*th Day of* June, 1719; was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Bill be rejected, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making void, and cancelling one Warrant, dated in Council the* 13*th Day of June*, 1719, be rejected accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, that no Perſon ſhall bolt Flour in this Province, but in the Cities of *New-York*, and *Albany*; it was carried in the Negative.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1721.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Suſanna Parmyter, *to ſell and diſpoſe of one Houſe and Lot of Ground, in the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1721.

THE Petition of Capt. *Ebenezer Wilſon*, and Capt. *John Van Horne*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe, for paying the Petitioners for their Service in General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1721.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *facilitating the Partition of Land in joint Tenancy or in Commom; promoting the ſettling and improving thereof, rendering the Payment of the Quit Rents due thereupon certain and eaſy, and diſcharging all Engagements relating thereunto*; and Col. *Lewis* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Suſanna Parmyter, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a Houſe and Lot of Ground in the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1721.

MR. *Clarke*, (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Copy of *Horatio Walpole*, Eſqr's Letters Patent for the Office of Auditor General of *America*; and his Deputation from Mr. *Walpole*, to Mr. *Clarke*, to conſtitute him Deputy Auditor of the Colony of *New-York*; which were read.

No particular Perſons being ordered to prepare and bring in a Bill, for preventing Vagabonds and Vagrants, idle Perſons, from being an Expence to any the Cities, Towns, Precincts or Counties within this Province;

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to enable the now Treaſurer, to recover the ſeveral Arrears due and payable to the late Treaſurer of this Province; and that Mr. *Morris* prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 21, 1721.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will take that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Frontier, into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, to encourage the building a Magazine for ſtoring of Gun-powder in the City of *New-York*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1721.

THE High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, (according to Order) attended on this Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Frontier, into Conſideration; reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Frontier.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing, and further laying out Highways*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Thomas Willet*, and Capt. *Samuel Garretſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Frontier. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, and Alderman *Janſen*, do deſire the Treaſurer of this Colony to lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Money is received on the Duties of Vendues.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 23, 1721.

THE Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the Province of *New-York*, for themſelves and others, the Owners and Proprietors of Lands bordering upon the Partition Line, between the Province of *New-York* and the Province of *New-Jerſey*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for raiſing a Sum of Money ſufficient to purchaſe a proper Inſtrument for obſerving, and thereby fixing the exact Station, Points of the Latitudes on *Hudſon's* River, and moſt northerly Branches of *Delaware* River; and for defraying the Charge of trying the Inſtrument in *Great-Britain*, and tranſporting it to this Colony, in order that the Partition Line between the Provinces of *New-York* and *New-Jerſey*, be truly run and aſcertained.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1721.

COL. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Suſanna Parmyter, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a Houſe and Lot of Ground in the City of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada.

A Motion was made, that the Treaſurer of this Colony, lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of Debts due on the Revenue, for the Support of this Government.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of what Debts are due on the Revenue, for the Support of this Government.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the Province of *New-York*, for themſelves and others, the Owners and Proprietors of Lands, bordering upon the Partition Line, between the Province of *New-York* and the Province of *New-Jerſey*, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for raiſing a Sum of Money, ſufficient to purchaſe a proper Inſtrument for obſerving, and thereby fixing the exact Station, Points of the Latitudes on *Hudſon's* River, and moſt *Netherly* Branch of *Delaware* River, and for defraying the Charge of trying this Inſtrument in *Great-Britain*, and Tranſporting it to this Colony, in Order that the Partition Line between the Provinces of *New-York* and *New-Jerſey*, be truly run and aſcertained.

A Motion was made, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion was made, That the Tonnage Officer, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Debts are due on that Duty, and what Money is now in his Hands.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Debts are due, on the Duty of Tonnage and *Negroes*, and what Money is in his Hands.

A Motion was made, That the Weigh Maſter, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Debts are due, on the Duty for Weighing at his Majeſty's Beam, and what Money is in his Hands.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Debts are due, on the Duty for Weighing at his Majeſty's Beam, and what Money is in his Hands.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1721.

THE Petition of *Gilbert Livingſton* and *Cornelia*, his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe, to enable them to ſell and diſpoſe of eleven Lots of Grounds, ſituate and being in the City of *New-York*, as alſo to make good and ſufficient Title in Law, to ſuch Perſons as have aforetime purchaſed four other Lots, of the ſaid *Gilbert* and *Cornelia*, his Wife.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, the humble Repreſentation of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*; which was read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Repreſentation be engroſſed.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Vagrants and idle Perſons from becoming a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors, or Precincts within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to empower* Gilbert Livingſton, *to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, ſituate, lying and being in the City of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, to elect a Member for *King's* County, in the Stead of Major *Seabring*, deceaſed.

Mr. Speaker preſented to this Houſe, a Letter to Brigadier *Hunter*, which was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, The ſame be tranſcribed fair.

Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from a Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Frontier; That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1721.

COL. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johannus Van Soolingen; That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; and that they had alſo conſidered of the Petition of *Johan Ramerſe*, *Hendrick Schliedorn*, *Johan Benhard Voediren*, and *Johans Haenſz*, to them referred, and are of Opinion, their Names ought to be inſerted in the Bill; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Vagrant and idle Perſons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors, or Precincts, within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Suſanna Parmyter, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a Houſe and Lot of Ground in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* Ebenezer Wilſon, *and Capt.* John Van Horne, *for the City of* New-York, *their Arrears due for Surveying in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Gilbert Livingſton, *to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, ſituate, lying and being in the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Frontier; That they are of Opinion, a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, for ſatisfying Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, and Mr. *Karel Hanſen*, for the Stockadoes they provided for the Fortifications at *Albany* and *Schenectady*; which was read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, to impower the Treaſurer of this Colony, to pay for

the Stockadoes provided for the Fortifications of the City of *Albany* and *Schenectady*, out of the Monies in the Treasurers Hands not appropriated, and the Duty arising by Vendues.

Resolved, That this House will resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 27, 1721.

THE transcribed Letter to Brigadier *Hunter*, was read; and signed by all the Members, except Mr. *Nicoll* and Major *Sebring*, being as follows, *viz.*

SIR,

THERE was a Bill brought into our House last *Fall*, entitled, *An* Act, *for making void and cancelling one Warrant, dated in Council the 13th Day of* June 1719; which Bill we have upon the third Reading, rejected, and *Ordered*, That the *Five Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, therein mentioned; should be paid by the Treasurer to your Order, and we are very glad of an Opportunity, to testify the great Esteem and Regard we have, and will always preserve for you, and are now well satisfied, that we could not otherwise do Justice, to the Person who has laid us under so many great Obligations of Gratitude.

We are at present destitute of such Person who bears the Character of Agent for our Province, and are well assured of your great Affection, Good Will and Capacity to serve our Interest, but at a great Loss to find out Arguments, to persuade you to accept of so mean a Character, attended with so small a Profit. The small Allowance we are able to give for an Agent, makes us ashamed to offer it to you, and the great Neglect of our Affairs, by every Agent we have employed, makes us fearful of employing any Body else.

We shall only mention, that long Experience of your past Administration of Government, has rendered you to us, to be fittest Person for that Trust. We humbly beg Leave, to put it wholly in your Power, by this our Letter, either to accept thereof your self, or to nominate another to be our Agent. And we do promise the Allowance for that Service, shall not fall short of what has been made to any former Agent. Our sole Dependence is on the Promises you made us, and that innate Goodness you are possest of, which makes us pray, that you would so far Interest your self as you conveniently may, in the Affairs we will recommend to you.

We are with much Sincerity and humble Respect,

Sir,
Your most obliged,
and most obedient,
humble Servants,

From the Assembly Chamber, in the City-Hall, *at* New-York.
Die Lunæ, June 26, 1721.
To the Hon. Brigadier Hunter, *Comptroller General of his Majesty's Customs*, London.

Lewis Morris, *R. Livingston*, Speaker
David Provoost, *John Jansen*,
Garret Van Horne, *John Cuyler*,
Hendrick Hansen, *Isaac Hicks*,
William Willet, *Joseph, Budd*, &c.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treasurer of this Colony for the Time being, to recover the several Arrears, due and payable to the former Treasurer*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 28, 1721.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising a Sum of Money, to be applied for defraying the Charge of purchasing, trying and transporting from* Great-Britain, *into this Province, an Instrument proper for observing Latitudes, in Order for the fixing of the exact Station Points, betwixt this Province and the Province of* New-Jersey, *on* Hudson's River, *and the most* Notherly *Branch of the River* Delaware; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treasurer of this Colony for the Time being, to recover the several Arrears due and payable to the former Treasurer*; was read the second Time, and committed.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this House, for raising a Sum of Money, towards defraying the extraordinary Charges that may happen on the Township of *Schenectady*, in the County of *Albany*.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this House for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 28, 1721.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Law Suits, against the Heirs of the late* Caleb Heathcote, *on Account of an Agreement made between him and his Co-partners, in four Tracts of Land, patented to him and them in* Westchester *County, the 14th and 17th of* February, *and 2d Day of* March 1701, *and enabling them to perform the same*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Lewis* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for facilitating the Partition of Land in Joint Tenancy, or in Common, promoting and improving thereof, rendering the Payment of the Quit-Rents due thereon, certain and easy; and discharging all Engagements relating thereto*, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the enabling such Persons, as his Excellency the Governor shall appoint, to receive and collect the Duties, due and payable in the County of* Suffolk, *by Virtue of an Act of General Assembly of this Province, passed in the 7th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 29, 1721.

MR. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Gilbert Livingston, *to sell and dispose of certain Lots of Land, situate, lying and being in the City of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House taking the Petition of sundry Merchants and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York* into Consideration;

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this House, to exempt from the Duty of Tonnage, all Ships and Vessels, that now or hereafter shall wholly belong, and be owned by the Inhabitants of this Province.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable them to surround the said City with New Pallisadoes.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of the subscribing Petitioners, Freeholders of the City of *New-York*, for themselves and other Freeholders of

of the said City, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, That the several Assessors of the Minister and Poor's Tax of each Ward, within the City of *New-York*, may be sworn to assess the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof, equally and impartially to the best of their Knowledge.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the enabling such Persons, as his Excellency the Governor shall appoint, to receive and collect the Duties due and payable in the County of* Suffolk, *&c.* was read the second Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* Ebenezer Wilson *and Capt.* John Van Horne, *their Arrears due for serving in General Assembly*; was read the second Time, and committed.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this House, for continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of 6000 Ounces of Plate.

The House, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Frontier. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed to, being as follows, *viz.*

Ordered, That this House will raise the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, towards the Defence of the Frontier, and making a Settlement amongst the five Nations, where it shall be found most convenient, and for securing the said five Nations in the Interest of his Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 29, 1721.

COL. *Provoost*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Vagrant and idle Persons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors or Precincts, within this Province*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 30, 1721.

A Message from the Council by *Rip Van Dam*, Esq; That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating of Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Province*; without any Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Gilbert Livingston, *to sell and dispose of certain Lots of Land, situate, lying and being in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost* and Col. *Lewis*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will please to be attended by this House with their Representation.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johannis Van Soolingen, Johan Remerse, Hendrick Schliedorn, Johan Bernard Voediren, *and* Johannis Hausz; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the enabling such Persons as his Excellency the Governor shall appoint, to receive and collect the Duties due and payable in the County of* Suffolk, *by Virtue of an Act of General Assembly of this Province, pass'd in the 7th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, and added a Clause; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clause be engrossed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Treasurer to pay for the Stockadoes provided for the Fortifications in* Albany *and* Schenectady; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising a Sum of Money to be applied for defraying the Charge of purchasing, trying and transporting from* Great-Britain *into this Province, an Instrument proper for observing Latitudes, in order for the fixing of the exact station Points between this Province and the Province of* New-Jersey, *on* Hudson's *River, and the most northerly Branch of the River* Delaware; was read the second Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising Ounces of Plate, for the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Lewis* informed this House, he had waited on his Excellency, (according to Order) who was pleased to say he would receive this House about 6 o'Clock this Evening.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* do enquire of the Vendue Master, what Money he has in his Custody, that was received on that Duty.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 30, 1721.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Representation of this House to his Excellency, was presented to the House, and read, and was signed by Mr. Speaker, being as follows, *viz.*

To William Burnet, *Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of* New-York, New-Jersey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the same, &c.*

The humble Representation of the General Assembly of his Majesty's Province of New-York.

IT is with some Concern we appear before you on an Affair, which, we flattered ourselves, had long since been set in so just a Light before her late Majesty and Ministers, by former Assemblies of this Province, as would render any Attempts fruitless to re-lay that Burthen on this Colony, which we thought had been effectually removed by the Direction of our Superiors; and which even the Person himself was said to have been most concerned in the Profit, thought too heavy and unreasonable to impose.

We find by a Letter from the Right Honourable the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, to the Treasurer of this Colony, that those right honourable Persons are of Opinion, that the neglecting or refusing to account with the Auditor General, will be looked upon as a Contempt of his Majesty's Authority.

How far artful Representations from hence hath prevailed, we have but too much Reason to suspect; but we humbly hope, when their Lordships are truly informed how that Matter stands, they will abate of the Severity of their Sentiments, and give such Directions as are suitable to his Majesty's Goodness, and we hope, favourable Inclinations to a People, who, by repeated Instances, have shewn, they have nothing more at Heart than to approve themselves his faithful Subjects.

We are so far from desiring that his Majesty, or his Ministers, should be unacquainted with the State of his Revenue here, that we think

think no one Thing would be of greater Service to this Province, than his Majeſty being truly and thoroughly informed of the Diſpoſition of every Penny of it. Had that been juſtly done by all the Governors of this Province, we have great Reaſon to believe we ſhould not have laboured under that great Load of Debt, which was too manifeſtly owing to the extraordinary Miſapplication and ſquandering of the publick Money; and we are bold to ſay, her late Majeſty's Indulgence in admitting us a Treaſurer of our own, made it practicable to retrieve the public Credit, which muſt otherw ſe have been deſpaired of, unleſs the Crown, by an Exceſs of royal Munificence, had repleniſhed a Treaſury, imprudently emptied by thoſe intruſted with the Management of it.

Among the many Extravagancies of thoſe Times, one was, the allowing a Fee or Salary to the Auditor General, of 5 *per Cent.* upon the whole Amount of his Majeſty's Revenue in this Province. We venture to call this extravagant, firſt, Becauſe ſuch a Salary in this Province was not allowed him by his Majeſty's Commiſſion; ſecondly, Becauſe he himſelf diſapproved of it. That ſuch a Salary never was allowed, or intended by his Majeſty to be allowed him, out of his Revenue in this Province, we humbly conceive, appears by the Commiſſion itſelf; for by that there is only the Salary of *Five Hundred Pounds*, yearly, given as a Reward for the auditing all the Accounts in his Majeſty's Plantations in *America*; which Salary is appointed to be paid out of his Majeſty's Revenues in *Virginia*, *Barbados*, *Leeward Iſlands* and *Jamaica*, *viz.* Out of the Revenue of *Virginia*, *One Hundred Pounds*; *Barbados*, *One Hundred Pounds*; *Leeward Iſlands*, *One Hundred Pounds*, and *Jamaica*, *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*; and not one Word of any Allowance made him out of his Majeſty's Revenue in *New-York*; and by what Authority he could take to himſelf a twentieth Part of his Majeſty's Revenues here, when his Majeſty had given no ſuch Direction, we are yet to ſeek; we have indeed heard it was taken as a *Quantum Meruit*, but that could not be, for the *Five Hundred Pounds* was what the Crown thought to be a ſufficient Reward for that Service; and we do not find by that Commiſſion, any Authority given to that Officer to proportion what Part of his Majeſty's Revenue ſhall be paid to himſelf out of the Revenue ariſing in the ſeveral Plantations not named in that Commiſſion, that being, in our Opinion, a Power lodged ſolely in the Crown, and not to be done by any Subject whatſoever, without expreſs and particular Directions under the great Seal, for that Purpoſe. It is true, the Diſpoſition of the publick Money here, as we ſuppoſe, was, as in other Places, in the Governor, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Council; and ſome of thoſe Governors here, depending more on the favour and Intereſt of the then Auditor General, than on their own good Behaviour for their Continuance, might prevail upon a timid, puſilanimous Council to conſent to ſuch a laviſh Diſpoſition of the public Money. This, we ſuppoſe, gave riſe to the demanding of it as a Fee or Perquiſite, tho' we do not find it ever was allowed by the Treaſury, and whether ever it was received by himſelf, there is reaſon to doubt; for in the Obſervations made (as we ſuppoſe) by the then Auditor on the Accounts of *New-York*, 1703, and 1704, among many extravagant Charges taken Notice of in thoſe Accounts, this of the 5 *per Cent.* is one, and 'tis noted by Way of Memorandum, that Mr. *Blathwait*, conceiving his Salary as Auditor and Surveyor General, too large at 5 *per Cent.* upon the ordinary and extraordinary Levies, he is contented with the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, *Sterling*, *per Ann.* and the Allowance to him and his Deputy to be ſtated, with an Advance of current Money.

Accordingly, it is confeſſed by Mr. *Blathwait's* own Obſervation on the Accounts of this Province, that there was a Charge of 5 *per Cent.* on the extraordinary Levies; it is evident that this was an extraordinary Impoſition, not within the Meaning of the Commiſſion, or Nature of the Thing to be accounted with the Auditor General, and was a Miſtake ſo obvious, that the Lord Treaſurer could not fail of obſerving if the Accounts were ſhewn him in a true Light. There had been from the Year 1691, to the Year 1703, incluſive, extraordinary Levies, to the Value of *Twenty Two Thouſand Six Hundred and Ninety Eight Pounds*, over and above the common annual Revenue; this at 5 *per Cent.* to the Auditor, comes to *One Thouſand One Hundred and Eighty Five Pounds*, which is almoſt *One Hundred Pounds*, *per Ann.* for which he had no Manner of Right or Pretence. But Things of this Kind were eaſily complied with here, by Receivers of the Revenue, entirely at the Governor's Diſpoſal; and it is not unworthy Obſervation, that the Receiver General's Salary, for receiving and paying all this Money, come to about *Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds*, *per Ann.* and the Auditor, for looking over the Accounts, received a Salary not much ſhort, if not, in ſome Years, exceeding *One Hundred and Seventy Five Pounds*. If that Officer had received that Salary from the Date of his Commiſſion till that Time, or from any Years before 1703 (as there is no great Doubt of its being charged in the former Accounts of this Province)

vince) he muſt have known it to have been too large before that Time. All this renders it ſuſpected, either that the Accounts were not tranſmitted to him with that Article, and then 'twas pocketed here, or that he did not ſhew them to the Lord Treaſurer, as fearing his Diſallowance, it being an Act of uncommon Generoſity for a Man to leſſen his own yearly Salary, when he might have kept it; how that Matter was, we don't preſume to determine; but we cannot yet be perſuaded to believe, that when the King thinks *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling*, a ſufficient Proportion to be paid to the Auditor General, out of his Revenues in *Barbados*, which we are told amounts to *Sixteen* or *Eighteen Thouſand Pounds*, yearly, that the Lord Treaſurer or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury will be of Opinion, that either 5 *per Cent.* which has amounted to between *Two* or *Three Hundred* a Year, (and if extraordinary Levies were to be accounted for ſome Years paſt, would amount to more than *Six Hundred*) or *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling, per Ann.* is a reaſonable Proportion to be deducted out of the Revenue of this Province; which, by all the Methods we have been yet able to take, has not come to above *Four Thouſand Pounds, per Ann.* one Year with another, which makes our Quota to the Auditor, under *Forty Pounds, per Ann.* We are humbly of Opinion, that the Treaſurer's refuſing to account with the Auditor General, (if ſo he did) could not proceed from any Intention of the Treaſurer to hinder his Majeſty, or his Miniſters, from a Knowledge of the Diſpoſal of his Revenue here; he being of the Council, could not be ignorant that no Act could be paſſed here for raiſing or levying of any Money, whereby the ſame ſhould not be made liable to be accounted for to his Majeſty, or his Miniſters. And by your Excellency's Inſtructions, and thoſe given to Brigadier *Hunter*, fair Books of Accounts being to be kept of all Receipts and Payments, and theſe tranſmitted to the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or the Lord High Treaſurer for the Time being, or Board of Trade; and the Treaſurer having been always ready and willing to account with the Governor, when and as often as he pleaſed to require him ſo to do; thoſe Accounts, if ſent Home by the Governor according to the Directions given him, neither his Majeſty, or his Miniſters, could be ignorant of the State of the Revenue here; but on the contrary, as certainly informed of it, as if thoſe Accounts were tranſmitted by the Auditor General, and laid before the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury.

We beg your Excellency to be informed, that it was before the Treaſurer received their Lordſhips Order to account, that he refuſed (if ſo he did) to account with the Deputy Auditor; and that as ſoon as their Lordſhips ſignified their Pleaſure, he readily promiſed to pay an Obedience to their Commands; but we humbly hope ſuch accounting (whenever it is) will not load his Majeſty's Revenue here with a Debt of 5 *per Cent.* or *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* when it appears by the Auditor's Commiſſion, there is no Foundation for the Demands of a Sum ſo diſproportionate to our Circumſtances.

It is equal to the Treaſurer with whom he Accounts; and his Duty to account with ſuch Perſon as his Majeſty will pleaſe to authoriſe for that Purpoſe, and his declining to account with the Deputy Auditor, was becauſe he was apprehenſive of a Charge of 5 *per Cent.* upon the whole Amount of the Revenue, and, perhaps, upon the extraordinary Levies, which would have riſen to ſo great a Sum, as he thought would not be juſtifiable for him to pay, without particular Directions for that Purpoſe from his Superiors, who, he believed, was not informed of that Matter. And we humbly hope, that the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, will no longer look upon that as a Contempt of his Majeſty's Authority, which was purely done to prevent what we hope thoſe Right Honourable Perſons will think too great a Deduction from his Revenue.

How hearty and ready this Aſſembly has been to ſupport his Majeſty's Government, is not unknown to your Excellency, nor with what Difficulties Funds are found out for that Purpoſe; there are few Branches of our Impoſts (except *European* Goods) but what are loaded as much as the Trade will bear. And notwithſtanding all the Precautions we have been capable of uſing to prevent a Debt, the Revenue is as yet inſufficient to pay the Officers, and diſcharge the neceſſary Incidents of the Government; what then muſt be the Conſequence, if the dead Weight of 5 *per Cent.* on the whole Revenue for ſeveral Years paſt, be added?

We could heartily wiſh it was in our Power, without ruining the Trade and Inhabitants of this Province, to make his Majeſty's Revenue ample enough not only for the handſome Support of his Government here, but to enable him to extend his royal Bounty to ſuch Perſons as he thought fit Objects of it; but how unable we are to do this, your Excellency too well knows, as we believe you do, that if 5 *per Cent.* or *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling*, yearly Arrearages, or even yearly Salary, for the Time to come, be paid, that it will be impoſſible to pay the Officers of the Government their Salaries, which we hope will be ſufficient Reaſon to prevail upon the Right

Honourable the Lord Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, to diſallow ſuch a Demand.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, waited on his Excellency, and preſented their Repreſentation; who was pleaſed to receive the ſame very kindly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 1, 1721.

MR. Speaker informed the Houſe, that he had preſented their Repreſentation to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to receive the ſame very kindly.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Vagrant and Idle Perſons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Towns, Manors, or Precincts, within this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garretſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and all Members that come to have Voices.

Col. *Lewis* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for facilitating the Partition of Lands in Joint Tenancy, or in Common, promoting the Settling and Improving thereof; and rendering the Payment of the Quit-Rent due thereupon, more certain and eaſy*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Chambers* reported from the Committee, to whom was committed, The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Treaſurer to pay for the Stockadoes, provided for the Fortifications in* Albany *and* Schenectady; That they had gone through the ſame, and directed him to report the ſame without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Speaker preſented to this Houſe, a Tranſlation from the French, a Memorial of what paſſed concerning the Eſtabliſhment of a Poſt which the *French* have built at *Niagara*, for the Trade of Peltry; which was read.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the enabling ſuch Perſon as his Excellency the Governor, ſhall appoint to receive and collect the Duties due and payable, in the County of* Suffolk, *by Virtue of an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the ſeventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1721.

MR. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Captain* Ebenezer Wilſon, *and Captain* John Van Horne, *their Arrears due for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment in the Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauſe, be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing Ounces of Plate, for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Treaſurer to pay for the Stockadoes provided for the Fortifications in* Albany *and* Schenectady; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Karel Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the Trade and Navigation of this Province of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Law Suits againſt the Heirs of the late* Caleb Heathcote, *on Account of an Agreement made between him and his Co-partners, in four Tracts of Land, patented to him and them, in* Weſtcheſter *County, the 14th and 17th of* February, *and 2d of* March, 1701; *and enabling them to perform the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 4, 1721.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the Trade and Navigation of this Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time and committed.

Ordered, That the Committees of this Houſe, make their Reports of the Bills now under Conſideration, on or before next *Thurſday*.

Col. *Rutſen* reported from a Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 4, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *facilitating the Partition of Land in joint Tenancy or in Common, promoting the Settling and Improving thereof, and rendering the Payment of the Quit Rents due thereupon, certain and eaſy*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing a Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating, and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony, ſo far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *in this Province*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Rutſen* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes therein, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauſes, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Col.* Ebenezer Wilſon, *Capt.* John Van Horne, Sarah Hardenbrock, *the Widow and Relict of* Johannus Hardenbrock, *deceaſed*, Abraham Governeur, Jacobus Kip, Garret Van Horne, David Provooſt, and John Janſen, *for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Platt, during the Time therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for continuing a Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating, and better clearing public Highways throughout this Colony, ſo far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *in this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Joſeph Hegeman, Eſq; preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for *King's* County, in the Room of Major *Cornelius Sebring*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Hegeman*, that he may be qualified

fied by taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and ſign the Teſt, to ſit as a Member of this Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more equal and impartial aſſeſſing the Miniſter and Poor Tax, to be raiſed within the City and County of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Defence of the Frontier; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Cuyler*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, being as follows, viz.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, to raiſed upon the real and perſonal Eſtates of all and every the Inhabitants, Reſidents, Sojourners, and Freeholders of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 5, 1721.

MR. *Cuyler*, reported to this Houſe (according to Order) Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency, and ſaw Mr. *Hegeman*, take the Oaths according to Law, and ſign the Teſt.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hegeman*, do take his Place as a Member of this Houſe, accordingly.

Capt. *Van Horne*, by his Excellency's Command, laid before this Houſe, a Letter from *Albany*, which was read, importing that ſeveral foreign *Indians* were arrived at *Albany* to Trade, and that more were expected.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 6, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, continuing a Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An Act, for the further laying out, regulating, and better clearing public Highways throughout this Colony, ſo far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *in this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for ſecuring the* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 6, 1721.

COL. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Time being, to recover the ſeveral Arrears payable to the former Treaſurer*; That they had gone through the Bill, and altered the Title of the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes to the ſame; which was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauſes added thereto, be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more equal and impartial aſſeſſing the Miniſter and Poor's Tax, to be raiſed within the City and County of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned*; was committed; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments to the ſame, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 7, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, during the Time therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Gilbert Livingſton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying an Allowance of Ten *per Cent.* for the letting to Farm the Exciſe of this Province; likewiſe to diſcharge him of out-ſtanding, or bad Debts; and alſo to give him a reaſonable Conſideration for his extraordinary Expences, and that he may have Leave to bring in a Bill into this Houſe accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingſton, *from paying the Sum of Pounds, due from him for the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors, farmed by him*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for ſecuring the* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for ſecuring the* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt*; After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 8, 1721.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Francis Harriſon*, Eſq; That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable ſuch Perſons as his Excellency the Governor, ſhall appoint to receive and collect the Duties due and payable in the County of* Suffolk, *by Virtue of an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the 7th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act, for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to impower* Gilbert Livingſton, *to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, ſituate, lying and being in the City of* New-York; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable* Suſanna Parmyter, *to ſell and diſpoſe of a Houſe and Lot of Ground, in the City of* New-York. A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Johannis Van Sooſingen, Johan Remerſe, Henry Schlidorn, Johan Bernard Voediren, *and* Johan Hauſz; and a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Vagrant and idle Perſons, from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors or Precincts, within this Province*; without any Amendments.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City* of Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read; and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for encouraging the Trade and Navigation of this Province of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for ſecuring the* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt*, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next.

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Die Martis, P. M. July 11, 1721.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of Perſons Names, that are indebted on Account of Duties for the Support of this his Majeſty's Government, ſince *July* 1715; amounting to the Sum of *Two Thouſand, Two Hundred* and *Eighty Seven Pounds, Seven Shillings* and *Two-pence.*

Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, that they had met accordingly, and examined the ſeveral Books and Vouchers of Col. *De Peyſter*, the late Treaſurer of this Colony; begun in the Year 1706, to the 5th of *June* 1721, which was read; and agreed to by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

An Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards defraying the Expence of Fortifying the City of* New-York; and an Act, *for raiſing a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Uſes, for* Nine Hundred *and* Eighty Three Pounds, Ten Shillings; *and do find that there is due to the Fortifications of the City of* New-York, *the Sum of* One Hundred, Eighty Three Pounds, One Shilling *and* Five-pence Farthing, *as* per *Account, in Ledger* A. *Fol.* 6.

An Act, *for raiſing a Fund, for Preſents to the five Nations, and for the Defence of the Frontiers, for* Twelve Hundred Pounds; and an Act, *for raiſing* Two Hundred Fifty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *to diſcharge the Lord* Cornbury, *from his Contract with Mr.* Hanſen, *there being due to the ſaid* Twelve Hundred Pounds, *the Sum of* Seventy Two Pounds, Nine Shillings *and* One Penny, Three Farthings.

An Act, *for raiſing a Fund, to defray ſome extraordinary Charges that have happened in this Colony, for* Seven Hundred Fifty Six Pounds, Four Shillings, *whereby there is due to the ſaid Act,* Seventeen Shillings *and* Three-pence Three-farthings.

An Act, *for levying of* Six Thouſand Pounds, *which they find to be ballanced, and, that there is in the Treaſurer's Hands,* Twenty Nine Pounds, Two-pence Halfpenny, *more received of the Collectors than cancelled.*

An Act, *for levying* Four Thouſand Pounds, *being ballanced by Account of the Colony, Ledger* A. *Fol.* 43, *and find that the Treaſurer has cancelled more than received, the Sum of* One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Eight Shillings *and* Six-pence Farthing.

An Act, *for levying* 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14,545 *Lyon Dollars, being ballanced by Account of the Colony, on Fol.* 43, *and find that the Treaſurer has cancelled more than received, the Sum of* Sixty Seven Pounds, Six Shillings *and* Nine-pence Three-farthings.

An Act, *for levying the Sum of* Ten Thouſand Pounds, *which they likewiſe find to be ballanced, by Account of the Colony, Fol.* 43, *and do find there is in the Treaſurer's Hands to be cancelled, the Sum of* Five Hundred *and* Forty One Pounds, Five Shillings *and* One Penny Farthing.

An Act, *for raiſing* 2855 *Ounces of Plate, whereby there is due to the ſaid Act,* Four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings *and* Three-pence Three-farthings.

An Account *of the Colony of* New-York, *relating to ſeveral Branches, as* per *Ledger* A. *Fol.* 65, 66 *and* 67, *whereby there is due to the Colony,* Forty Four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings *and* Eight-pence.

An Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money, claimed as Debts of this Colony, commonly called the firſt long Bill, to the Value of* Twenty Seven Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Eighty Pounds, *which they found ballanced, and that the Treaſurer has received of the Exciſe, on Account of the ſaid Act, more than he has cancelled, the Sum of* Two Hundred Forty Seven Pounds, One Shilling *and* Eleven-pence Three Farthings, *as* per *Ledger* B. *Fol.* 7 *and* 8.

An Act, *of what have received and paid, for Support of the Government of this Colony, begun in* 1715, *whereof they find outſtanding,* Two Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Ninety One Pounds, Fifteen Shillings *and* Seven-pence Halfpenny, *on which is advanced by the Treaſurer the Sum of* One Thouſand One Hundred *and* Thirty Two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings *and* Five-pence Three Farthings; *ſo that there will be due to the Support, the Sum of* One Thouſand, Five Hundred Fifty Eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings *and* One Penny Three Farthings, *when received, as appears in Ledger* B. *Fol.* 19.

An Act, *for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony, to the Perſons therein named, and for raiſing and putting into the Hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony, ſeveral Quantities of Plate, to be applied to the Publick and neceſſary Uſes of this Colony, and to make Bills of Credit to the Value of* 41,517 *Ounces, and one half Ounce of Plate, for that Purpoſe, whereof remains in the Hands of the Treaſurer, the Sum of* Five Hundred Eighty One Pounds, Six Shillings *and* Four-pence Halfpenny; *and further do find by Account of additional Duty, on Account of the ſaid Act, that there is remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer, the Sum of* Two Hundred *and* Eleven Pounds, Twelve Shillings *and* Nine-pence, *and the Sum of* Three Hundred Forty Pounds, Twelve Shillings *and* Four-pence, *ſtill outſtanding, to be cancelled when received, as* per *Ledger* B. *Fol.* 15.

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All which is ſubmitted to this honourable Houſe, by

Leonard Lewis, *David Provooſt*,
Hendrick Hanſen, *John Janſen*,
Jacobus Kipp,
Garret Van Horne,
John Cuyler, &c.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, for the paying of the ſeveral Sums of Money, in the Hands of the late Treaſurer, to the new Treaſurer, and likewiſe to diſcharge the late Treaſurer from all further Pretences and Demands from this Colony, on Account of having been Treaſurer of the ſaid Colony, and pay him ſuch Sums of Money, as he hath advanced on the Revenue, granted for the Support of his Majeſty's Government in this Province.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the Trade and Navigation of this Province of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer and Tonnage Officer of this Colony, for the Time being, to recover the ſeveral Arrears due and payable to the former Treaſurer*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingſton, *from paying the Sum of Pounds, due from him, for the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the building a publick Magazine to lodge Gun Powder,

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Janſen*, Capt. *Garret Van Horne*, Col. *Lewis* and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 3 of them, be appointed a Committee of this Houſe, to find a Piece of Ground, on which may be built a convenient Magazine, to ſtow Gun-powder for publick Uſe, and make report thereof to this Houſe with all convenient Speed, in order Encouragement may be given, to any Perſon that ſhall undertake the Building of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 12, 1721.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 13, 1721.

THE Petition of *Paul Collins*, *James Deſbroſſes*, *Garret Onkelbag*, *Garret De Graaw* and *Hans Kierſtead*, all of the City of *New-York*, Diſtillers, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may be relieved, by eaſing the Duty now impoſed on Molaſſes, or that impoſed on Rum diſtilled in this Province, that ſo the Trade of Diſtilling may not be loſt to this Province, and the Importation of Molaſſes thereby diſcouraged.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Petition into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for ſecuring the* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments and added a Clauſe to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and the Clauſe be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, Major *Budd*, Mr. *Garretſen* and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, be added to the Committee, appointed to examine what Salary remains due and unpaid to Mr. *Ambroſe Philipſe*, late Agent for this Province, at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, Mr. *George Clark* had deſired that he might obtain a Copy of the Repreſentation of this Houſe to his Excellency, on examining the late Treaſurers Accounts. After ſome Debate thereon;

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 13, 1721.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada; without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing a Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, and better clearing publick Highways, throughout this Colony, as far as relates to the County of* Suffolk; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Treaſurer to pay for the Stockadoes, provided for the Fortifications in* Albany *and* Schenectady.

A Meſſage from the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That they agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, and further laying out Highways*, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take the Amendment into Conſideration, and the ſame was read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, and further laying-out Highways*, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the Amendment made to the Bill.

Mr. *Janſen* informed this Houſe, That *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. Eſq; the Treaſurer of this Colony, propoſed Mr. *Iſaac De Peyſter* and Capt. *Cornelius De Peyſter*, for his Security, to enter into Recognizance with him, to our Sovereign Lord the King, in the Sum of *Five Thouſand Pounds*, for the due Performance of the Office of Treaſurer; to which the Houſe agreed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 14, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for ſecuring the* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Stillwell* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Petition of *Paul Collins*, *James Deſbroſſes*, *Garret Onkelbag*, *Garret De Graaw* and *Hans Kierſtead*, of the City of *New-York*, Diſtillers; after ſome Debate;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

A Motion was made, that in Regard the Seſſion is near a Determination, ſome Member or Members of this Houſe, may wait upon the Council, to know what Progreſs they have made in the Bill, relating to the Partition of Lands, which is much wanted at this Juncture for the publick Benefit, and report the ſame to this Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen* and Col. *Stillwell*, do wait on the Council accordingly.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingſton, *from paying the Sum of* Pounds, *due from him, for the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Garretſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 14, 1721.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolvd into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingſton, *from paying the Sum of* Pounds, *due from him for the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors*; and Mr. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 15, 1721.

A Meſſage from the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer and Tonnage Officer of this Colony, for the Time being, to recover the ſeveral Arrears, due and payable to the former Treaſurer*, with Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Militia of this Province, and the making of it uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts, relating to the ſame*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

Col. *Provooſt*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to empower the Juſtices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to ſell the Court Houſe and Goal in the ſaid County, and build another*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe:

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingſton, *from paying the Sum of* Pounds, *due from the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors*; and Mr. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 17, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to ſell the Court Houſe and Goals in the ſaid County, and build another*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 18, 1721.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the late Treaſurer's Accounts*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Diſtilling within the Colony of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 18, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Militia of this Province, and making of it uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; *and for repealing all former Acts relating to the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingſton, *from paying the Sum of* Pounds, *due from him for the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors*; and Mr. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title, ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, and added a Clauſe to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and the Clauſe be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 19, 1721.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Diſtilling within the Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingſton, *from paying the Sum of* Three Hundred Pounds, *due from him for the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors farmed by him*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the late Treaſurer's Accounts*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the late Treaſurer's Accounts*; and Mr. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 20, 1721.

MR. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Diſtilling within the Colony of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the ſame without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the late Treaſurer's Accounts*; and Mr. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. July* 20, 1721.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the late Treaſurer's Accounts*; and Mr. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a new Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Diſtilling within this Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House taking into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treasurer and Tonnage Officer of this Colony for the Time being, to recover the several Arrears due and payable to the former Treasurer.*

Resolved, That this House cannot agree to the Amendments made to that Bill by the Council.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House cannot agree to their Amendments made to that Bill.

The House, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Militia of this Province, and the making it useful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts relating to the same*; and Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis* have Leave to go Home.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 21, 1721.

COL. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and impartial Assessing the Minister and Poors Tax, to be raised within the City and County of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title, and several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Militia of this Province, and the making it useful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts relating to the same*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the Bill, with some Amendments, to which they desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Robert Crannel*, Serjeant at Arms, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may be assigned a small Salary, or some Reward for his Service.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 22, 1721.

A Message from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they do adhere to their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treasurer and Tonnage Officer of this Colony for the Time being, to recover the several Arrears, due and payable to the former Treasurer.*

A Message from the Council, by *John Barbarie*, Esq; that the Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingston, *from paying the Sum of* Three Hundred Pounds, *due from him to the Excise on strong Liquors farmed by him*; without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Col. *Beekman*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany; without any Amendments.

A Message from the Council, by *Francis Harrison*, Esq; that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for securing the* Indians *to his Majesty's Interest*; without any Amendments.

A Message from the Council, by *Rip Van Dam*, Esq; that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for facilitating the Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy, or in Common, promoting the settling and improving thereof, and rendering the Payment of the Quit-Rents due thereupon, more certain and easy*; with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, that *Abraham De Peyster*, jun. the Treasurer of this Colony, do attend this House immediately;

Ordered, That the Door-keeper to this House acquaint him therewith.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and impartial Assessing the Minister and Poors Tax, to be raised within the City and County of* New-York, Queen's *County*, Westchester *County, and the County of* Richmond; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Treasurer attending without, was called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that this House desired to know whether he had given in Security for the true Performance of his Office; to which the Treasurer reply'd, he had waited on the Chief Justice accordingly, and received for answer, it would be Time enough when he, the Chief Justice, came next to Town, which would be in two or three Days.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony do give in such Security as was approved of by this House, for the true Performance of his Office, before the second Justice, forthwith.

A Message from the Council, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, That, that Board cannot find the late Treasurer gave any Security for the Discharge of his Office; and desire to know, whether it does appear to this House the late Treasurer has given any Security, to whom, and in what Sum.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do search the Journals of this House for what was transacted in that Affair, and report the same to this House.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1721.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for discharging the late Treasurer, Col.* Abraham De Peyster, *from any further Demand to be made by the Governor, Council and General Assembly, on Account of his having been Treasurer of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, and Mr. *Jansen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, do go to the Council, and acquaint them, this House desire a free Conference on their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treasurer, and Tonnage Officer of this Colony, for the Time being, to recover the several Arrears due and payable to the former Treasurer*; in regard this Session is near concluding, and desire them to appoint Time and Place.

The House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 25, 1721.

THE House taking into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for facilitating the Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy, or in Common; promoting the Settling and Improving thereof, and rendering the Payment of the Quit-Rents due thereupon, more certain and easy*; to which this House agreed.

Ordered, That Capt. *Cuyper*, do carry the Bill, and the Amendments

Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them this Houſe do agree to the Amendments made to the Bill.

Mr. *Janſen*, informed this Houſe, that he ſaw *Abraham De Peyſter*, jun. Eſq; the preſent Treaſurer of this Colony, enter into Recognizance to Our Sovereign Lord the King, in the Sum of *Two Thouſand* and *Five Hundred Pounds*; and Mr. *Iſaac De Peyſter*, and Capt. *Cornelius De Peyſter*, in the Sum of *Twelve Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* each, for the Diſcharge of the ſaid Treaſurer's Office, before *Robert Walter*, Eſq; the ſecond Juſtice of this Province, the Two and Twentieth Day of this Inſtant Month of *July*.

Ordered, That the Recognizance be lodged in the Secretary's Office of this Province, and a Receipt given for the ſame, in order the ſaid Receipt may be entered in the Journal of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 25, 1721.

COL. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, appointed to examine what Salary remains due and unpaid to Mr. *Ambroſe Philipſe*, late Agent for this Province at the Court of *Great Britain*; That they have inquired and examined the ſame, and find there is due to the ſaid *Ambroſe Philipſe*, one Years Salary, which was allowed by Act of General Aſſembly; and the ſame not being paid him, are of Opinion, that Payment ought to be made to the ſaid *Philipſe*, or his Order; provided the ſaid *Ambroſe Philipſe*, make appear to the General Aſſembly of this Province, what Service, he has done for the laſt Year as Agent at the Court of *Great Britain*, before Payment be made to him or his Order.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 26, 1721.

MR. *Andries Coeymans*, a Member of this Houſe, complained that Mr. *Paulus Richards*, had aſſaulted and beat him.

Reſolved, That the ſame is a Breach of Privilege, and great Contempt of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Paulus Richards*, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring a Bill into this Houſe, for erecting, building, and maintaining a Magazine for holding Gunpowder, in the City of *New-York*, as well for the Service of his Majeſty's Garriſon, and Ships of War, as for the Uſe of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*; and to ſupport and maintain the ſame, and an Officer to look after the ſaid Magazine, on reaſonable Encouragement to be given them towards the erecting and building thereof, and the ſaid Officer; and that the Corporation are willing to contribute one Moiety of the Charge of building thereof.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Provooſt*, (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of ſeveral Perſons that are indebted on the Duty of Tonnage of Veſſels, *Negroes*, and other Slaves, from *primo July* 1715, till the 5th of *June* 1721; amounting to *Three Hundred Seventy Nine Pounds*, and *Eighteen Shillings*; and ſince the fifth of *June* aforeſaid, *Two Hundred* and *Fourteen Pounds*.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 26, 1721.

THE engroſſed Bill, from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Militia of this Province, and the making of it uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts relating to the ſame.*

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs, with Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bradford*, the Printer, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning; and that he be ſerved with this Order.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Bobin*, deputy Clerk of the Council, That it is the Opinion of that Board, a free Conference, deſired by this Houſe on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer, and Tonnage Officer of this Colony, for the Time being, to reccover the ſeveral Arrears due to the former Treaſurer*, cannot be agreed to till firſt a Conference is deſired; in which, the Reaſons for it are given in Writing, and an Anſwer given in Writing thereunto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 27, 1721.

MR. Speaker preſented to the Houſe, the following Receipt, which he received from *Robert Walter*, Eſq; the ſecond Juſtice; to be entered in the Journals (according to Order) *viz.*

New-York, Secretary's Office, *July* the 26th, 1721.

RECEIVED from *Robert Walter*, Eſq; a Recognizance given by *Abraham De Peyſter*, Junior, Eſq; the preſent Treaſurer of this Colony, to our Sovereign Lord the King, in the Sum of *Five Thouſand Pounds*, lawful Money of *New-York*, for the Diſcharge of his Office; which Recognizance as aforeſaid, is accordingly lodged here. Per me,

Iſaac Bobin, Deputy Secretary.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Francis Harriſon*, Eſq; That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to ſell the Court Houſe, and Goals, in the ſaid County*; without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Capt. *Walter*, That they have agreed to the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Militia of this Province, and the making of it uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts relating to the ſame*: And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and impartial Aſſeſſing the Miniſter and Poor's Tax, to be raiſed within the City and County of* New-York, Queen's *County*, Weſtcheſter *County*, *and the County of* Richmond; without any Amendment.

The Clerk (according to Order) informed this Houſe, he had ſearched the Journals of this Houſe, what Entries were made; if any Security were ordered to be given by Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, the late Treaſurer; and to whom, and in what Sum; and humbly reports to this Houſe, That there does not appear in the Journals, any Entry made thereof; but that there is a Clauſe in an Act, made in the 5th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers and other Uſes*; That Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, the then, and late Treaſurer, ſhould give in ſufficient Security to the Approbation of *William Nicoll*, Eſq; the then Speaker, to pay and diſpoſe of the Monies levied by that Act, to the Uſes therein mentioned, and not otherwiſe; and render a true Account thereof, from Time to Time,

Time, to the Governor, Council, and General Assembly, when sitting, and requiring the same.

The Petition of *Paul Richards*, was presented to the House, and read, praying the Cause complained of, may not be taken as a Contempt of this honourable House; and that he may be discharged from his Contempt.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, bring Mr. *Richards* before this House.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for erecting, building and maintaining a Magazine for the holding of Gun-powder in the City of* New-York, *for publick Use, and providing for the Maintenance of a Store-keeper for the turning and keeping of the same*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That *Catharine Post*, be paid the Sum of *Six Pounds*, for the Use of her House for the sitting of Committees; for the Payment of which his Excellency is humbly desired to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer of this Colony.

The Printer attending this House (according to Order) being called in, was directed by the Speaker to make Dispatch in printing the Votes and Acts of this House; and then withdrew.

Mr. *Paul Richard*, in Custosty of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this House, being called in, Mr. Speaker having acquainted him with the Nature of his Offence, he made his humble Submission, and begged Mr. *Coejeman's* Pardon; and then withdrew.

Then the House thought fit he should be discharged, paying his Fees.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms discharge Mr. *Paul Richard*, he paying his Fees.

Resolved, That the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *Albany*, do take Care that the Stockadoes that are brought to the Fort of *Albany*, be flatted and set up before Winter, at such a reasonable Rate as they can possibly agree for; and this House will take care the Charge thereof shall be satisfied.

Resolved, That the Justices of the Peace, Inhabitants of *Schenectady*, and who live within that District, do take Care that the Stockadoes that are brought to the Fort at *Schenectady*, be flatted and set up before Winter, at such reasonable Rates as possible; and this House will take Care the Charge thereof shall be satisfied.

Resolved, That Capt. *John Scott*, *Jan Wemp*, Esq; *Hendrick Vrooman*, and *Daniel Panielse*, be directed to take Care, that the Fort in the *Mohawks* Country, called, *Fort Hunter*, which is much gone to Decay, and fallen down, may be set up again, and sufficiently supported, that it may stand firm and secure; and this House will take Care the Charge thereof shall be paid.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. July 27, 1721.

A Message by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House immediately at Fort George.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended accordingly, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for settling the Militia of this Province, and the making of it useful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all former Acts relating thereto.*
2. *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, during the Time therein mentioned.*
3. *An* Act, *for the better repairing the Fortifications of the City of* Albany.
4. *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada.
5. *An* Act, *to enable such Person as his Excellency the Governor shall appoint, to receive and collect the Duties due and payable in the County of* Suffolk, *by Virtue of an Act of Assembly of this Province, passed in the seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned.*
6. *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for securing the* Indians *in his Majesty's Interest.*
7. *An* Act, *for the more equal and impartial assessing the Minister and Poors Tax*, &c.
8. *An* Act, *to continue the common Road, or the King's Highway, from the Ferry towards the Town of* Brookland, *on the Island of* Nassau, *in the Province of* New-York.
9. *An* Act, *for regulating Fences within this Province.*
10. *An* Act, *for better clearing and further laying-out, Highways.*
11. *An* Act, *for continuing a Clause in an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing publick Highways, throughout this Colony, so far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *&c.*
12. *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to sell the Court House and Goals in said County, and build another.*
13. *An* Act, *to prevent Vagrant and idle Persons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Towns, Manors or Precincts, within this Province.*
14. *An* Act, *to oblige the Treasurer to pay for the Stockadoes provided for the Fortifications in* Albany *and* Schenectady.
15. *An* Act, *to prevent Lotteries, within the Province of* New-York.
16. *An* Act, *for remitting and exempting* Gilbert Livingston, *from paying the Sum of* Three Hundred Pounds, *due from him, for the Excise on strong Liquors farmed by him.*
17. *An* Act, *to enable* Gilbert Livingston, *to sell and dispose of certain Lots of Land, situate, lying and being in the City of* New-York.
18. *An* Act, *for settling the Estate of* Albertus Conradus Bosch, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceased.*
19. *An* Act, *to enable* Susanna Parmyter, *to sell and dispose of a House and Lot of Ground in the City of* New-York.
20. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johannis Van Soolingen, Johannis Remerse, Hendrick Schliedron, Johannis Bernard Voediren *and* Johannis Hansz.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and acquainted this House, his Excellency was pleased to say, they might adjourn the House, till the first *Tuesday* in *October* next, and the House is adjourned accordingly.

HIS Excellency *William Burnet*, Esq; by Proclamation, dated at *New-York*, the 26th of *September Anno* 1721, was pleased to adjourn the General Assembly of *New-York*, until *Tuesday* the 7th Day of *November* next.

HIS Excellency *William Burnet*, Esq; by his Proclamation, dated at *New-York*, the 4th Day of *November Anno* 1721, was pleased to adjourn the General Assembly of the Province of *New-York*, until *Tuesday* the 5th Day of *December* next.

HIS Excellency by his Proclamation, dated at *New-York*, the 30th Day of *November Anno* 1721, was pleased to adjourn the General Assembly of the Province of *New-York*, until the first *Tuesday* in *February* next.

HIS Excellency by his Proclamation, dated at *New-York*, the 27th Day of *January Anno* 1721, was pleased to adjourn the General Assembly of the Province of *New-York*, until the 2d *Tuesday* of *March* next.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated at *New-York*, the 27th Day of *February Anno* 1721, was pleased to adjourn the General Assembly of the Province of *New-York*, until the 2d *Tuesday* in *April* next.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated in *New-York*, the 2d Day of *April* 1722, was pleased to adjourn the General Assembly to the 8th Day of *May* 1722.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated in *New-York*, the 30th Day of *April*, was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the 29th Day of *May* next.

Die Martis, A. M. May 29, 1722.

THE Houſe met, according to Prorogation by his Excellency's Proclamation, bearing date the thirtieth Day of *April* laſt paſt, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 30, 1722.

THE Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 31, 1722.

A Meſſage by the Deputy Secretary,

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at the Council Board.

Then Mr. Speaker and the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech, which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy of; being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have ſo much Reaſon to expect your ready Concurrence in every Thing which is requiſite for the publick Service, that I meet you with a chearful Confidence, and an entire Dependance in your making effectual all your former Reſolutions to that End, and your coming to ſuch new ones as will enable me to carry on thoſe Meaſures on the Frontier of this Province, which I have begun with ſome Succeſs, and which are of the greateſt Moment for your Security.

I have now for a long Time waited for the Confirmation of your Act, for laying 2 per Cent. *on* European *Goods; but I cannot avoid telling you, not only that it is not confirmed, but that by my beſt Advices, it never will; and the Reaſon is not hard to gueſs, when the Legiſlature at Home have paſſed a Law, to give a Premium upon the Exportation of the* Britiſh *Manufactures, it is ſcarce to be expected that the Crown will conſent to a Duty on thoſe very Manufactures, when imported into the Plantations.*

As you were convinced of the Neceſſity of paſſing this Act formerly, I can have no Doubt of your Readineſs to find other Ways to provide for the ſame Purpoſes, in a Manner that will prove real.

There is another Expectation from the Act of the Support of Government, which you will find has not anſwered, and that is, the ſinking of a large Sum of Bills of Credit out of it, which is ſo far from being poſſible, that the Revenue will not anſwer when this Load ſhall be taken off: I depend therefore upon your Care to provide another Way to ſink thoſe Paper Bills.

I muſt take this Occaſion to recommend it to you, to enquire how publick Monies have been managed ſince your laſt Meeting, and whether due Care has been taken to recover all the Arrears due to the Public, and to apply them according to Law; and whether due Obedience has yet been paid to my Orders given in Council to promote that Service.

I Doubt not but you will pay a due Deference to his Majeſty's Commands to me, to take Care that the Revenue be accounted for to his Majeſty's proper Officer, of which I will ſend you a Copy, as I likewiſe will of the Manner in which the ſmall Sum given laſt Year for the Service of the Frontier, has been diſpoſed of, that you may ſee the Frugality with which it has been managed.

The ſame Frugality ſhall be obſerved in the Application of whatever Sums ſhall now be given for the like Services, and for the erecting and maintaining a Magazine for Powder, of which you all know the Neceſſity, for the Safety of this flouriſhing City.

Gentlemen,

I hope a ſincere and diſintereſted Love of our Country, will be our Rule in all our Proceedings; and that all private Views and indirect Meaſures will be diſcountenanced, and particularly that in your providing for the preſſing Occaſions of the Public; you will turn your Thoughts in ſuch a Manner, as will beſt ſuit the Eaſe and general Inclination of the People, and tend to encourage the Induſtry, and multiply the Number of the Inhabitants of this Province.

I ſhall readily join as far as I am able in any Laws which you can think of for the Benefit of this Colony; and ſhall always have the greateſt Satisfaction in my own Mind, and think I do the moſt acceptable Service to my Sovereign, when I promote the Happineſs of the People.

W. BURNET.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech, and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

The Petition of *William Dugdale*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Leave to lay before this Houſe, a Copy of the Propoſals he preſented to his Excellency, for a Magazine, for the ſafe keeping of Gun-powder in this City, and that this Houſe would pleaſe to give Encouragement thereto.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 1, 1722.

THE Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration;

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of his Excellency's Speech be referred to a Commttee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker preſented to the Houſe, a Letter from Brigadier *Hunter*, dated at *Charlton*, the 2d of *September*, 1721, which was read, importing, the Impoſſibility of his conſtant Attendance on the Affairs of this Colony, therefore had continued Mr. *Bampfield*, Agent to this Colony, who had acted as ſuch ever ſince his Excellency Mr. *Burnet's* Government had a Beginning, and ſome Time before, and continues, on Condition the Brigadier ſhall be informed of what is doing, or to do; and particularly of all Sums requiſite to be expended on Account of the Colony, before he makes the Expence; and the Neceſſity of the Treaſurer's or Receivers General of this Colony's exhibiting their Accounts of his Majeſty's Revenue, to the eſtabliſhed and regular audit of the Deputy of the Auditor of the Plantations; and deſired his moſt hearty Thanks might be communicated to this Houſe, and aſſure them, he would be for ever watchful for their Intereſt and Service.

Mr. *William Dugdale*, laid before this Houſe, his Propoſals for erecting, attending and maintaining a Magazine, for the ſafe keeping of the Gun-powder of the City of *New-York*, &c. which were read, and committed to Col. *Provoſt*, Capt. *Garret Van Horne*, Capt. *Janſen*, Alderman *Kip*, Col. *Rutſen*, Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, and Col. *Stillwell*, or any 5 of them, and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, be ſerved with the Copy of the Propoſals.

A Motion was made, that the Members of this Houſe choſe for the City and County of *New-York*, may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying them their Arrears due for their Service in General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 2, 1722.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Willet* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs, for a Week.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

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Die Lunæ, June 4, 1722.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1722.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1722.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County, and the County of* Richmond.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, for continuing an Act, appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Lewis*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Stillwell*, Alderman *Kipp* and Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers*, or any five of them, be and are appointed a Committee of this Houſe, to reviſe the Laws of this Colony, and report to this Houſe, the Acts that are expired and near expiring by their own Limitation.

The Petition of the Mayor, Alderman and Common Council, of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for erecting, building and maintaining, a Magazine for Gunpowder in the City of *New-York*, for publick Uſe, and for providing for the Maintenance of a Store-keeper, for turning and keeping the ſame accordingly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Receipts and Payments ariſing from his Majeſty's Revenue in this Province; and an Account of Debts due to the ſame, with the Time when, and from whom, during the Time of his being Treaſurer, and the Receipts of the Arrears of Taxes, for the two Expeditions to *Canada*, and an Account of what he has received of the Debts due to the Revenue, in the Time of the late Treaſurer, and what are due, with the Time when, and from whom.

A Motion was made, That a Bill be prepared and brought in, to enable the Treaſurer to recover the ſeveral Arrears due to the former Treaſurer.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1722.

MR. *Cuyler* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining, ſettling and aſcertaining, the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's River, *and the* North *Bounds of the County of* Ulſter, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's *River*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *to defray the Charges they have been at in Surveying part of the* South *Bounds of the ſaid County, on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's River; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Hicks* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County and the County of* Richmond; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, That this Houſe do Addreſs his Excellency, and thank him for his kind and favourable Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1722.

THE Deputy Secretary, by Order of his Excellency, laid before this Houſe, a Copy of Minutes of Council, relating to the late and preſent Treaſurer of the Colony of *New-York*.

The Copy of Part of a Letter from the Right Honourable the Lord *Carteret*, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, to his Excellency *William Burnet*, Eſq;

The Copy of a Letter from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury of *Great-Britain*, and an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Manner in which the* Five Hundred Pounds, *given by the Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, the laſt Seſſion, for ſecuring the* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt, has been diſpoſed of for that Service*; which were read.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of Perſons Names, that are indebted on Account of Duties for Support of this his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of *New-York*, before the 5th of *June* 1721.

A Liſt of Perſons Names, that are indebted on Account of the Duty for Support of this his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of *New-York*, ſince the 5th of *June* 1722.

And an Account, entitled, *General* Account, *of what have and am to receive, for Support of this his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of* New-York, *commencing the 5th Day of* June 1721, *to the 5th Day of* June 1722, *incluſive.*

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

He alſo laid before this Houſe an Account, entitled, *Account of what have received from the ſeveral Collectors on Account of the Arrearages of the* Ten Thouſand Pounds *Tax, ſince the 5th Day of* June *laſt* 1721, *to the 7th of* June 1722 *incluſive*, which was read, and committed to Col. *Provooſt*, Col. *Lewis*, Capt. *Garretſen*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Mr. *Janſen*, or any three of them, and report to this Houſe, what Arrearages remains unpaid, of the Taxes for the two Expeditions to *Canada*.

Col. *Provooſt*, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making more effectual an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; *and for repealing one Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the 1ſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *until the 1ſt Day of* July 1721; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1722.

COL. *Provooſt* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer and Tonnage Officer of this Colony for the Time being, to recover the ſeveral Arrears, due and payable to the former Treaſurer*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County, and the County of* Richmond; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining, ſettling and aſcertaining the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany,

bany, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's River, *and the* North *Bounds of the County of* Ulſter, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's River; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the City and County of* Albany, *to defray the Charges they have been at in Surveying the* South *Bounds of the ſaid County, on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's River; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 9, 1722.

MR. Speaker (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, the Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency the Governor; which was read, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making more effectual an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned; and for repealing one Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the 1ſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *to the 1ſt Day of* July 1721; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer and Tonnage Officer of this Colony, for the Time being, to recover the ſeveral Arrears, due and payable to the former Treaſurer*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, June 11, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for making more effectual an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned; and for repealing one Act of General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the 1ſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *to the 1ſt Day of* July 1721; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to let to Farm, the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province, do lay before this Houſe, an Account what the Exciſe of every reſpective City and County was let for, until *November* laſt, and what Sums of Money are paid into the Treaſurer of this Colony, on that Duty.

Ordered, That the Vendue Maſter, do lay before this Houſe, the Amount ariſing on the Duty laid on Vendues, from the 25th of *June*, in the Year 1720, *Thurſday* next.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Duty ariſing on the Tonnage of Veſſels and *Negroes*.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Amount of the Duty of his Majeſty's Beam in the City of *New-York*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 12, 1722.

ALDERMAN *Kip*, preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting, building and maintaining a Magazine, for holding of Gun-powder in the City of* New-York, *for publick Uſe; and providing for the Maintenance of a Store-keeper, for the turning and keeping of the ſame*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Repreſentative to ſerve for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of Major *Budd*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Elliſton*, the Clerk of the Entries, do lay before this Houſe, a Copy of the Entries made at his Majeſty's Cuſtom-Houſe, of all the Branches of his Majeſty's Revenue, from the 19th Day of *November*, 1720, to the 5th Day of *June*, 1721; and alſo from the 5th Day of *June*, 1721, to the 5th Day of *June*, 1722.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 4 ho. P. M. June 12, 1722.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing the ſeveral Perſons therein named and appointed, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; and Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Treaſurer and Tonnage Officer of this Colony, for the Time being, to reccover the ſeveral Arrears due to the former Treaſurer*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 13, 1722.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting, building and maintaining a Magazine, for the holding of Gun-powder in the City of* New-York, *for publick Uſe, and providing for the Maintenance of a Store-keeper, for the turning and keeping of the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed, and all Members that come to have Voices.

Col. *Provooſt* by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, dated in *Albany*, the 4th of *June* 1722, which was read, relating to the Trade ſuppoſed to be clandeſtinely carried on by ſome Perſons at *Albany*, with the *French* at *Canada*.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be given to his Excellency for communicating the ſaid Letter, and that this Houſe do make their humble Addreſs to him, that he would not for the future, grant any Paſs to any Inhabitant of this Province to go to *Canada*, unleſs upon great and urgent Neceſſity of the publick Affairs.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the further and more effectual preventing of the Trade with the Subjects of the *French* being at *Canada*; and that Col. *Morris* do prepare and bring in the ſame accordingly.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, an Addreſs to his Excellency, on the Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Addreſs be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 13, 1722.

MR. *Cuyler* laid before the Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *from* William Gaaſbeck, *and others, relating to repairing* Fort Albany, *amounting to* Twenty Pounds *and* Three Shillings; *and alſo an Account*, entitled, *An* Account, *from* Peter Van Brugh *and* Philip Livingſton, *Eſqrs, relating*

relating to repairing Fort Albany *aforeſaid*; *amounting to* Sixty Pounds, Five Shillings *and* Three-farthings.

Mr. *Karel Hanſen* preſented to this Houſe, an Account of ſquaring and ſetting up the Stockadoes about his Majeſty's Fort at *Schenectady*; the Titles of the Accounts being read,

Ordered, The Accounts be committed to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Treaſurer's Account of the Arrears of the *Ten Thouſand Pounds* Tax, and that Alderman *Kipp* and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, be added to the Committee; and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to examine what Salaries are due to the Officers, and other Charges of this Government to this Day, and make their Report thereof to this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 14, 1722.

ALDERMAN *Janſen* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, on his kind and favourable Speech; That they had gone through the Addreſs, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Addreſs with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire to know when his Excellency would pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, with their Addreſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 14, 1722.

MR. *Cuyler* acquainted the Houſe, he and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, to know when he would be attended by this Houſe with their Addreſs; his Excellency was pleaſed to appoint, Six of the Clock this Afternoon.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, on his kind and favourable Speech; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, being as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency William Burnet, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of* New-York, New-Jerſey, *and Territories depending thereon in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame*, &c.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Province of New-York, *in* America.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE are ſo thoroughly convinced, from our own Experience, of your Excellency's Endeavours for the publick Welfare, That we think it our Duty to ſupport you in your great and good Deſigns, to the utmoſt of our Power.

We ſhall endeavour to provide for all Deficiencies, that have happened in the Support of this his Majeſty's Government, and make good our former Promiſes.

The Credit of the Province, being eſſential to its Proſperity, we ſhall endeavour to take effectual Meaſures to ſink the Paper Bills, according to our Engagement, without loading the preſent Funds of the Revenue, which we are ſorry to find have not anſwered our Expectations from them.

We will make ſuch Enquiry into the Management of the publick Money, as your Excellency recommends, and will in no wiſe countenance any Officer of our Appointment, if we find he has been remiſs in his Duty, or neglected to pay due Deference to his Majeſty's Commands.

The Reaſon why the Treaſurer did not account, is given in a Repreſentation, made by the General Aſſembly, to which we humbly refer.

We think it is his Duty to account, but humbly hope, his Majeſty will not countenance an extravagant Demand, under the Notion of antient Fees, no otherwiſe eſtabliſhed than by the Deputy Auditor, and which if paid, will make a Deficiency in the Support of his Majeſty's Government here.

We ſhould be juſtly blameable by the People, whom we repreſent, did we not heartily join with your Excellency in ſtudying to encourage the Induſtry, and promote the peopling of the Province. It will be one of our principal Views in our preſent Deliberations.

We eſteem ourſelves Happy in being under the beſt of Kings, and committed to the Care of a Governor, worthy to repreſent him.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſign the Addreſs.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, on the Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; being as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency William Burnet, *Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of* New-York, New-Jerſey, *and Territories depending thereon in* America, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame*, &c.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Province of New-York, *in* America.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

THE General Aſſembly of this Province, beg you to receive their humble and hearty Thanks, for communicating to them the Letter, from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*.

They are very ſenſible of the ill Effects the Trade with the *French* at *Canada* has had, and will have, if not timely and effectually prevented, as your Care has been uſed according to your Power to prevent it, and in a great Meaſure attended with Succeſs. So we become Supplicants, that you would, to your other Endeavours for procuring the publick Safety, add a Denial of any Licence to any Inhabitants of this Province, giving the Leave to paſs to *Canada*, unleſs the publick Affairs of this Province make it neceſſary, and that you would alſo pleaſe (if poſſible) to recall thoſe already granted.

And ſince the Commiſſioners have informed your Excellency, that ſome of the Perſons gone with thoſe Paſſes, are gone with Intent to ſtay in ſome Part of the *French* Dominions as Factors; we humbly hope, that your Excellency will think it neceſſary, to command them to return, immediately on the Receipt of your Excellency's Order. It being under the Protection of ſuch Paſſes, and by the Bearers of them ſtaying there, a clandeſtine Trade will be carried on, ſo contrary to your

Excellency's good Inclinations, and the Publick Safety of the Province.

By Order of the General Aſſembly,
Robert Livingſton, *Speaker.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſign the Addreſs.

Then Mr. Speaker with the Houſe, waited on his Excellency with the Addreſſes.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted them, he had preſented their Addreſſes to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to receive them very kindly, and to ſay, he would uſe his beſt Endeavours for the Proſperity of the Province.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 15, 1722.

CAPT. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting, building and maintaining a Magazine, for the holding of Gunpowder in the City of* New-York, *for publick Uſe, and providing for the Maintenance of a Store-keeper, for the turning and keeping of the ſame,* That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Provooſt* by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, a Letter from Mr. *Peter Schuyler*, jun. to his Excellency, dated at *Albany* the 11th Inſtant, and *Thomas Wildman's* Letter to his Excellency, dated the 19th of *May*, 1722; which were read.

Ordered, That the Letters lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 16, 1722.

THE Vendue Maſter (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of Goods ſold by publick Vendue, with the neat Duty of Three* per Cent. *from the 25th of* June 1720, *to the 25th of* June 1721, *according to Act of General Aſſembly, amounting to* Seventy Seven Pounds, Three Shillings *and* Three-farthings; *and an Account from the 25th Day of* June 1721, *to the 15th of* June 1722, *amounting to* Twelve Pounds, Twelve Shillings *and* Three-pence.

The Weigh Maſter (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, five quarterly Accounts, commencing from the 1ſt of *January* 1720, to the 1ſt of *April* 1722, amounting to *Eighty Seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings* and *Nine-pence.*

Ordered, That the ſeveral Accounts be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Treaſurer's Account of the Arrears, of the *Ten Thouſand Pounds* Tax.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to appoint ſeveral Perſons, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in this Colony, from and after the 1ſt Day of *November* next.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Capt. *Janſen* and Col. *Hicks*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, June 18, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting, building and maintaining a Magazine, for the holding of Gunpowder in the City of* New-York, *for publick Uſe, and providing for the Maintenance of a Store-keeper for turning and keeping the ſame*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Provooſt*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 19, 1722.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of the Council, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Warrants have been drawn in Council, payable by the Treaſurer of this Colony, from the 13th of *June* 1721, to the 13th of *June* 1722, incluſive.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 19, 1722.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; and Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 20, 1722.

MR. *Elliſton* (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, the Entries made in his Majeſty's Cuſtom-Houſe, in the City of *New-York*, of the ſeveral Branches of his Majeſty's Revenue, commencing the 19th Day of *November* 1720, and ending the 5th Day of *June* 1722.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Abſtract of Entries in his Majeſty's Cuſtom-Houſe, in the City of *New-York* for laſt Year, being laid before this Houſe, it did not appear any Wines were entered that came in the *Greyhound* Man of War laſt Year, and ſome Merchants complaining, that divers Pipes of Wine, were ſold by Mr. *Henry Lane*, that came out of the ſaid Ship.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lane*, do appear before this Houſe on *Friday* next, at 11 o'Clock in the Forenoon, to render an Account in Writing, what Quantity of Wine he has received out of the ſaid Ship, or that he has diſpoſed of, or has ſtill in his Poſſeſſion, that has not paid the Duty.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do lay before this Houſe, the Accounts of Exciſe of the reſpective Counties, which are delivered to him for one Year, expired the 1ſt of *November* laſt.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; and Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments and added ſundry Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County, and the County of* Richmond; That they had gone the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title of the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment and Clauſe be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 20, 1722.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of what the Exciſe*

Excise has been farmed for, by the following Commissioners, appointed by Act of Assembly for one Year, begining from primo November 1720, *to* primo November 1721; the Title being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 21, 1722.

THE House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 21, 1722.

THE Clerk of the Council (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of what Warrants have been drawn in Council, payable by the Treasurer of the Colony of* New-York, *from the 13th of* June 1721, *to the 13th of* June 1722, *inclusive.*

Ordered, The Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining of an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent, unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Garretse, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus De Boys, Johannis Schipmoes, Roeloff Swartwout, Cornelius Lammerse, Pieter Pieterse, Lawrence Oosterhout *and* Jannetie Newkirk, *situated, lying and being in the County of* Ulster, *commonly called, the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted by Patent, unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Trustees for, and in Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble Town, *in the County of* Ulster *aforesaid, made in the fourth Year of his Majesty's Reign*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County, and the County of* Richmond, *and for including* King's *County and* Orange *County in the same Manner*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Morris* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the farther and more effectual prohibiting of the selling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for the further continuing and rendering more effectual, an Act made for that Purpose*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 22, 1722.

COL. *Hicks*, by the Governor's Order, laid before this House, the Petition of *Philip Livingston*, Secretary to the *Indian* Affairs in this Province, to his Excellency in Council, praying his Excellency would please to issue Warrants, for three Quarters and thirteen Days Salary, to the Treasurer of this Province, he having obtained a Commission from his present Majesty, for executing that Office, with a Salary of *One Hundred Pounds* Sterling, payable Quarterly, out of the Revenue of this Province; which was read.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making more effectual an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned; and for repealing one Act of the General Assembly of this Province*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the 1st Day of* July, *which shall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *until the 1st Day of* July 1721; without an Amendment.

And that they had read a second Time, and rejected, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for erecting, building and maintaining a Magazine for the holding of Gun-powder in the City of* New-York, *for publick Use, and providing for the Maintenance of a Store-keeper for the turning and keeping of the same.*

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency expects the Attendance of this House immediately at the Council Chamber.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and informed the House, his Excellency had given his Assent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making more effectual an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned, and for repealing one Act of the General Assembly of this Province*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty for supporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, &c.

Mr. *Cuyler* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Payment of the Representatives of the City and County of* Albany; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing a Clause in an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony, so far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *in this Province*; was read the first Tme, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 23, 1722.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Gerritse, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus De Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, &c. *situate, lying and being in the County of* Ulster, *commonly called the Town of* Hurley, *and the Lands granted by Patent unto Col.* Henry Beekman, *Capt.* Thomas Garton, *and Capt.* Charles Broadhead, *Trustees for and on the Behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of* Marble *Town, in the County of* Ulster *aforesaid, made in the 4th Year of his Majesty's Reign*; was read the second Time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, Jacobus Kip, David Provoost, *and* Johannis Jansen, *for serving in General Assembly*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the selling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for the further continuing and rendering more effectual an Act made for that Purpose*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Payment of the Representatives of the City and County of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing a Clause in an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony, so far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *in this Province*; was read the second Time, and committed; and Mr. *Hutchinson* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. June 25, 1722.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, Jacobus Kip, David Provoost, *and* Johannis Jansen, *for serving*

ſerving in General Aſſembly; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing a Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony, ſo far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *in this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1722.

THE Tonnage Officer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of the Amount of the Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, from the 5th Day of* June, 1721, *to the 5th Day of* June, 1722, *amounting to* Seven Hundred and Eighty Four Pounds Ten Shillings; *and a Liſt of ſeveral Perſons that are indebted on the Duty of Tonnage of Veſſels and Slaves, to the 5th of* June, 1722, *amounting to* Three Hundred and Thirty Nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Three-pence.

Ordered, That the Account and Liſt lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the explaining an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Gerretſe, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the ſame without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Col. *Stillwell* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, Jacobus Kip, David Provooſt, *and* Johannis Janſen, *Eſqrs, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Adolph Philipſe* attending without, was called in, and preſented to the Houſe an Indenture, that he was duly elected to repreſent the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in this Province.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, and Col. *Stillwell*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire Mr. *Philipſe* may be qualified according to Law to ſit as a Member of this Houſe.

A Motion was made, that Mr. *Abraham Governieur* have Leave to bring in a Bill for paying him for ſerving in General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Motion was made, that his Excellency be moved that this Houſe may have Receſs till after Harveſt.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That Col. *Thomas Willet*, Mr. *Lakerman*, and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him with the Deſires of this Houſe.

Col. *Stillwell* acquainted the Houſe, that he and Col. *William Willet*, had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency with Mr. *Philipſe*, who had taken the Oaths and ſigned the Teſt according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipſe* do take his Place as a Member of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 26, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, Jacobus Kip, David Provooſt, *and* Johannis Janſen, *Eſqrs, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Treaſurer having laid before this Houſe an Account of 10 Pipes of Wine entered with him, which he believed ſubject to double Duty; which upon Examination is found not liable to any Duty by the late Act for Support of Government, paſſed in *November*, 1720, *to wit*, by *Philip Cortlandt* 2, *Cornelius Van Horne* 1, *Richard Herring* 1, and *Joſeph Gardner* 6 Pipes.

Reſolved, That if the Treaſurer has given the Colony Credit for the ſame, and has received the ſaid Duty, to refund ſuch Duties to thoſe that have paid it, or return the Notes to ſuch Perſons as have given Promiſary Notes to pay that Duty; and that the Receipt of thoſe Perſons reſpectively, ſhall be a Diſcharge to the Treaſurer for the ſame, which he is to diſcharge accordingly.

Upon a Motion that this Houſe ſhould make ſome Reſolves for paying ſuch publick Money remaining in the late Treaſurer's Hands, to the preſent Treaſurer of this Colony;

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee to examine the Accounts of the late Treaſurer in *July* laſt, and all the Accounts and Papers relating to that Affair, be laid before this Houſe by the Clerk To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining of an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the Boundaries between the Lands granted by Patent unto* Cornelius Cool, Adrian Gerritſe, Matthias Ten Eyck, Jacobus De Bois, Johannis Schepmoes, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Payment of the Repreſentatives of the City and County of* Albany; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration for paying ſuch publick Money remaining in the late Treaſurer's Hands, to the Treaſurer of this Colony, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 27, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Payment of the Repreſentatives of the City and County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of paying ſuch publick Money remaining in the late Treaſurer's Hands, to the Treaſurer of this Colony; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 28, 1722.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of paying such publick Money remaining in the late Treasurer's Hands, to the Treasurer of this Colony; and Mr. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they find by a Report of a Committee of this House (appointed to examine the Accounts and Vouchers of the said late Treasurer) the 10th of *July*, 1721, the following Sums belonging to the Publick, *viz.*

Not to be cancelled.

Of the *Three Thousand Pounds* Tax for fortifying the City of *New-York*,	£. 183	1	5 ¾
Of the *One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds* Tax, for Presents to the 5 Nations of *Indians*,	72	9	1 ¾
Of the Act for *Seven Hundred and Fifty Six Pounds Four Shillings*, to defray extraordinary Charges,		17	[illegible] ¾
Of the 2855 Ounces Tax, towards the Defence of the Frontiers,	4	18	3 ¾
Of several other Branches,	44	18	8
Of the Act commonly called the Second long Bill,	581	6	4 ½
	£. 887	11	3

To be cancelled.

Of the *Six Thousand Pounds* Tax, towards the first Expedition against *Canada*, received more than cancelled,	£. 29	0	2 ½
Of the *Ten Thousand Pounds* Tax, received more than cancelled,	541	5	1 ¾
Of the Excise, received more than cancelled,	247	1	11 ¾
And of the additional Duty,	211	12	9 ½
	1029	0	1
Amounting in all to the Sum of	£. 1916	11	4

They also find by the said Report, that the said late Treasurer had sunk and cancelled in Bills of Credit, more than he had actually received until the 16th of *June*, 1721, the two following Sums, *to wit*,

Of the Act for levying *Four Thousand Pounds*,	£. 114	8	6 ¾
And of the Act for levying 10,000 Ounces, or 14,545 Lion Dollars,	67	6	9 ¾
	£. 181	15	4

It is the Opinion of the Committee, That as the said late Treasurer did sink and cancel more than was actually received by him, in Expectation of being speedily reimbursed out of the Arrearages then due; so it seems highly reasonable and just, that the aforesaid Sum of *One Hundred and Eighty One Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Four Pence*, should be retained in his Hands out of the said *One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Four Pence*; and that the Surplus of all other publick Monies, ought to be paid unto the present Treasurer, pursuant to his Excellency's Order in Council the 14th of *December* last, and that his Receipt be a full Discharge to the late Treasurer for the same; which Report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That by Reason of the Infirmities of Col. *Abraham De Peyster*, late Treasurer of this Colony, his Wife, *Catharine De Peyster*, do comply with the Directions in the said Report, and that the Clerk serve her with the Copy thereof, and also with the Copy of this Order; and serve the present Treasurer, *Abraham De Peyster*, Junior, with the like Copy.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. July 28, 1722.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; After some Time spent therein, Captain *Jansen*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 29, 1722.

COL. *Thomas Willet*, informed this House, that he, Mr. *Hendrick Hansen*, and Mr. *Lakerman*, had waited on his Excellency, and moved him on the Desire of this House, that they might have a Recess till after Harvest; his Excellency was pleased to answer, he would consider of the same.

Captain *Jansen*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for settling and ascertaining the South Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *on the West Side of* Hudson's *River, and the North Bounds of the County of* Ulster, *on the West Side of* Hudson's *River*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, and were read.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Bill be recommitted? it was carried in the Negative, and the Houſe agreed to the Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Ebenezer Wilſon, John Van Horne, Abraham Governieur, *and* Sarah, *the Widow and Relict, of* Johannis Hardenbroek, *deceaſed, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more eaſy and effectual recovery of Arrears due and payable for the Support of this Government*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Bobin*, the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by his Excellency, to acquaint this honourable Houſe, That his Excellency has conſidered of your Meſſage, brought to him Yeſterday by Mr. *Willet*, Mr. *Hanſen*, and Mr. *Lakerman*, deſiring a Receſs till after Harveſt:

That his Excellency is ſorry this Houſe ſhould deſire any Thing, with which he cannot comply, without an apparent Neglect of his Majeſty's Service.

That very extraordinary Buſineſs requires him to meet the *Indians* at *Albany*, in the End of *Auguſt*; and that the Succeſs of that Negotiation, depends in a great Meaſure on the Aſſembly's now providing for the Service of the Frontier, and the Trade with the far *Indians*; to which End, there is now a Trading Houſe actually building near the Lake *Cadaracqui*, in the *Seneka's* Country.

That it is now a Month ſince his Excellency recommended that, and ſeveral other Matters for the neceſſary and immediate Occaſions of this Province; and that as he hopes there has been no unneceſſary Delay hitherto, there will be none in the Remainder of this Seſſion.

That the Houſe ſat laſt Year, till the 27th of *July*, and that he does not remember that there was any ſuch Deſire for a Receſs.

His Excellency is ſo well aſſured of your public Spirit, and Regard to the great Truſt repoſed in you by the Country, that he doubts not but you will rather bear ſome Inconveniency in your private Affairs, than put the Country to needleſs Charge for tedious or too frequent Seſſions; and that you will fully anſwer the good Opinion he has always had of your Zeal for the Service of the Province.

The Treaſurer attending without, was called in, and preſented to the Houſe, the Memorial of *Catharine De Peyſter*, his Mother, in behalf of her Huſband, Col. *Abraham De Peyſter*, late Treaſurer of this Colony (who ſtill labours under an unhappy Indiſpoſition) and himſelf; which was read, importing the Memorialiſts had ſeverally a Suit commenced againſt them in his Majeſty's Name, to render a reaſonable Account for the Times they have reſpectively been Treaſurers of this Province: The Memorialiſts having Reaſon to believe thoſe Suits are rather commenced to lay a Foundation for a large Demand from the Colony, or from the Memorialiſts, in behalf of the Auditor General, than out of any Suſpicion that they have not duly diſcharged the Truſt repoſed in them conformable to ſeveral Acts of this Colony; and praying ſuch Relief and Directions therein from this Houſe, as they ſhall think meet.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Memorial into Conſideration.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Governor's Speech; That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame; and that this Houſe will not proceed on any other Affair, till they had concluded the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 29, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County, and County of* Richmond; *and for including* King's *County, and* Orange *County in the ſame Manner*; with one Amendment, and deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe thereto; to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That Captain *Cuyper*, do carry the Bill, with the Amendment, to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe do agree to their Amendment.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; And Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 30, 1722.

THE *Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and Capt.* Janſen, *reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and being read, was as follows,* viz.

Reſolved, *Upon the firſt and ſecond Paragraphs, That ſome of the Members be appointed to wait on his Excellency, deſiring that he will be pleaſed to lay before this Houſe, an Eſtimate of the Charge and Expence, which he conceives requiſite to anſwer the Ends for that Service.*

Reſolved, *As to the Support of Government, That this Houſe will take effectual Care to make good any Deficiency that have, or ſhall happen therein.*

Reſolved, *As to the ſinking of the Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, which by an Act of General Aſſembly,* entitled, *An* Act, for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of 6000 Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned, *ought to have been ſunk and deſtroyed on the firſt Day of* July, *in this preſent Year* 1722, *ſhall continue to be current until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1724.

Reſolved, *That for the effectual ſinking and cancelling the other* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, directed to be deſtroyed by the ſaid Act, the firſt of* July 1723, *this Houſe will, at their next meeting, lay a Tax for that Purpoſe, on the Eſtates, real and perſonal, throughout this Colony.*

Reſolved, *That the Treaſurers accounting to the Deputy Auditor, this Committee is ſtill of the ſame Sentiments as they have humbly repreſented in their Addreſs to his Excellency the* 14*th of this Inſt. June; and what they conceive neceſſary to ſay more on that Head, will naturally fall under the Deliberation of this Houſe, when a Memorial of Madam* De Peyſter, *and* Abraham De Peyſter, *Junior, now lying before the Houſe, will be taken into Conſideration.*

Reſolved, *That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the reviving the Act for the eaſier Partition of Lands held in joint Tenancy, or the making a new one for that Purpoſe, will conduce very much*

much to encourage the Induſtry and Peopling of the Province; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this Houſe, to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit, to the Value of 3000 Ounces of Plate, till the 1ſt Day of *July* 1724, and that Col. *Morris* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordred, That Mr. *Philipſe* and Capt. *Van Horne*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire he will be pleaſed to lay before this Houſe, an Eſtimate of the Charge and Expence, which he conceives requiſite for the Security of the Frontier.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling and aſcertaining, the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's River, *and the* North *Bounds of the County of* Ulſter, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's *River*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Philipſe* acquainted this Houſe, he and Capt. *Van Horne*, had waited on his Excellency, and informed him of the Deſire of this Houſe, that he would be pleaſed to lay before them, the Eſtimate for the Security of the Frontiers, and his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider of the ſame.

Col. *Morris* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, till the* 1ſt *Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1724; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Speaker and ten Members, be a Quorum to adjourn the Houſe, but for no other purpoſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, till the* 1ſt *Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1724; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1722.

MR. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, till the* 1ſt *Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1724, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do attend this Houſe, To-morrow Morning at 11 o'Clock, to inform this Houſe, if he has performed the Duty required of him, in and by an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for collecting and paying the Arrears of Taxes for the two Expeditions to* Canada.

Capt. *Janſen* laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *The Government of* New-York, *Dr. to* John Scot, *for repairing* Fort Hunter, *and victualing the Workmen there, amounting to* Eighty Four Pounds, Eleven Shillings *and* Nine-pence; and an Account, entitled, *The Government of* New-York, *Dr. to* John Winip, Hendrick Vroeman *and* Daniel Danielſe, *for repairing* Fort Hunter, *in the* Mohawk's *Country, amounting to* Seventy Three Pounds, Two Shillings *and* One Penny.

Ordered, That the Accounts be committed to the Committee of Accounts.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual Prohibiting of the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for the further continuing and rendering more effectual, an Act made for that Purpoſe*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the Selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 5 *ho. P. M. July* 1, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Currancy of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, till the* 1ſt *Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1724; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for the further continuing and rendering more effectual an Act made for that Purpoſe*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for the prohibiting the Selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1722.

MR. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Accounts now before this Houſe, That they had examined the following Accounts with their Vouchers, relating to repairing the Fortifications on the Frontier, *viz.*

An Account ſigned by *William Groeſbeck* and *William Barret*, and find the Sum of *Twenty One Pounds*, ought to be paid them, for repairing *Fort Albany*.

An Account from *Peter Van Brugh* and *Philip Livingſton*, Eſqrs, for the further repairing that Fort, and do find the Sum of *Fifty One Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Five-pence Farthing*, ought to be paid them.

An Account from *Johannis Sanderſe Glen, Adam Vrooman, Karel Hanſen* and *John Wemp*, Eſqrs, for repairing the Fort at *Schenectady*, by which there appears due to them, the Sum of *Ninety Six Pounds, Thirteeen Shillings* and *Nine-pence*.

An Account from Capt. *John Scot*, towards repairing *Fort Hunter*, for which is due *Seventy Nine Pounds* and *Eleven Shillings*.

And an Account from *John Wemp*, Eſq; *Hendrick Vrooman, Daniel Danielſe*, and others, for the further repairing of *Fort Hunter*; by which there appears due to them, the Sum of *Seventy One Pounds* and *Fifteen Shillings*; which being read, was agreed to by this Houſe.

The Treaſurer attending without, was called in, and in purſuance to the Order of this Houſe, acquainted them, he had tranſmitted the Liſt of Arrears of four Acts of Aſſembly, relating to the two Canada *Expeditions, to the Mayor and Aldermen of* New-York, *and to all the Juſtices of the reſpective Counties, as the Act directed, except to thoſe of* Suffolk, *which he could not do in Regard, that ſome Money was paid, by one of the Collectors of* Suffolk *to the late Treaſurer, without mentioning on what Taxes it was paid, but will deliver the Liſts to Mr.* Hutchinſon *their Repreſentative, with an Account how much was received by the late Treaſurer.*

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, who attending without, was called in.

Mr. Speaker,

I Am ordered by his Excellency, in Anſwer to the Meſſage from this honourable Houſe, by Mr. Philipſe *and Mr.* Van Horne, *to acquaint this Houſe,*

That his Excellency takes this Meſſage from the Houſe, as a peculiar Mark of their Confidence in him, in deſiring his Opinion in a Matter, which he had recommended to them in general only, and in which he expected, that their own Thoughts would have led them to form an Eſtimate, but ſince they have of their own Accord, referred that to himſelf; he has conſidered of it ſeriouſly, and ſends you the following Eſtimate, not queſtioning, but this will prove as it appears to be intended, an undeniable Inſtance of the Agreement of his Excellency's Sentiments, with thoſe of the Aſſembly.

As the Security of this Frontier depends in a great Meaſure, on the Fidelity of the five Nations to this Government, the moſt numerous of which the Seneka's, *are at a great diſtance from our* Chriſtian *Settlements, and are continually ſollicited by the* French, *to quit our Intereſt and embrace theirs.*

His Excellency conceives the moſt frugal and effectual Method, to keep them in their Allegiance, as well as to preſerve and increaſe our Trade with the far Indians, *is to have a fixed Trading Houſe, eſtabliſhed among the ſaid* Seneka's, *and to encourage ſuch a Company to ſettle among them, as ſhall be ſufficient to entertain a conſtant Amity and Familiarity with that Nation, and take all Methods requiſite to invite the Nations, to trade with this Province, and to keep a conſtant Intercourſe with the City of* Albany.

A Company fit for all theſe Purpoſes, cannot well conſiſt of leſs than twelve Perſons.

One principal Officer, who ſhould be a Man of Figure and Experience, above ſuch little Practices in Trade, as may leſſen his Character,

Character, and capable to manage the Intereſts of this Province, with all the Wiſdom and Reſolution requiſite.

	£.	s.	d.
The leaſt that can be allowed him, is One Hundred Pounds.	100	0	0
Another Perſon to be his Lieut. and fit to manage Matters in his Abſence, when the chief Officer ſhall find it neceſſary to attend the Government, to give them full Informations and to receive particular Orders; his Allowance to be Fifty Pounds.	50	0	0
Ten Perſons to form a Company ſufficient, ſome for attending of the Trading Houſe, others to be ſent to the Indians, *as occaſion requires, and ſome to go to and from* Albany, *as often as they ſhall be wanted, at* Twenty Pounds *each Man;* Two Hundred Pounds.	200	0	0
The Expence of Building the Trading Houſe already ordered, can ſcarce be valued at leſs, than One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds.	150	0	0
The Expences of the Interpreters Journies, among all the five Nations, which cannot now be defrayed out of the Allowance of the Commiſſioners of Indian *Affairs, but are often of the greateſt Neceſſity, will probably amount to* One Hundred Pounds.	100	0	0
A Smith for the Seneka's *and* Cayouga's, *with a Mate, that the* French *may not be invited to perform that Service as formerly,* Thirty Pounds.	30	0	0
Other ſmall incidental Charges which cannot be particularly gueſſed, about	55	12	6
Bedding for the Garriſon.	114	7	6
Total,	800	0	0

To explain the laſt Article, his Excellency bid me acquaint you, that the Deſertion of the Troops would be fatal to the Security of the Frontier, ſince they ought all to be in a Readineſs to march thither, when the Service ſhall require it, and being well informed, that the Want of Bedding, would occaſion Deſertion when ever a hard Winter ſhould come; he did laſt Year, provide them in the cheapeſt Manner, with Neceſſaries to that Intent, and did order a Sale of ſome Palatine *Stores, left by Brigadier* Hunter, *for to defray this Charge, and applied ſome of thoſe Stores themſelves to anſwer it,* viz.

	£.	s.	d.
Seventy Eight Rugs, which coſt Eighty Two Pounds, Eleven Shillings.	82	11	0
Sixty Seven of the beſt Tents made into Beds, which Tents muſt be accounted for to Brigadier Hunter, *at the Price of* Nine Shillings *and* Six-pence, per *Tent, which thoſe of the ſame Sort yielded at Vendue,* Thirty One Pounds, Sixteen Shillings *and* Six-pence.	31	16	6
In all	114	7	6

Upon his Excellency's acquainting Brigadier Hunter, *of his having ſo done, he in his Anſwer inſiſted upon it, that thoſe Stores are his own private Property, being far ſhort of the Ballance due to him from the Crown, for that Service of the* Palatines, *which juſt Pretenſion, his Excellency thinks himſelf obliged in Honour to comply with, and therefore depends in your providing for his Re-payment for a Service not leſs neceſſary or preſſing, than the Repairs of the Fortifications themſelves, which you have reſolved to defray.*

His Excellency does not Doubt that you remember that the Purpoſes for which the 2 per Cent. *Act was given, were two-fold,* viz. *Two-thirds of the Produce of that Act, to the Security of the Frontiers, and One-third to any incident Charges of the Government.*

He muſt again obſerve to you, that there is no Reaſon to hope that Act will ever paſs; and that Act was to have continued for 5 *Years. He thinks you will do nothing new, and only what you enacted the firſt Seſſion. If you provide ſuch Sum as you judge that Act would have produced, and for the ſame Uſes; and till you are convinced that this Act will never paſs, the providing for theſe Purpoſes only from Year to Year, is a ſafe and certain Way of not doing more than was at firſt intended and undertaken by you.*

The Frankneſs with which you have deſired his Excellency's more particular Thoughts, has engaged him to give you them in this ample Manner, that you may ſee he will ſpare no Pains to inform you, when you deſire it.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for the further continuing and rendering more effectual an Act made for that Purpoſe,* entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 5 ho. P. M. July 3, 1722.

THE Petition of *Gilbert Livingſton,* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to veſt certain Lots of Land, ſituate, lying and being in the City of *New-York,* in Truſt for the Petitioner, and ſuch Perſons as ſtand bound with him for the Sum of *Eleven Hundred Pounds,* due from the Petitioner for the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors farmed by him, in the honourable Council of this Province by Name, or any 5 of them, to be ſold to the beſt Advantage in Months, after an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Petitioner to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, lying, ſituate and being in the City of* New-York, ſhall return with his Majeſty's Approbation, and the Money riſing by ſuch Sale, to be applied to paying *Eight Hundred Pounds,* due from the Petitioner for Exciſe in *Auguſt* next, and the Overplus, if any, to be paid the Petitioner, his Heirs, *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris,* jun. that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, till the* 1*ſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1724; without Amendment.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the farther and more effectual prohibiting of the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for the further continuing and rendering more effectual, an Act made for that Purpoſe,* entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province,* &c. and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. July 4, 1722.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for the further continuing, and rendering more effectual an Act made for that Purpoſe,* entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province,* &c. and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, amended the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which being read,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that this Houſe do agree to the Amendments? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. July 4, 1722.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more eaſy and effectual Recovery of Arrears due and payable for the Support of this Government*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. July 5, 1722.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy and effectual Recovery of Arrears due and payable for the Support of this Government.* After some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

The House taking into Consideration the Petition of *Gilbert Livingston*;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the House adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 ho. P. M. July 5, 1722.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the selling* Indian *Goods to the* French; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Trustees therein named, to take, sell and dispose of certain Lots of Land, the Estate of* Gilbert Livingston, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majesty on the said* Gilbert Livingston, *his Contract for farming the Excise of this Province*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House taking into Consideration the Memorial of *Catharine De Peyster*, in Behalf of her Husband, *Abraham De Peyster*, late Treasurer, and *Abraham De Peyster*, junior, the present Treasurer of this Colony, setting forth, that Suits were severally commenced against them in his Majesty's Name to render Accounts; and praying such Relief and Directions therein, as to this House should seem meet.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Jansen* made the following Report from the said Committee, *viz.*

They find, that the several Acts of Assembly, by Virtue of which publick Monies were to be received and issued by the Treasurer of this Colony for the Time being, do enact and direct, that he should be accountable to the Governor, Council and Assembly; and that the greatest Part of such Monies, or Value of Monies, were appropriated to particular Uses, and have taken their Effect long since.

That a Committee of this House, in Conjunction with another of the Council, did examine the Books and Accounts of the late Treasurer, and having carefully compared the Charge with the Vouchers of the Discharge until the 5th Day of *June*, 1721, as may appear by their respective Reports, dated the 10th Day of *July*, in the same Year; the Governor, Council and Assembly seemed satisfied therewith.

It's nevertheless their Opinion, that as all publick Monies were given to his Majesty, and his royal Predecessor, though appropriated to particular Uses; his Majesty may appoint any Person to demand Accounts thereof, but they cannot conceive that such Person is entitled to any Perquisite or Fee for the same, either from the Treasurer, or from the Colony, not only for the Reasons set forth in a Representation from this House to his Excellency, dated the 30th Day of *June*, 1721, but because no such Demand is made from any of the neighbouring Colonies.

And though they are of Opinion that the late Treasurer, or some Person for him, should account with the Deputy Auditor, they are likewise of Opinion, it ought to be in the Form and Method those Accounts have been kept in his Books, at least until the said 5th Day of *June*, 1721; it seeming impracticable to render them in any other, by Reason of his long and still continuing Indisposition.

It's also their Opinion, that as the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury, by their Letter, dated the 17th Day of *August*, 1720, insist only on an Account of the Monies for the Civil Government, all other extraordinary Levies do not fall under the same Circumstances, most of which having taken their Effect already; which being read, was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That as all the Monies received by the Treasurers, were appropriated to particular Uses, without any Surplus or Provision to answer the Demand of an Auditor, so this House is obliged, and will take Care, that the said Treasurers shall not be Sufferers by any such Demand, or by any Expence of Cost or Damage that may accrue by the Suits already commenced, or that may be commenced against them, or either of them, or against any Treasurer of this Province for the Time being, for or by Reason of any Perquisite or Fee, claimed to be due to an Auditor, for auditing the said Accounts, or any of them.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy and effectual Recovery of the Arrears due and payable for the Support of this Government.* After some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Estimate of the Charge and Expence requisite for the Security and Defence of the Frontier, communicated to this House by his Excellency. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Philipse* reported to the House, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. July 6, 1722.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Alexander*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing a Clause in an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further regulating and better clearing publick Highways throughout*

throughout this Colony, ſo far as it relates to the County of Suffolk; without Amendment.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Subject Matter of the Eſtimate of the Charge and Expence requiſite for the Security and Defence of the Frontier, communicated to this Houſe by his Excellency. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That at the next Meeting of this Houſe, a Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, be raiſed and levied on all Eſtates real and perſonal throughout this Colony, to be applied towards the Defence of the Frontier, and ſecuring the 5 Nations in the *Britiſh* Intereſt; and for promoting and encouraging a Trade with the more remote Nations of *Indians*.

Catalina Poſt, having laid before this Houſe, an Account for whitewaſhing and cleaning the Aſſembly Room, and Lobby, and for mending the Glaſs Windows thereof, amounting to *Eight Pounds Twelve Shillings*; and for Diet and Expences of Mrs. *Monteur*, and other *Indians*; upon their Examination by Order of his Excellency, amounting to *Four Pounds* and *Seven Shillings*; the Whole being *Twelve Pounds* and *Nineteen Shillings*; deſiring this Houſe will pleaſe to recommend the ſame to his Excellency.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency to iſſue his Warrant in Council on the Treaſurer, for paying the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 5 ho. P. M. July 6, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, Junior, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, with ſome Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

The Houſe proceeding to take the Amendments into Conſideration, the ſame were read; after ſome Debate thereon, the Houſe agreed to the Amendments.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of Arrears due and payable for the Support of this Government*; That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. July 7, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of Arrears due and payable for Duties laid within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, Junior, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of Arrears due and payable for Duties laid within this Colony*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency deſires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, at the Fort.

Then the Speaker and the Houſe, attended accordingly.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Acts, viz.

An Act, *for making more effectual an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *during the Time therein mentioned*; *and for repealing one Act of General Aſſembly of this Province*, entitled, *An* Act, *for a Supply to be granted to his Majeſty for ſupporting his Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, *which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord* 1720, *to the firſt Day of* July 1721.

An Act, *for continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, till the firſt Day of* July; *which will be in the Year of our Lord* 1724.

An Act, *continuing a Clauſe in an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and clearing publick Highways throughout this Colony, ſo far as it relates to the County of* Suffolk, *in this Province.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of* Weſtchester, Queen's *County, and the County of* Richmond, *including* King's *County and* Orange *County in the ſame Manner.*

An Act, *for the more ſpeedy and effectual Recovery of the Arrears due and payable for Duties laid within this Colony.*

An Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the French.*

And that he deſired this Houſe to adjourn themſelves to the laſt *Tueſday* in *September* next; and this Houſe is adjourned to the laſt *Tueſday* in *September* next, accordingly.

Die Martis, September 25, 1722.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Aſſembly, to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, September 26, 1722.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Aſſembly to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Jovis, Sept. 27, 1722.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Aſſembly, to To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, September 28, 1722.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn the General Aſſembly, to *Monday* next, the firſt of *October*.

Die Lunæ, October 1, 1722.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. October 2, 1722.

COL. *Provooſt*, by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, the following Papers, *viz.* An Anſwer from the Honourable *Horatio Walpole*, Eſq; Auditor General of his Majeſty's Plantations, to a Repreſentation of this Houſe to his Excellency, relating to the Auditing of the Monies raiſed for the civil Government of this Province; dated the 17th of *January*, 1721-2.

A Letter from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, to his Excellency, upon the ſame Subject; dated the 28th of *April*, 1722.

Copy of a Memorial from *Archibald Kennedy*, Eſq; to the Right Honourable the Lord *Carteret*, one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, relating to Bedding, and other Stores for his Majeſty's four Independent Companies, poſted in this Province.

Copy of a Letter from the Board of Ordnance, to the Right Honourable the Lord *Carteret*, in Anſwer thereto; dated the 17th of *April* 1722.

A Letter from the Lord *Carteret*, to his Excellency, upon the ſame Subject; dated the 26th of *April* 1722.

Copy of Captain *Henry Holland's* Petition to his Majeſty; claiming an Arrear due to him of *Five Hundred Twenty One Pounds*, and *Sixteen Shillings*, as Gunner to the Fort of *Albany*.

A Letter

A Letter from the Lord *Carteret*, to his Excellency, upon the ſaid Petition; dated the 31ſt of *Auguſt* 1722.

The Memorial of Captain *Philip Schuyler*, to his Excellency and Council, for repairing the Fort at *Schenectady*, and the Neceſſity of a ſmall Houſe to be erected for ſecuring of Powder for the Uſe of the ſaid Fort.

The Account of *Cornelius Cuyler's* Charges for his Journey to *Canada* as Expreſs, in *June* and *July* laſt, to carry his Excellency's Proclamation for his Majeſty's Subjects reſiding there, to return, entitled, *The Province of* New-York *debtor*; amounting to *Thirty Pounds*.

A Letter from the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs to his Excellency, that they would build two Wooden Houſes, for accommodating the *Indians* coming to Trade at *Albany*, when the *Indians* there were gone, dated the 1ſt of *September* laſt.

An Account of the Materials, neceſſary to repair the Fort at *Albany*, and the Labour computed at *Fifty Pounds*; all which were ſeverally read.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Truſtees therein named, to take, ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, the Eſtate of* Gilbert Livingſton, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majeſty on the ſaid* Gilbert Livingſton, *his Contract for Farming the Exciſe of this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, that the Time for letting the Exciſe is the firſt Day of next Month.

Reſolved, That ſome of the Members of this Houſe, do enquire of the Council, what Proceedings they have made on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties of this Colony.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipſe* and Mr. *Cuyler*, do wait on the Council, and deſire to know their Proceedings on the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 2, 1722.

MR. *Philipſe* reported to this Houſe, Mr. *Cuyler* and himſelf, had delivered the Order of this Houſe to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would call the Council To-morrow, and lay the ſame before them.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Goods and Merchandizes, ſubject to the Payment of Duties upon their Importation, have been entered with him, ſince the 5th Day of *June* laſt, how much the neat Duty thereof does amount to, and what Part of the ſame has been actually paid in.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Duties ariſing on Tonnage of Veſſels and on Slaves, ſince the 5th Day of *June* laſt, and what Part thereof has been received by him.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer and Tonnage Officer, do reſpectively lay before this Houſe, by *Saturday* next, a Liſt of what has been ſeverally received by them, of the Arrearages due to this Colony, for Duties for the Support of the Government thereof, ſince the 5th Day of *June* laſt.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do ſerve the Treaſurer, as alſo the Tonnage Officer, with Copies of theſe Orders.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1722.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Province*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeding to take the ſame into Conſideration, the Amendments being read, were agreed to by the Houſe:

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman* do carry the Bill and the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration their Reſolve, made the 30th of *June* laſt, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit, to the Value of 3000 Ounces of Plate, directed to be deſtroyed by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credits to the Value of* 6000 *Ounces of Plate, for and during the Time therein mentioned, directed to be deſtroyed the* 1ſt *of* July 1723; That they would at their next Meeting, lay a Tax for that Purpoſe, on the Eſtates real and perſonal throughout this Colony.

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Janſen*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

And alſo their Reſolve, made the 6th of *July* laſt, That at their next Meeting, there ſhould be raiſed and levied on all Eſtates, real and perſonal throughout this Colony, the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, to be applied towards the Defence of the Frontier, and ſecuring the five Nations in the *Britiſh* Intereſt, and for promoting and encouraging Trade with the more remote Nations of *Indians*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Janſen*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1722.

THE Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 4, 1722.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 5, 1722.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, the Amount of what there has been imported and entered with him, ſince the 5th Day of *June* laſt, to the 4th Day of this inſtant *October*, of ſundry ſorts of dutiable Goods and Merchandizes, as Rum, Wine, Brandy and other diſtilled Liquor, Dry Goods, Cocoa, Molaſſes and Salt, impoſed by Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in 1720, amounting to *Nineteen Hundred, Seventy Nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *One Penny Farthing*, and that he had actually received of the above Amount, ſince the 5th Day of laſt *June*, to the 4th inſtant inclusive, the Sum of *Nine Hundred Seventy Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Five-pence Halfpenny*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1722.

MR. *Philipſe*, according to Order, preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 1250 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for ſecuring the five Nations in his Majeſty's Intereſt*; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

He alſo (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, for raiſing the Quantity of 3000 Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value; as alſo the Quantity of Ounces more, for the Charge and Expence in collecting and cancelling the ſame; and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1722.

THE Tonnage Officer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of the Duties on the Tonnage of Veſſels and *Negroes* and other Slaves, amounting to, from the 5th of *June* laſt, till this Day, the Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Sixty Two Pounds, Nine Shillings*; and had paid to the Treaſurer, the Sum of *Three Hundred, Seventy Eight Pounds, Four Shillings* and *Six-pence*.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of Perſons Names, that have paid on Account of Arrears, ſince the 5th Day of *June* laſt, to the 6th inſtant *October*, amounting to the Sum of *Four Hundred Eighty Five Pounds, Nine Shillings* and *Nine-pence*.

His Excellency our Governor, having by Col. *Provooſt*, ſent for the Peruſal and Conſideration of this Houſe, the 93d and 94th Article of his Majeſty's Inſtructions to him, regulating the Quota's of Men or Money to be furniſhed by the ſeveral Colonies, in Caſe our Frontier ſhould be invaded, and upon Invaſion

Invaſion of the neighbouring Plantations, to aid and aſſiſt them in the beſt Manner, and as the Condition and Safety of this Government will permit; as alſo a Letter to him from Col. *Samuel Shute*, Eſq; Governor of the *Maſſachuſets-Bay*, &c. in *New-England*, dated the 1ſt of *September* laſt, making a Demand conformable to the ſaid Repartition, by Reaſon of the War he had declared againſt the *Eaſtern Indians*. And the Houſe having duly conſidered of both, came to the following Reſolutions thereon, *viz.*

That they are ſenſibly touched and grieved at the barbarous and cruel War, their good Neighbours of *New-England*, are engaged in with the ſaid *Indians*; and on the other Hand, that the Circumſtances of this Colony, is ſo far from being able to afford them, the Aid and Aſſiſtance their Diſpoſition would incline them to, if they were in a Condition. That by the annual and conſtant Charge to ſecure our five Nations of *Indians* in the *Britiſh* Intereſt, maintaining and repairing the Forts and Fortifications on our Frontiers, the great Charge in ſupporting this Government, and the leſſening the heavy Debts it labours under, that even this Seſſion, they have been obliged to burthen its Inhabitants with ſeveral large Taxes.

That the Colony being thus circumſtanced, this Houſe is greatly pleaſed that his Excellency, at his late Treaty with the five Nations at *Albany*, has enjoined and engaged them to depute one, out of each Nation, to go to the ſaid *Eaſtern Indians*, and to threaten them in the Name of their Principals, that they will make War upon them, in Caſe they do not ſtrike up a Peace with his Majeſty's Subjects of *New-England*, and thoſe Deputies being actually gone upon that Meſſage, accompanied with a *Chriſtian*, this Houſe hopes it will have a happy Effect, which they are the more inclinable to believe, becauſe the like Meaſures being uſed by this Government, about the Year 1675, did very much contribute to finiſh a more cruel War (commonly called King *Phillip's* War) wherein *New-England*, was then engaged in with the *Indians*.

Ordered, That the Speaker deſire his Excellency to communicate the Sentiments of this Houſe to Col. *Shute*, and that he will at the ſame Time acquaint him, That the preſent State of this Colony, does altogether deprive them of the Means to aid them at this Time, however well diſpoſed they may be to do it.

Ordered, That *Thomas Brazier* the Door-keeper to this Houſe, be allowed the Sum of *Six Pounds*, for extraordinary Service, and that this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency, to iſſue his Warrant to the Treaſurer for paying the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 5 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 8, 1722.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1722.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* 1250 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for ſecuring the five Nations in his Majeſty's Intereſt*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1722.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* 1250 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for ſecuring the five Nations in his Majeſty's Intereſt*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1722.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value, as alſo the Quantity of Ounces more, for the Charge and Expence in collecting and cancelling the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1722.

A Motion was made, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for continuing the Act, for regulating the Ferry between the City of *New-York* and the Iſland *Naſſau*, that would expire by its own Limitation in two Years.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* 1250 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for ſecuring the five Nations in his Majeſty's Intereſt*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1722.

THE Petition of *Job Duſſoſchauy*, eldeſt Son and Heir of *Mark Duſſoſchauy*, late of the County of *Richmond*, Yeoman, deceaſed; *Iſrael Duſſoſchauy* and *Gabriel Duſſoſchauy*, two other of the Sons of the ſaid *Mark Duſſoſchauy*; *Peter Barbarie* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, one of the Daughters of the ſaid *Mark Duſſoſchauy*; *Daniel Hendricks* and *Suſanna* his Wife, one other of the Daughters of the ſaid *Mark Duſſoſchauy*; *Thomas Eyres* and *Mary* his Wife, one other of the Daughters of the ſaid *Mark*; *Hendrick Brees* and *Dinah* his Wife, one other of the Daughters of the ſaid *Mark*; and *Sarah Duſſoſchauy*, one other of the Daughters of the ſaid *Mark*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable them to ſell ſundry Tracts and Parcels of Up-Land and Meadow, lying in the County of *Richmond* (bequeathed by the ſaid *Mark*, in his Life Time, to the ſaid Petitioners, by his laſt Will and Teſtament) to pay off and diſcharge the Incumbrance, due to the Eſtate of *Paul Richard*, deceaſed, and other

ther the Debts of the said *Mark*, and after Payment thereof, e Remainder of the Money arising thereby, to be equally di- ided among the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according o the Prayer of the Petition.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General ssembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the erry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau; as received, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a econd Time.

The House taking into Consideration the Report made the hird Day of *July* last, by Mr. *Cuyler*, from the Committee to hom was referred, the Accounts with their Vouchers, relating o repairing the Fortifications on the Frontier, *viz.*

An Account signed by *William Groesbeck*, and *William Bar- et*, amounting to the Sum of *Twenty One Pounds*.

An Account from *Peter Van Brugh* and *Philip Living- ton*, Esqrs, for the further repairing that Fort at *Albany*, mounting to *Fifty One Pounds*, *Three Shillings* and *Five-pence Farthing*.

An Account from *Johannis Sanderse Glen*, *Adam Vroman*, *Karel Hansen*, and *John Wemp*, Esqrs, for repairing the Fort at *Schenectady*, amounting to *Ninety Six Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings* nd *Nine-pence*.

An Account from Capt. *John Scot*, towards repairing Fort *Hunter*, amounting to the Sum of *Seventy Nine Pounds*, and *Eleven Shillings*.

And an Account from *John Wemp*, Esq, *Hendrick Vrooman*, *Daniel Danielse* and others, for the further repairing *Fort Hunter*, amounting to *Seventy One Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings*.

Ordered, That the said several Sums, the whole amounting to the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Twenty Pounds*, *Three Shillings and Two-pence Farthing*, be added to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* 1200 *and* 50 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the five Nations in his Majesty's Interest*; and that it be an Instruction to the Committee to make that Addition accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. October* 11, 1722.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* 1200 *and* 50 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the five Nations in his Majesty's Interest*; After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Philips* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1722.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau; was read the second Time, and committed.

Then the House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* 1250 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the five Nations in his Majesty's Interest*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1722.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enabling* Job Dusochauy, *eldest Son and Heir of* Mark Dusochauy, *late of the County of* Richmond, *Yeoman, deceased, and other the Children of the said* Mark Dusochauy, *to sell sundry Pieces and Parcels of Land, given and devised to them respectively, in and by the Last Will and Testament of their said Testator, in order to pay off and discharge the Incumbrances thereupon, and other the Debts of their said Testator yet remaining unsatisfied*; was presented the House, and received; the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* 1250 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the* 5 *Nations in his Majesty's Interest*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1722.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enabling* Job Dusochauy, *eldest Son and Heir of* Mark Dusochauy, *late of the County of* Richmond, *Yeoman, deceased, and other the Children of the said* Mark Dusochauy, *to sell sundry Pieces and Parcels of Land, given and devised to them respectively, in and by the last Will and Testament of their said Testator, in order to pay off and discharge the Incumbrances thereupon, and other the Debts of their said Testator, yet remaining unsatisfied*; was read the second Time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* 1250 *Ounces of Plate, to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the* 5 *Nations in his Majesty's Interest*; and Mr. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title of, and several Amendments to the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, and the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1722.

THE House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1722.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the* 5 *Nations in his Majesty's Interest*; *as also the Sum of* Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings and Two-pence Farthing, *advanced by the several Persons therein named, for repairing the Fortifications of the Frontiers*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Memorial of *Catharine De Peyster*, in Behalf of her Husband, Col. *Abraham De Peyster*, late Treasurer of this Colony, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That all Cocoa exported from this Province to *Great-Britain*, within 15 Months after Importation, should not be liable to the Duty laid thereon by an Act of General Assembly, passed in 1715. That in making out an Account of the several Funds raised for Support of his Majesty's Government here, under the Management of her said Husband, the Memorialist finds several Bonds and Notes, given upon the Importation of Cocoa, have not Endorsements thereon of its Exportation, though the Memorialist has Reason to believe the most Part thereof has been actually exported within the limited Time of the said 15 Months; which Omission, she conceives to have proceeded partly by the Lenity and Indisposition of her Husband, and partly by the Neglect of the Exporters. And to the End those Accounts may be perfected, and Justice done such Persons as have *bona fide* shipped off Cocoa within Time, she humbly prays such Provision may be made therein, as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, and that Mr. *Philipse*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Provoost*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Jansen*, and Alderman *Kip*, or any 3 of them, do prepare and bring in the same.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value; as alſo the Quantity of* Ounces *more, for the Charge and Expence in collecting and cancelling the ſame*; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Truſtees therin named, to take, ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, the Eſtate of* Gilbert Livingſton, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majeſty, on the ſaid* Gilbert Livingſton, *his Contract for farming the Exciſe of this Province.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1722.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Truſtees therein named, to take, ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, the Eſtate of* Gilbert Livingſton, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majeſty, on the ſaid* Gilbert Livingſton, *his Contract, for farming the Exciſe of this Province*; and Mr. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 17, 1722.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Truſtees therein named, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, the Eſtate of* Gilbert Livingſton, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majeſty, on the ſaid* Gilbert Livingſton, *his Contract, for farming the Exciſe of this Province*; and Mr. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Diviſion Line between the Counties of* Ulſter *and* Orange; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Treaſurer certified, That there was entered from *Boſton*, the 25th Day of *May*, 1721, by *Philip Cortlandt*, 3 Pipes of Wine, and by Capt. *William Walton*, 1 Pipe; and that they paid double Duty for the ſame, upon a Suppoſition it was ſubject thereto; but upon Examination it appears, there was no Duty at that Time due thereon.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer pay the ſaid Duty to them reſpectively, and to charge accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 18, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Truſtees therein named, to take, ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, the Eſtate of* Gilbert Livingſton, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majeſty, on the ſaid* Gilbert Livingſton, *his Contract, for farming the Exciſe of this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Hendrick Hanſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, to acquaint this Houſe, they had appointed Mr. *Morris*, jun. to examine and compare the Acts of this Province, paſſed the firſt and ſecond Seſſion of Aſſembly ſince his Excellency's Arrival, with the Enrollment thereof; and to deſire this Houſe to appoint a Member to aſſiſt therein.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt* be appointed to examine and compare the Acts of this Province, paſſed the firſt and ſecond Seſſion of Aſſembly ſince his Excellency's Arrival, with the Enrollment thereof, with Mr. *Morris*, jun. appointed by the Council for that Purpoſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Payment of the Repreſentatives of the City and County of* Albany; without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, Jacobus Kip, David Provooſt, *and* Johannis Janſen, *Eſqrs, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read.

And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that this Houſe do agree to the Amendments made to the Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 18, 1722.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value; as alſo the Quantity of* Ounces *more, for the Charge and Expence in Collecting the ſame*; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 19, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Francis Harriſon*, Eſq; That they have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for ſecuring the* 5 *Nations of* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt*; *as alſo, the Sum of* Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings and Two-pence Farthing, *advanced by the ſeveral Perſons therein named, for repairing the Fortifications on the Frontiers*; without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's *River*; *and the* North *Bounds of the County of* Ulſter, *on the* Weſt *Side of* Hudſon's *River*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the Conſideration of the Amendments be referred to ſome other Time? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Amendments made by the Council, be referred accordingly.

Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enabling* Job Duſſochauy, *eldeſt Son and Heir of* Mark Duſſochauy, *late of the County of* Richmond, *Yeoman, deceaſed, and other the Children of the ſaid* Mark Duſſochauy, *to ſell ſundry Pieces and Parcels of Land, given and deviſed to them reſpectively in and by the laſt Will and Teſtament of their ſaid Teſtators, in order to pay off and diſcharge the Incumbrances thereupon, and other the Debts of their ſaid Teſtator yet remaining unſatisfied*; That they have heard ſeveral Perſons on the Allegations contained in the Bill, and find them to be true, and all Parties agreed; and that they have alſo gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Philipſe*, (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have* bona fide *ſhipped off Cocoa within Time, if Oath is made thereof, and to debar ſuch as ſhall neglect the ſame within the Time therein mentioned*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Diviſion*

Diviſion Line between the Counties of Ulſter *and* Orange; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value*; *as alſo, the Quantity of* Ounces *more, for the Charge and Expence in collecting the ſame*; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title of the Bill, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body thereof, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Haring* have Leave to go Home, his Family being ſick.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enabling* Job Duſſoſchauy, *eldeſt Son and Heir of* Mark Duſſoſchauy, *late of the County of* Richmond, *Yeoman, deceaſed*; *and other the Children of the ſaid* Mark Duſſoſchauy, *to ſell ſundry Pieces and Parcels of Land, given and deviſed to them reſpectively, in and by the laſt Will and Teſtament of their ſaid Teſtator, in order to pay off and diſcharge the Incumbrances thereupon, and other the Debts of their ſaid Teſtator, yet remaining unſatisfied*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have*, Bona fide, *ſhipped off Cocoa within Time, if Oath is made thereof, and to debar ſuch as ſhall neglect the ſame, within the Time therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1722.

MR. *Speaker preſented to the Houſe, a Letter from* George Bampfield, *Eſq*; *Agent to this Province, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *dated in* London *the* 13*th of* Auguſt 1722, *importing the great Application he has made to the Lords of Trade, to procure the royal Aſſent to an Act, for laying a Duty on all* European *Goods, imported into this Province*; *and an Act for running a Line, between this Province and* Connecticut *Government*; *and the Copy of a Petition to the King's moſt excellent Majeſty in Council, of the ſubſcribing Merchants of* London, *in Behalf of themſelves, and other Merchants, trading to* New-York, *praying they may be heard by themſelves or Council, againſt an Act, for laying a Duty of* Two Pounds, per Cent. *upon every* Hundred Pounds, *Value of Goods ſent from* Great-Britain, *and imported into this Province, before it received his Majeſty's Confirmation.*

Ordered, That the Letter and the Petition lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Ebenezer Wilſon, John Van Horne, Abraham Governieur *and* Sarah, *the Widow and Relict of* Johannis Hardenbroek, *deceaſed*; *for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have* Bona fide, *ſhipped off Cocoa within Time, if Oath is made thereof, and to debar ſuch as ſhall neglect the ſame, within the Time therein mentioned*; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1722.

COL. *William Willet* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to increaſe the Number of Superviſors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *and that no Wages of Superviſors ſhall be any Part of the ſaid Counties Rate for the future*; which was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have*, Bona fide, *ſhipped of Cocoa within Time, if Oath is made thereof, and to debar ſuch as ſhall neglect the ſame, within the Times therein mentioned*; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had amended the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as have*, Bona fide, *ſhipped off Cocoa within Time, if Oath be made thereof, and to debar ſuch as ſhall neglect the ſame, within the reſpective Times therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to increaſe the Number of Superviſors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *and that no Wages of Superviſors ſhall be any Part of the ſaid County Rate for the future*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1722.

COL. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title, and ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be re-committed? It was carried in the Negative.

And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That this Houſe agree to the Amendments? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau, *and for making the Paſſage and Tranſportation over the ſaid Ferry, more certain, eaſy and uſeful*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Stillwell* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to increaſe the Number of Superviſors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *and that no Wages of Superviſors ſhall be any Part of the ſaid County Rate for the future*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Ebenezer Wilſon, John Van Horne, Abraham Governieur *and* Sarah, *the Widow of* Johannis Hardenbroek, *deceaſed, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council by Dr. *Colden*, That they had paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Truſtees therein named, to take, ſell and diſpoſe of, certain Lots of Land, the Eſtate of* Gilbert Livingſton, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majeſty on the ſaid* Gilbert Livingſton, *his Contract for the Farming the Exciſe of this Province*; without any Amendment.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to increaſe the Number of Superviſors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *and that no Wages of Superviſors, ſhall be any Part of the ſaid Counties Rate for the future*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipſe* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Ebenezer Wilſon, John Van Horne, Abraham Governieur *and* Sarah, *the Widow and Relict of* Johannis Hardenbroek, *deceaſed, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1722.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council by Dr. *Colden*, That they had agreed to a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Lewis Morris, *jun. Adminiſtrator to* Auguſtin Graham, *of the City and County of* New-York, *to diſpoſe of the Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the ſaid* Auguſtin Graham, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Lewis Morris, *jun. Adminiſtrator to* Auguſtin Graham, *of the City and County of* New-York, *to diſpoſe of Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the ſaid* Auguſtin Graham, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, a Letter from Mr. *George Bampfield*, Agent for this Province, at the Court of *Great-Britain*; directed to the Speaker, dated the 13th Day of *Auguſt* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr. *Bampfield*, be continued Agent for this Colony, for the Space of two Years, to be computed from the Time Brigadier *Hunter* appointed him as ſuch, by Virtue of a Letter to him from this Houſe, dated the 26th Day of *June*, in the Year 1721.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will accordingly, at their next Meeting, take Care to pay the ſaid Mr. *Bampfield*, or his Aſſigns, for each of the ſaid two Years, the ſame Allowance former Agents had, for that Service; *That is to ſay*, 375 Ounces of Plate, or in Bills of Credit to that Value, as a Salary, and 125 Ounces to be diſburſed and employed for Fees, in ſolliciting the Affairs of this Colony, to be accounted for by him.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1722.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Lewis Morris, *jun. Adminiſtrator to* Auguſtin Graham, *of the City and County of* New-York, *to diſpoſe of Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the ſaid* Auguſtin Graham, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of *Francis Saliſbury* and *Garret Van Bergen*, of *Kat's Kill*, in the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying a Clauſe in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Lewis Morris, *jun. Adminiſtrator to* Auguſtin Graham, *of the City and County of* New-York, *to diſpoſe of Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the ſaid* Auguſtin Graham, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*, and that they may be heard by their Counſel thereupon, before the Bill paſs into a Law.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Lewis Morris, *jun. Adminiſtrator to* Auguſtin Graham, *of the City and County of* New-York, *to diſpoſe of Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the ſaid* Auguſtin Graham, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; and that the Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

A Meſſage from the Council by Col. *Beekman*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better enabling* Job Duſſoſchauy, *eldeſt Son and Heir of* Mark Duſſoſchauy; *late of the County of* Richmond, *Yeoman, deceaſed*; *and other the Children of the ſaid* Mark Duſſoſchauy; *to ſell ſundry Pieces and Parcels of Land, given and deviſed to them reſpectively, in and by their laſt Will and Teſtament of their ſaid Teſtator, in Order to pay off and diſcharge the Incumbrances thereupon, and other the Debts of their ſaid Teſtator, yet remaining unſatisfied*; without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, that ſome Perſons be appointed to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, this Houſe having no publick Buſineſs before them that requires Diſpatch, and the Winter Seaſon being far advanced, humbly deſire a Receſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Col. *Gaaſbeek* and Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him with the humble Deſires of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1722.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Alexander*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value*; without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1722.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, junior, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to increaſe the Number of Superviſors in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *and that no Wages of Superviſors ſhall be any Part of the ſaid Counties Rate for the future*; And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Ebenezer Wilſon, John Van Horne, Abraham Governieur, *and* Sarah *the Widow Relict of* Johannis Herdenbroek, *for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; and deſire to know what this Houſe have done in the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau, *and for making the Paſſage and Tranſportation over the ſaid Ferry, more certain, eaſy and uſeful*; made by that Board.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will take the Meſſage into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1722.

UPON taking into Conſideration, the Meſſage of the Council of Yeſterday, relating to their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau, *and for making the Paſſage and Tranſportation over the ſaid Ferry, more certain, eaſy and uſeful*;

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the Bill and Amendments lie for further Consideration, till the next Meeting of this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 1, 1722.

THE Memorial of *Francis Harrison*, on Behalf of *Ambrose Philipse*, Esq; late Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth; there remained unpaid to the said Mr. *Philipse*, 375 Ounces of Plate, for one Year's Salary; and 125 Ounces more for Fees, Sollicitations and other necessary Charges, for the Service of this Colony, to be accounted for by him, and that upon the Credit thereof, the Memorialist and others, had advanced the same in *London*, and therefore prayed, that at least, that the first mentioned Sum might be paid and satisfied.

Resolved, That the next Meeting of this House, they will take the same Care to pay the said Sum of 375 Ounces, for the Use of the said Mr. *Philipse*, as they have resolved to do for the Salary of Mr. *Bampfield*, on the 28th of *October* last.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the immediate Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber.

Then Mr. Speaker with the House, attended accordingly.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts, viz.

1. *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony.*
2. *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the five Nations in his Majesty's Interest; as also the Sum of* Three Hundred *and* Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings *and* Two-pence Farthing, *advanced by the several Persons therein named, for repairing the Fortifications of the Frontiers.*
3. *An* Act, *for paying* Garret Van Horne, Jacobus Kipp, David Provoost *and* Johannis Jansen, *Esqrs, for serving in General Assembly.*
4. *An* Act, *for the Payment of the Representatives of the City and County of* Albany.
5. *An* Act, *to enable Trustees therein named, to sell and dispose of certain Lots of Land, the Estate of* Gilbert Livingston, *in the City of* New-York, *for the Payment of a certain Bond given, and Debt due to his Majesty on the said* Gilbert Livingston, *his Contract for Farming the Excise of this Province.*
6. *An* Act, *for the better enabling* Job Dussoschauy, *eldest Son and Heir of* Mark Dussoschauy, *late of the County of* Richmond, *Yeoman, deceased; and other the Children of the said* Mark Dussoschauy; *to sell sundry Pieces and Parcels of Land, given and devised to them respectively, in and by the last Will and Testament of their said Testator, in Order to pay off and discharge the Incumbrances thereupon, and other the Debts of their said Testator, yet remaining unsatisfied.*
7. *An* Act, *for raising the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual sinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value.*
8. *An* Act, *to increase the Number of Supervisors in the County of* Westchester, *and that no Wages of Supervisors shall be any Part of the said County's Rate for the future.*
9. *An* Act, *for paying* Ebenezer Wilson, John Van Horne, Abraham Governieur, *and* Sarah *the Widow and Relict of* Johannis Hardenbroek, *deceased; for serving in General Assembly.*

The House taking into Consideration a Petition of Capt. *Henry Holland*, to his Majesty, claiming an Arrear of *Four Hundred Seventy One Pounds, and Sixteen Shillings*, to be due to him, as Gunner at the Fort in *Albany*; and a Letter of the Honourable Lord *Carteret*, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to his Excellency the Governor, to recommend that Claim to the Assembly, if it shall appear to him to be justly due. After some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That no Part of that Claim can in any manner of wise be a Charge upon the Colony.

Ordered, That *Gabriel Ludlow*, the Clerk of this House, be allowed the Sum of *Twelve Pounds and Ten Shillings*, for Pens, Ink, Paper, and for drawing and engrossing Bills for this Session and the former, and that this House do address his Excellency to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer for paying the same.

The Memorial of *Robert Elliston*, Clerk of his Majesty's Custom-House, at the Port of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may have such Sallary as to this House shall seem meet, for his Service for several Years past, for assisting to examine the Reports and Entries with the Officers of his Majesty's Revenue, conformable to the several Acts for granting a Support of Government, for which he has not been recompenced.

Ordered, That Mr. *Elliston*, be allowed *Twenty Pounds*, as a Reward for his Services; and that this House do address his Excellency to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer for paying the same.

Mr. *William Bradford*, the Printer's Account, for sundries for the Use of the General Assembly, amounting to *Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Nine-pence*, being laid before this House, was read.

Ordered, That the Account be allowed; and that this House do address his Excellency to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer for paying the same.

Then the House adjourned to the first *Tuesday* in May next.

HIS Excellency was pleased by Proclamation, dated the 7th Day of this Instant Month of *May*, 1723, being the first *Tuesday* of the said Month, to which they adjourned, to adjourn the General Assembly to the 8th Day of the said Month.

Die Mercurij, P. M. May 8, 1723.

THE House being informed by Mr. *Hutchinson*, That *William Nicoll*, Esq; one of the Members for the County of *Suffolk*, was deceased;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing a Representative to serve in this present Assembly, for the County of *Suffolk*, in the Room of *William Nicoll*, Esq; deceased.

Mr. Speaker communicated to this House, a Letter he had read from *George Bampfield*, Esq; Agent for this Province at the Court of *Great-Britain*; dated in *London* the 14th of *March* last; which was read.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 9, 1723.

MR. *Robert Crannel*, attending without, was called in, and presented to this House, a Commission from his Excellency, to constitute and appoint him Serjeant at Arms to this House, dated the third Day of *January* last; which was read, and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. May 13, 1723.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 14, 1723.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the immediate Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended accordingly.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker informed the House, his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, which he had obtained a Copy of to prevent Mistakes; and the same was read, being as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE *Unanimity and mutual Confidence that have appeared in our former Meetings; and the general Tranquility that is observed through the whole Province, leaves me little Room to apprehend Miſchiefs ariſing from Differences among ourſelves.*

But, when wicked Men, in defiance of the moſt ſacred Obligations, are continually conſpiring the Ruin of that glorious Nation to which we belong, we cannot but feel the higheſt Concern while our common Fate is in Suſpence, and receive the News of a Deliverance, with all imaginable Joy.

The Dangers which have hitherto threatened us, have all taken this happy Turn; and we are now certainly informed, that the late traiterous Schemes which have been laid againſt His Moſt Excellent Majeſty, and his happy Kingdoms, have been rejected and diſappointed by foreign Princes; diſcovered and prevented by the Adminiſtration at Home, and have now brought the Conſpirators to national Juſtice, and parliamentary Reſentment.

Could we have believed that under the beſt of Kings, ſupported by a chearful Parliament, and reſpected by all the Powers of Europe, a diſcontented Party alone would thus attempt to overturn the Conſtitution? But ſince Men ſhew themſelves ſo deſperate, the profoundeſt State of Peace, Safety and Proſperity, can never juſtify a Remiſſneſs in providing againſt publick Danger.

What is true of great Nations, is not leſs applicable to Provinces that depend on them.

You are very ſenſible at how great a yearly Expence the Government at Home provides for your Security, both by Land and Sea; and if this does not encourage you to make good your own Part, in putting your Harbour and your Frontier in an effectual Poſture of Defence, and in providing ſufficient Stores and Magazines, under a proper Regulation, how will you anſwer it to yourſelves, if at any Time you ſhould come to be deſtroyed by Surprize?

I have ſome Reaſon to hope that it cannot be an Apprehenſion that the Sums raiſed for that Purpoſe, may be miſapplied; that will divert you from thinking of it without Delay.

What you have given towards encouraging a Trade with the far Nations of Indians, *has been frugally employed, and ſeems to have had a very happy Effect: If this Encouragement is continued, and the pernicious Trade to* Canada, *can be effectually prevented, the Beginnings that are already made to bring that Trade into a right Channel, can ſcarce fail of coming to Perfection.*

I need only remind you of the Deficiency there is in the Revenue; the chief Cauſe of it, you were fully informed of at your laſt Meeting; and I depend on it, that your Juſtice and Humanity to the inferior Officers, will induce you to provide for it in ſo ample a Manner, that the Treaſury may be put in advance ſufficiently to pay Warrants when they become due; which I am informed has been the Practice formerly.

I ſhall be very glad to join with you in any Laws that can be thought of further publick Benefit; for as I cannot bear the Thoughts of any Thing againſt your Intereſt, ſo I ſhall not be eaſy if I omit any Thing that lies in my Power to promote it.

14*th of* May, 1723. WILLIAM BURNET.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Reſolved, That his Excellency's Speech, and the Votes of this Houſe, be printed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Dear and other Game; and for the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats, and other Vermin*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1723.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer, and other Game; and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild Cats, and other Vermin*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *William Willet*, Mr. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Col. *Thomas Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Garretſon*, and Mr. *Hageman*, or any three of them.

The Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Receipts and Payments ariſing from his Majeſty's Revenue in this Province, from the fifth Day of *June* laſt; on *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer, do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Duty ariſing on the Tonnage of Veſſels and *Negroes*, from the fifth Day of *June* laſt; on *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That the Vendue Maſter do lay before this Houſe the Amount ariſing on the Duty laid on Vendues, from the 14th of *June* laſt, on *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter do lay before this Houſe, the Account of the Amount of the Duty of his Majeſty's Beam in the City of *New-York*, from the 5th Day of *June* laſt, on *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. Philipſe *reported from the Committee, That this Houſe have ſo great an Abhorrence of the unnatural Schemes which ſome wicked Perſons have perpetrated againſt his Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government, and do ſo heartily rejoice at the happy Diſcovery and Diſappointment thereof, that they conceive it their ſincere Inclination to addreſs his Majeſty upon that Occaſion; and are of Opinion, his Excellency ought by an Addreſs to be made acquainted therewith, and to deſire, that in Caſe his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council will be pleaſed to join therein, a Committee of that Board may be appointed to meet a Committee of this Houſe for that Purpoſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, to which the Houſe agreed.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provoſt*, Capt. *Janſen*, and Col. *Hicks*, or any three of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to prepare ſuch an Addreſs to his Excellency accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 16, 1723.

MR. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare an Addreſs to his Excellency, That they had drawn an Addreſs accordingly; which he read, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; and an Amendment being made thereunto, the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Addreſs with the Amendment be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That Mr, *Philipſe*, and Col. *Hicks*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire to know when his Excellency will pleaſe to be attended by this Houſe, to preſent their Addreſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Haring* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. May* 16, 1723.

THE engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, being as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency *WILLIAM BURNET*, Eſq; &c.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, in *America*.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

ALMOST *every one of his Majeſty's Subjects throughout this Colony, and in a more particular Manner, We, who repreſent them in General Aſſembly, being firmly attached to his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, both by Inclination and Duty, having heard with the utmoſt Deteſtation the unnatural Deſigns againſt his ſacred Perſon and mild Government (being of ſo black a Hue, that even foreign Princes, though Roman Catholicks, did both deteſt and detect it) were tranſported with the higheſt Joy and Pleaſure, to find thoſe wicked Schemes timely diſcovered and prevented, and many of the wicked Contrivers and Accomplices ſecured, in order to be proceeded againſt for their horrible and bloody Intentions. And it was ſo great a Satisfaction to this Houſe, to have the ſame confirmed in your Excellency's Speech to them on the* 14*th Inſtant, that they unanimouſly reſolved to addreſs his Majeſty upon that ſucceſsful Occaſion; and it being their Ambition to do the ſame in Conjunction with your Excellency, and the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council for this Province, humbly deſire a Committee of that Board may be appointed, to meet and join a Committee to be appointed by this Houſe, for drawing up and preparing ſuch an humble Addreſs accordingly.*

We embrace this Opportunity to aſſure your Excellency, that what is further recommended to us in your ſaid Speech, ſhall in the Courſe of our Proceedings not only be duly conſidered, but have its due Weight, ſo far as the Circumſtances of this Colony will admit of, having for that Purpoſe already ordered the Treaſurer's Tonnage Officer, Vendue Maſter and Weigh Maſter, to lay before this Houſe, Accounts of their reſpective Receipts and Payments ſince the 5*th Day of* June *laſt.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame in behalf of the Houſe.

Col. *Hicks*, and Mr. *Philipſe*, having (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, to know when he would be attended by this Houſe to receive their Addreſs, reported, That his Excellency was pleaſed to appoint 5 of the Clock this Afternoon.

Then Mr. Speaker, and the Houſe waited on his Excellency with

with their Addreſs; and being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their Addreſs to the Governor, who received the ſame very kindly, and ſaid he would communicate the ſame to the Council, for the End therein requeſted.

A Motion being made, to continue an Act of General Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, and further laying out Highways*, which will expire by its own Limitation in *July* next;

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, and Col. *Hicks*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion was made, that an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; to be continued for a longer Duration, by Reaſon it will expire the firſt Day of *November* next;

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, and Mr. *Philipſe*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion being made, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging Navigation*, expired by its own Limitation;

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip*, and Mr. *Van Horne*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 17, 1723.

COL. *William Willet* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, and further laying out Highways*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. May* 17, 1723.

A Meſſage from his Excellency and Council, by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Secretary, That, that Board have appointed Capt. *Walter*, Mr. *Harriſon*, and Doctor *Colden*, to be a ſelect Committee, to join a Committee to be appointed by this Houſe, to prepare the Draught of an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, from the Governor, Council and Aſſembly of *New-York*; and in order thereto, the Committee of Council will meet To-morrow, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Mrs. *Bounticow*, in this City.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provooſt*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Capt. *Janſen*, and Alderman *Kip*, or any 4 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join and meet a Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place accordingly; and that the Clerk of this Houſe do acquaint the Council with this Order.

Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *repealing Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer, and other Game, and the Deſtruction of Wolves, Wild-Cats, and other Vermin*, That they had amended the Title of the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which he read, and delivered in at the Table; which were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1723.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine and take off the Reward allowed by former Acts, for killing and deſtroying Wild Cats and Foxes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Alderman *Kipp* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for encouraging Navigation*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying-out Highways*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, do lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of all the Warrants drawn on his Majeſty's Revenue of this Province ſince the 13th Day of *June* laſt, inclusive.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 20, 1723.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1723.

THE Petition of *Cornelius Van Santvoord, Johannis Martinus Van Harlingen, Peter Stillingwerf, Abraham Roeters, Abraham Iſaacks, David Elias, Jacob Hays* and *Jacobus Weſſelſe*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, to be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *General* Account, *of what have received and paid for Support of this his Majeſty's Government, in the Province of* New-York, *from the 5th Day of* June, 1722, *to the 14th Day of* May 1723.

The Tonnage Officer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of the Tonnage of Veſſels and* Negro *Slaves, from* June *the 5th*, 1722, *till* May *the 16th*, 1723.

The Weigh Maſter (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of his Majeſty's Beam, commencing the 1ſt of* January 1722, *ending the 1ſt of* April *following*.

He at the ſame Time, laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of his Majeſty's Beam, commencing the 1ſt of* July, *ending the 1ſt of* October *following*.

And an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of the Amount of his Majeſty's Beam, commencing the 1ſt of* October 1722, *ending the 1ſt of* January *following*.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Accounts, do lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 21, 1723.

THE Clerk of the Council (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of all the Warrants drawn on his Majeſty's Revenue in this Province ſince the 13th Day of *June* laſt inclusive, amounting to *Six Thouſand, Three Hundred and Forty Seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Nine-pence*.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging Navigation*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Provooſt*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Alderman *Kipp*, Col. *Thomas Willet* and Capt. *Garretſen*, or any 3 of them.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, Johannis Martinus Van Harlingen, Peter Stellingwerf, Abraham Roeters, Jacobus Weſſelſe, Abraham Iſaacks, David Elias *and* Jacob Hays, was preſented to this Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing and further laying-out Highways*. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Governor's Speech, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1723.

COL. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Lewis Morris, *jun. Administrator to* Augustin Graham, *of the City and County of* New-York, *to dispose of Part of the Lands and Tenements, formerly belonging to the said* Augustin Graham, *for Payment of his Debts and educating his Children*; as also the Petition of *Francis Salisbury* and *Garret Van Bergen*, against the said Bill, That they have heard the Allegations of both Parties, and considering, that the Vesting of a Power in Administrators to sell real Estates of Intestates, might prove very hurtful to Minors and Heirs at Law, are of Opinion, the said Bill ought not to pass; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the same were read, and agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Bill be rejected.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, Johannis Martinus Van Harlingen, Peter Stillingwerf, Abraham Roeters, Jacobus Wesselse, Abraham Isaacks, David Elias *and* Jacob Hays, was read the second Time, and ordered to be committed to Col. *Provoost*, Col. *Stillwell*, Col. *Hicks*, Alderman *Jansen*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Philipse*, Col. *Chambers*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Garretsen*, or any 5 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought into this House, to explain an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Supervising intestates Estates, and regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipse*, Col. *Provoost* and Col. *Hicks*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Philipse*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Alderman *Kipp* and Col. *Provoost*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, to examine the several Accounts, relating to the Support of Government, and report the State thereof to this House.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do lay before this House on *Thursday* the 30th Instant, the following Accounts, *viz.*

What hath been received by him of the Arrears of Taxes, distinguishing how much each respective County has paid.

How much has been paid on Account of the Excise, and what Part thereof is cancelled, or ready to be cancelled.

How much has been paid by each respective County, on Account of the *Five Hundred Pounds*, laid by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for securing the* Indians *in his Majesty's Interest*; passed in the Year 1721.

And an Account what has been paid by each County, of the Tax raised, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for securing the* 5 *Nations in his Majesty's Interest*; *as also the Sum of* Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings and Two-pence Farthing, *advanced by the several Persons therein named, for repairing the Fortifications of the Frontiers*; passed in the Year 1722.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 22, 1723.

Resolved,

THAT this House, will *Friday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An Act for the better clearing and further laying-out Highways*; on *Friday* next.

Mr. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, appointed to meet and join a Committee of the Council, to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Majesty, that they had met a Committee of the Council, and prepared such a Draught accordingly; which being read, was agreed to by the House, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost* and Col. *Chambers*, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House do agree to, and approve of the said Draught, and that when two fair Copies thereof, are engrossed and signed by his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council, the Speaker and this House, will likewise sign the same.

Ordered, That Col. *Thomas Willet* and Col. *Hicks* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinson*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Occasions.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1723.

THE Petition of *Floris Van Taerling*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill, under a Committee of this House, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *and others.*

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *and others.*

The Petition of *John Mason*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturaling* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *&c.*

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1723.

THE House met, and adjourned to *Wednesday* next.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 29, 1723.

THE Deputy Secretary attending without, was called in, and presented to this House, the engrossed Address to his Majesty, signed by his Excellency and the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council. As also a verbal Message from his Excellency and Council, That they have agreed to transmit the said Address to Brigadier *Hunter*, in Order to be by him presented unto his Majesty, and that they desire the Concurrence of this House thereto; The House agreeing to the said Message;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do acquaint his Excellency therewith.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1723.

THE Petition of *Christopher Lawrence*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Stantvoord, *and sundry others.*

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *&c.*

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 30, 1723.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *Accounts relating to the* Five Hundred Pounds *Tax*; *as also the* Eight Hundred *and* Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings *and* Two-pence Farthing *Tax*; which was payable the first *Tuesday* of *March* 1721, and the 23d of *March* 1722.

And an Account, entitled, *An Account of what have received from sundry Persons on Account of the Excise.*

Ordered, That the Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Capt. *Van Horne*, reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Navigation*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying out Highways*; After some Time spent therein,

therein, Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Resolved, That this House, will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1723.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, entitled, An* Act *for encouraging Navigation*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Captain *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of Mr. *Jacob Moons* was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the Sloop Success, from paying the Duty of Tonnage.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to exempt the Sloop Success from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Resolved, That this House will, Wednesday next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That this House will, Wednesday next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act of General Assembly for the better clearing and further laying out Highways.*

Then the House adjourned to the 5th of *June* next.

Die Mercurij, *June* 5, 1723.

MR. Speaker being out of Town, his Excellency was pleased to issue his Proclamation, to adjourn the House until To-morrow.

Die Jovis, *June* 6, 1723.

MR. *Cuyler*, by his Excellency's Order, laid before this House, a Report of *Lawrence Claesen*, Interpreter, sent by his Excellency, to the five Nations of Indians, to invite them to *Albany*, to treat with Commissioners from *Boston*, to the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs, dated in *Albany*, the 27th of *May* last; which was read, and returned to his Excellency.

The Vendue Master (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *An Account of Goods sold by publick Vendue, paying* 3 *Cent. by Act of General Assembly, from the* 15*th of June*, 1722, *to the* 5*th of June*, 1723, *amounting to* £. 22-4-8.

Ordered, That the Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The Petition of *Peter Mallevile*, *Elizabeth Boues*, *Jean Malleville*, *Johanna Tietemak*, Relict and Widow of *Jacobus De Key*, *Isaac Rodrigues*, *Joseph Simson*, and *Andries Trube*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted in the Bill for naturalizing several Persons of foreign Birth now under a Committee of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *&c.*

The Treasurer laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *An Account of each respective City and County's Quota in the* £. 6000 *Act*; £. 4000 *Act*; 10,000 *Ounces of Plate, or* 14545 *Lion Dollars Act*; *and the* £. 10,000, *what has been paid on the same, and what is still in Arrears*; and the Title thereof was read.

Ordered, That the Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1723.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to exempt the Sloop* Success *from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the second Time, and ordered to be committed to Col. *Rutsen*, Capt. *Garretsen*, Mr. *Lackerman*, Col. *Stillwell*, and Mr. *Hutchinson*, or any three of them.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1723.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act, appointing Commissioners to let to farm the Excise of strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony.* After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, next Wednesday, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Treasurer lay before this House, by Wednesday next, a List of the respective Commissioners appointed to let to farm the Excise of strong Liquors; how much the same has amounted to every half Year, in each of the respective Cities and Counties for which they are appointed Commissioners, from the first Day of *November* 1721, until the first Day of *May* last.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 7, 1723.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1723.

COLONEL *Stillwell* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to exempt the Sloop Success from the Duty of Tonnage*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same; which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Petition of *Josias Valleau*, *Dina Marche*, *Lieven Marche*, and *Solomon Meyers*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted in the Bill for naturalizing several Persons of foreign Birth.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *&c.*

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and that no other Business intervene.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *June* 10, 1723.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1723.

CAPT. *Epenetus Plat*, presented to this House, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Representative for the County of *Suffolk*, in the Room of *William Nicoll*, Esq; deceased.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, and Mr. *Hutchinson*, do wait on his Excellency with Capt. *Plat*, that he may qualify himself, by taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and sign the Test, *&c.* to qualify him to sit as a Member of this House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve

ſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, and that no other Buſineſs intervene.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to exempt the Sloop* Succeſs, *from the Duty of Tonnage*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garretſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Provoſt*, reported to this Houſe, That (according to Order) Mr. *Hutchinſon* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency, and ſaw Capt. *Plat* take the Oaths according to Law, and ſign the Teſt, and make, repeat and ſwear to, and ſign the Abjuration Oath.

Ordered, That Capt. *Plat* do take his Place as a Member of this Houſe accordingly.

The Petition of *Bartel Miller*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in the Bill now before this Houſe for naturalizing *Cornelius Van Santvoord*, and others.

Ordered, That *Bartel Miller's* Name be inſerted in the ſaid Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, Johannis Martinus Van Harlingen, Peter Stillingwerf, Abraham Roeters, Jacobus Weſſelſe, Abraham Iſaacs, David Elias *and* Jacob Hays; That they had amended the Title of the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which he read, and delivered in at the Table, and afterwards the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1723.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of what Perſons were appointed Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province, purſuant to an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in *November*, 1720, *to wit*, from the firſt Day of *November*, 1721, to the firſt Day of *November*, 1722; which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1723.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1723.

THE Petition of Capt. *Arent Schuyler*, Capt. *Dugdale Campbell*, Meſſ. *Anthony Rutgers* and *Rodrigo Pacheco*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Sloop *Raritan*, now erected into a Schooner, and called the *Mary*, may be freed from the Duty of Tonnage laid on Veſſels built out of this Province.

Ordered, That the Petition be committed to Mr. *Philipſe*, Alderman *Kip*, Alderman *Janſen*, Mr. *Cuyler*, and Col. *Provoſt*, or any three of them, to examine into the Allegations of the Petition, and report their Opinion thereon to this Houſe.

The Petition of *Thomas Turnbull*, and *Suſanna* his Wife, late Widow and Relict of *Robert Niſbit*, late of the City of *New-York*, Taylor, deceaſed, and *Thomas Kearney*, of the City of *New-York*, Merchant, and other the ſubſcribing Creditors of the ſaid *Robert Niſbit*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave for the ſaid Petitioners, *Thomas Turnbull*, and *Suſanna* his Wife, and *Thomas Kearney*, to bring in a Bill, to enable them to ſell a Houſe and Lot of Ground in *King-Street*, in the ſaid City, which the ſaid *Robert Niſbit* died ſeized of, to pay his Debts.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Creditors do ſerve *Suſanna Turnbull*, formerly the Widow of the ſaid *Niſbit*, with a Copy of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *Jooſt Looy*, and *John Peter Zenger*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill now before the Honourable Houſe, for naturalizing *Cornelius Van Santvoord*, and others.

Ordered, That the Petitioners Names be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 13, 1723.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, to lay before this Houſe, a Letter from Governor *Saltonſtall*, together with an Act of Aſſembly of *Connecticut*, dated the 9th of *May* 1723, for running and aſcertaining the Diviſion Line, between this Province, and that of *Connecticut*.

The Minutes of the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, of the 29th of *May* laſt, concerning the far Nations of *Indians*, who are come to Trade at *Albany*, to the Number of 80 Perſons, beſides Women and Children.

He alſo laid before this Houſe, an Account of the Warrants ſinged in Council this Day, payable out of the Revenue of this Province; which were read.

Then the Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1723.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be raiſed for encouraging and promoting a Trade with the remote Nations of *Indians*, and that when an Act is drawn up for that Purpoſe, there be ſtrong and ample Proviſions made to have the ſaid far *Indians*, well and civilly treated, and to prevent their being impoſed upon. They alſo directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garretſen* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs till *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1723.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve

ſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 15, 1723.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, June 17, 1723.

THE Petition of *Suſannah Turnbull*, late *Suſannah Niſbit*, Widow and Relict of *Robert Niſbit*, late of the City of *New-York*, Taylor; now the Wife of *Thomas Turnbull*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Petition of *Thomas Turnbull* and *Suſannah* his Wife, late Widow and Relict of *Robert Niſbit*, late of the City of *New-York*, Taylor, deceaſed; and *Thomas Kearney*, of the City of *New-York*, Merchant, and other the ſubſcribing Creditors of the ſaid *Robert Niſbit*, be rejected.

Ordered, That both the Petitions lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Henry Michael Cook*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *and others*.

Ordered, That the Petitioner's Name be inſerted in the Bill accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Dr. *Colden*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to determine and take off the Reward, allowed by former Acts, for killing and deſtroying Wild Cats and Foxes*; without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 18, 1723.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 19, 1723.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, Johannis Martinus Van Harlingen, Peter Stillingwerf, Abraham Roeters, Jacobus Weſſelſe, Abraham Iſaacks, David Elias, Jacob Hays, Floris Van Taerling, John Maſſon, Chriſtopher Lawrence, Peter Malliville' Elizabeth Bowes, Joſeph Simſon, Jean Malleville, Johanna Sophia Titema, *Widow of* Jacobus De Key, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed*, Iſaac Rodrigues, Andries Trubes, Iſaiah Vallean, Dinah Marche, Lieven Marche, Solomon Meyers, Bartel Miller, Jooſt Loy, John Peter Zenger *and* Henry Michael Cook; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeek Chambers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 19, 1723.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read and agreed to, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Sum not exceeding *Sixteen Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be made good and paid by the Inhabitants of this Colony, to ſupply the Deficiencies in the Revenue, raiſed for the Support of this his Majeſty's Government, and that an Act be prepared for that Purpoſe, this preſent Seſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 20, 1723.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act, appointing Commiſſioners to let to farm the Exciſe of Strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lackerman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Thomas Dongan* and *Walter Dongan*, on Behalf of themſelves, and their Creditors, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to ſell 2000 Acres of Land, to pay their Debts, Quit Rents and Incumbrances, that they may be enabled to improve the remaining Part of the ſame Eſtate.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 20, 1723.

COL. *Hicks*, reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying out Highways*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 21, 1723.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Rutſen* have Leave to go home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Mr. *Phillipſe* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Capt. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Dugdale Campbell*, Meſſrs. *Anthony Rutgers*, and *Rodrigo Pacheco*; that they have examined the Allegations thereof, and upon their producing to them the Accounts of the Coſt and Charge they have been at in rebuilding the Veſſel mentioned in the ſaid Petition, at the Port of *New-York*, did find the Ship-wrights and other Tradeſmen, in this City, have reapt as much Benefit thereby as if the ſaid Veſſel had been actually built within this Colony; and therefore are of Opinion, that the ſaid Veſſel ought not to be ſubject or lyable to pay the Duty of Tonnage impoſed on Veſſels built out of this Colony, but that ſhe ought to be deemed and eſteemed as a Veſſel wholly built in this Province; which was read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Schooner called the *Mary*, ſhall be deemed and eſteemed as a Veſſel ſolely built within this Colony.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer take Notice thereof accordingly.

The

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the clearing, and further laying out of the Highways in the City and County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; And Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had come to the following Reſolutions, which were read, and agreed to, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the £. 500 voted the 14th of *June* Inſtant, for promoting and encouraging a Trade with the remote Nations of Indians; as alſo the Sum of £. 1600 voted the 19th of the ſame Month, to be made good and paid by the Inhabitants of this Colony, to ſupply the Deficiency in the Revenue raiſed for the Support of this his Majeſty's Government, amounting both to the Sum of £. 2100, ſhall be raiſed and levied upon all the Eſtates real and perſonal throughout this Colony.

Reſolved, That there be raiſed at the ſame Time, *Forty Pounds*, over and above the ſaid Sum, for the Charge on Bills of Credit to be ſtruck for that Purpoſe, which is computed to be as follows, *viz.*

To the Printer, for printing 542 Bills, and their Counterparts,	£. 4	0	0
To four Signers, for all their Trouble in ſigning and cancelling the ſame,	11	0	0
To the Treaſurer, for receiving, iſſuing and cancelling the ſaid Bills, in all,	25	0	0
	£. 40	0	0

Reſolved, That the whole Amount hereof, being *Two Thouſand One Hundred and Forty Pounds*, ſhall be ſtruck in Bills of Credit of the Value hereunder mentioned, *to wit*,

243 Bills, each *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*,	£. 1093	10	0
299 Bills, each *Three Pounds Ten Shillings*,	1046	10	0
	£. 2140	0	0

Reſolved, That the ſaid Sum ſhall be raiſed and levied on all the Eſtates real and perſonal throughout this Colony, at the Times, and in the Proportions following, *that is to ſay*,

Seven Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Eightpence, Part thereof, on or before the firſt Day of *May*, which will be in the Year of our Lord, 1724.

Seven Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Eightpence, a further Part thereof, on or before the firſt Day of *May*, which will be in the Year of our Lord, 1725. And,

Seven Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings and Eightpence, the remaining Part thereof, on or before the firſt Day of *May*, which will be in the Year of our Lord, 1726.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Janſen*, Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provooſt*, and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 3 of them, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Dongan, *and* Walter Dongan, *two ſurviving Kinſmen of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick, *to ſell ſome Part of their Eſtate for Payment of their Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame is now charged*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1723.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Lewis*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the clearing and further laying out of the Highways in the City and County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Dongan, *and* Walter Dongan, *two ſurviving Kinſmen of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick, *to ſell ſome Part of their Eſtate, for Payment of their Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame is charged*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, June 24, 1723.

MR. Speaker (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Thouſand One Hundred and Forty Pounds, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit to that Value, to and for the reſpective Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1723.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Thouſand One Hundred and Forty Pounds, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit to that Value, to and for the reſpective Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Charges and Expences of two wooden Houſes or Sheds, built near the City of* Albany, *for the Accommodation of the* Indians *trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 25, 1723.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing and further laying-out Highways*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garretſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Memorial of *Archibald Kennedy*, Receiver General, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Thouſand, One Hundred and Forty Pounds, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit to that Value, to and for the reſpective Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1723.

THE Petition of *John Van Taerling*, of this City, Merchant, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Father, who deſigns to tranſport himſelf and Family, from the *Weſt-Indies*, to ſettle in this Province, may have Leave to bring in a Bill, to import into this Province, his domeſtick Slaves, no exceeding 9 or 10, to exempt them from the Duty laid on *Negroes* and other Slaves.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Petition be diſmiſſed.

Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the clearing and further laying-out Highways, in the City and County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Garret Van Horne*, informing this Houſe, that a Certificate which he had for 89 Days, attending the Service in General Aſſembly, for the City and County of *New-York*, dated the 1ſt Day of *September* 1716; has been loſt or miſlaid, and not being able to produce the ſame, has been, and is ſtill deprived from making a regular Demand, or receiving Wages due for the ſaid Service; and therefore prays, that a new Certificate may be ſigned by the Speaker of this Houſe, for the Number of Days he has ſerved, at the Time above mentioned.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign ſuch a Certificate accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Thouſand, One Hundred *and* Forty Pounds, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit to that Value, to and for the reſpective Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into

into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 26, 1723.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raising and levying the Sum of* Two Thousand, One Hundred *and* Forty Pounds, *&c.* and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 27, 1723.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Justices of the Peace, to build and repair Goals and Court Houses in the several Counties in this Province*; was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Charges and Expences of two Wooden Houses or Sheds, built near the City of* Albany, *for the Accommodation of the* Indians *Trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*; was read the second Time, and committed.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought into this House, for explaining and rendering an Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony, more useful*; and that Mr. *Hutchinson* do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raising and levying the Sum of* Two Thousand, One Hundred *and* Forty Pounds, *and for striking Bills of Credit for that Value*, &c. and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 28, 1723.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Justices of the Peace, to build and repair Goals and Court Houses, in the several Counties in this Province*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the clearing and further laying-out of the Highways, in the City and County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrick Hansen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Chambers* and Major *Terbosch*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Business.

A Message from the Council, by Dr. *Colden*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for encouraging Navigation*, with some Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, and the same were read; and disagreed to by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House cannot agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

Upon reading an Act, passed in the Colony of *Connecticut*, the 9th Day of *May* last, relating to the Division Lines between that Colony and this, and finding not only Matters of Fact misrepresented, but also a Charge upon this Government, as if they had evaded the running and perfecting of the said Lines, though the contrary doth and may appear, as well by two several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, as by the Endeavours used on the Part of this Government, in Consequence of those Acts.

It is the Opinion of this House, That a Committee to be named by them, who in Conjunction with a Committee of the Council, should make their Observation upon the Act first mentioned, and lay the same before this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Col. *Morris*, Mr. *Philipse*, Capt. *Jansen* and Col. *Provoost*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee of this House, for that Purpose; and that the Speaker desire his Excellency, that he will be pleased to appoint a Committee of the Council likewise, for the Purpose aforesaid.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Business till *Tuesday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 28, 1723.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Clarke*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for continuing an Act, entitled an Act, appointing Commissioners to let to farm the Excise of strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony, with some Amendments*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, *and others*, without an Amendment.

And that they receded from their Amendments made to an Act for reviving an Act, entitled, *An* Act *for encouraging Navigation*.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, Junior, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, and further laying out Highways*, without an Amendment.

And that that Board had appointed Capt. *Walter*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Harrison*, Doctor *Colden*, and Mr. *Morris*, Junior, or any three of them, to be a Committee to join a Committee of this House, to make their Observations upon an Act of Assembly relating to the Division Lines between this Colony and that of Connecticut, and that the said Committee do meet To-morrow, at 3 in the Afternoon, at Mr. *Daniel Bonticow*'s, in this City.

The House taking into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act, appointing Commissioners to let to farm the Excise of strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; and the same were read, and agreed unto by this House.

Ordered, That Capt. *Jansen* do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them, this House do agree to their Amendments made to that Bill.

The Petition of Mrs. *Catharine De Peyster*, the Widow of *Abraham De Peyster* was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raising and levying the Sum of £.* 2140, &c. And Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 29, 1723.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyster; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Motion was made, that several Persons who are indebted and in Arrear considerable Sums to the Publick for Taxes for Excise, and for Duties raised for Support of this Government, to pay the same.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, the Tonnage Officer, and the Commissioners of the Excise, do, with all convenient Speed, take effectual Care to collect and recover the several Arrears aforesaid, pursuant to the respective Laws for that Purpose.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyster, was read the second Time, and ordered to be committed

ted to Col. *Provoost*, Alderman *Kipp*, Capt. *Janſen*, Captain *Van Horne*, and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any three of them.

Ordered, That Col. *Haring* have Leave to go home till Tueſday next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock *Monday* Afternoon next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 1, 1723.

THE Petition of *Gertruyd Corjemans*, the Wife of *Andries Corjemans*, of the City of *New-York*, Eſq; and *Sarah Gouverneur*, the Wife of *Iſaac Gouverneur*, of the ſaid City, Merchant, two of the Daughters of *Samuel Staats*, late of the ſame Place, Eſq; deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, (being of foreign Birth) praying their Names may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyſter.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyſter.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1723.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſelling the old Court Houſe and Goal, and the Lots thereunto belonging, and building a new One in the City of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *John Van Loo*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, (being of foreign Birth) praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill now before this Houſe, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyſter.

Ordered, That the Petitioner's Name be inſerted in the ſaid Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker, by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, a Letter, dated in *Albany*, the 22d of *June* laſt, directed to his Excellency; and a Depoſition made by one *Jacob Wendell*, before *Peter Van Brugh*, Mayor of the City of *Albany*, the 19th of *June* laſt; which were read.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Thouſand One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Value*, &c. And Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1723.

CAPT. *Janſen* reported from the Committee to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyſter; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title of the Bill, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body thereof, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Thouſand One Hundred and Forty Pounds, *and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Value*, &c. and Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had made an Amendment to the Title of the Bill, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body thereof, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1723.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyſter, Gertruyd Coejemans, Sarah Governeiur, *and* John Van Loo; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Corjemans* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Dongan, *and* Walter Dongan, *two ſurviving Kinſmen of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick, *to ſell ſome Part of their Eſtate for Payment of their Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame is now charged*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Charges and Expences of two Wooden Houſes, or Sheds, built near the City of* Albany, *for the Accommodation of the* Indians *trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he read, and delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 3, 1723.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 4, 1723.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Charges and Expences of two Wooden Houſes, or Sheds, built near the City of* Albany, *for the Accommodation of the* Indians *trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrick Hanſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Dongan, *and* Walter Dongan, *two ſurviving Kinſmen of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick, *to ſell ſome Part of their Eſtate for Payment of their Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame is now charged*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 4, 1723.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Quantity of* 5350 *Ounces of Plate, for the Uſes therein mentioned, and for ſtriking and making Bills of Credit to that Value*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost*, and Capt. *Janſen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Janſen*, reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Juſtices of the Peace, to build and repair Goals and Court Houſes in the ſeveral Counties in this Province*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title of the Bill, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body thereof, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyſter, Gertruyd Coejemans, Sarah Governeur, *and* John Van Loo; without an Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to read the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1723.

THE engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Justices of the Peace to build and repair Goals and Court Houses in the several Counties in this Province, so far as it relates to* Queen's *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; and Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made an Amendment to the same, which was read, and agreed unto by the House, being as follows, viz.

After the 16th Line, Fol. 4, ending with the Word *Serjeant*, add this Clause,

And to prevent any Frauds to be practised under Colour of this Act, *Be it Provided and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all such Person or Persons, as shall, at any Time after the aforesaid first Day of August, inlist or inroll himself, or themselves, in any of his Majesty's said four Independent Companies, shall have no Manner of Benefit by this Act, for any Debt or Debts contracted by him or them, before such Inlistment or Inrollment; any Thing herein contained to the Contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garretson* do acquaint the Council, that this House have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, *with an Amendment*; to which this House desires the Concurrence of that Board.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 5, 1723.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 6, 1723.

A Message from the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That they had passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Charges and Expences of two Wooden Houses or Sheds, built near the City of* Albany, *for the Accommodation of the* Indians, *Trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair*; without any Amendments.

And that they had also passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the clearing and further laying-out Highways, in the City and County of* Albany; without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they had passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising and levying the Quantity of* 5350 *Ounces of Plate, for the Uses therein mentioned, and for striking and making Bills of Credit of that Value*; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Justices of the Peace to build and repair Goals and Court Houses, in the several Counties in this Province, so far as it relates to* Queen's *County*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*, That they have agreed to the Amendment, made by this House to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces, in the Province of* New-York, and that Mr. *Clark* do carry back the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties of this Colony*; and to desire they will Order the said Bill to be engrossed as amended, as that Board has done the Bill, relating to Desertion.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*, with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which Amendments being read, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk add the said Amendments to the Bill, which was done accordingly, and the Bill so amended sent back to the Council, by Mr. *Garretsen*.

A Message from the Council by Dr. *Colden*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Dongan *and* Walter Dongan, *two surviving Kinsmen of* Thomas *late Earl of* Limerick, *to sell some Part of their Estate, for Payment of their Debts, and discharging some Incumbrances wherewith the same is now charged*, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, which was read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk add the Amendment to the Bill; which was done accordingly, and the Bill so amended, sent back to the Council, by Mr. *Garretsen*.

The Petition of *Robert Crannel*, Serjeant at Arms, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House to assign him a Salary, with the other Officers of this Government, or some Reward for his Service.

Ordered, That *Robert Crannel*, be allowed *Five Pounds*, for his Service, and this House do address his Excellency, that he will be pleased to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer of this Colony for paying the same.

Ordered, That *Catharine Post* be allowed *Five Pounds*, for whitewashing and cleaning the Assembly Chamber and Lobby; and that this House do address his Excellency to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer of this Colony, for paying the same.

Ordered, That *Dirck Egbert*, the Door-keeper to this House, be allowed *Six Pounds*, for extraordinary Service; and that this House do address his Excellency to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer of this Colony for paying the same.

His Excellency was pleased to communicate to this House, a Letter from the Aldermen and Assistants of the Corporation of the City of *Albany*, dated the 27th of *June* last; which was read.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Upon a Motion that some small Remains (about *Seventeen* or *Eighteen Pounds*) of the Stores raised by this Colony for the Expedition against *Canada*, have been sold in *Albany*, at public Vendue, by Col. *Killian Van Rensselaer*, Major *Dirck Wessels*, and *Myndert Schuyler*, Esq; the Commissioners appointed for that Service, and the Money which arose thereby received by Mr. *Philip Livingston*; who having paid most Part thereof;

Ordered, That *John Cuyler*, and *Hendrick Hansen*, Esqrs, do examine into that Account, and to receive the Surplus thereof, giving Receipts for the same, and render an Account thereof to this House.

The Observations ordered to be made the 28th Day of *June* last, upon an Act passed in the Colony of *Connecticut*, relating to the Partition Lines between that Colony and this, not being prepared and compleated by the Committee appointed for that Purpose;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Col. *Morris*, Mr. *Philipse*, Col. *Provoost*, and Capt. *Jansen*, or any 3 of them, make and compleat the said Observations, during the Adjournment of this House; and when the same is so compleated, in Conjunction with a Committee of the Council, to lay the same before his Excellency, as well to remove all Misrepresentations against this Government, as to set that Matter in a true Light.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 6, 1723.

A Message from the Governor, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker went and attended his Excellency, accordingly; where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several public and private Bills following, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for raising and levying the Quantity of* 5350 *Ounces of Plate, for the Uses therein mentioned, and for striking Bills of Credit of that Value.*
2. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, intitled, An Act, appointing Commissioners to let to farm the Excise of Strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony.*
3. *An* Act, *for paying the Charges and Expences of two Wooden Houses, or Sheds, built near the City of* Albany, *for the Accommodation of the* Indians *trading at* Albany, *and for keeping them in good Repair.*
4. *An* Act, *to continue an Act of General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying-out Highways.*
5. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Navigation.*
6. *An* Act, *for the clearing and further laying out Highways in the City and County of* Albany.
7. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to authorize the Justices of the Peace to build and repair Goals and Court Houses in the several Counties in this Province, so far as it relates to* Queen's *County.*
8. *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York.
9. *An* Act, *to determine and take off the Reward, allowed by former Acts, for killing and destroying Wild Cats and Foxes.*

10. *An*

10. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Cornelius Van Santvoord, Johannis Martinus Van Harlingen, Peter Stillingwerf, Abraham Roeters, Jacobus Weſſelſe, Abraham Iſaacks, David Elias, Jacob Hays, Floris Van Taerling, John Maſſon, Chriſtopher Lawrence, Peter Malliville, Johanna Sophia Titema, *Widow of* Jacobus De Key, *late of the City of* New-York, *deceaſed*, Iſaac Rodrigues, Andries Trubes, Iſaiah Valleau, Dinah Marche, Lieven Marche, Solomon Meyers, Bartel Miller, Jooſt Looy, John Peter Zenger *and* Henry Michael Cook.

11. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Catharine De Peyſter, Geertruyd Coejemans, Sarah Governieur, *and* John Van Loo. And,

12. *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Dongan, *and* Walter Dongan, *two ſurviving Kinſmen of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick, *to ſell ſome Part of their Eſtate for Payment of their Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame is now charged.*

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted them, his Excellency was pleaſed to direct the Houſe to adjourn themſelves to the firſt *Tueſday* in *October* next; and the Houſe adjourned to the firſt *Tueſday* in *October* next accordingly.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated in *New-York*, the Sixth Day of *September*, 1723, to adjourn the General Aſſembly until the Second *Tueſday* in *March* next.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated in *New-York*, the 7th Day of *February*, 1723-4, to adjourn the General Aſſembly until the ſecond *Tueſday* in *May* next.

Die Martis, 4 ho. P. M. May 12, 1724.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk do preſent to this Houſe, the Bills that were left unfiniſhed at their laſt Adjournment.

The Houſe being informed of the Death of *Hendrick Hanſen*, Eſq; one of the Repreſentatives for the City and County of *Albany*;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for electing a Repreſentative, to ſerve for the City and County of *Albany*, in the Room of the ſaid *Hendrick Hanſen*, Eſq; deceaſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Friday* next.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 15, 1724.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin*,

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by his Excellency, to acquaint this Houſe, he expects their immediate Attendance at the Council Board.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended accordingly; being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and informed the Houſe, his Excellency having made a Speech, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy thereof; and the ſame was read, being as follows, viz.

Gentlemen,

'THE hearty Zeal which you have ſhewn to his Majeſty's Government, and your juſt Concern 'for the Welfare of *Great-Britain*, on which your own 'Safety and Happineſs depends, makes this Opportunity 'very agreeable to me, of rejoicing with you at the preſent 'happy Poſture of Affairs at Home, and the unparralel'd 'Glory his Majeſty has gain'd abroad, by fixing the 'Peace and Tranquility of Europe on ſuch laſting Foun'dations, as humanly ſpeaking, cannot eaſily be ſhaken.

'The Wiſdom of a *Britiſh* Parliament, has been very 'eminent upon this Occaſion: They have not ſlackened 'their Care in ſecuring the Nation from Danger or Sur'prize; and they have employed a Time of Plenty, 'Wealth, and Quiet, in providing for an eaſy and effectual 'Payment of the publick Debts.

'It is with Pleaſure I recommend to you ſo great an 'Example, ſince, as I am ſure you approve and admire 'it, I have Reaſon to expect you will imitate it in your 'Meaſures, for maintaining the Defence and Credit of 'this Province.

'When you are informed of the ruinous Condition of 'the Buildings of this Fort, (which is the only Strength 'of this Town and Harbour) you will agree with me, 'that an immediate and ſufficient Proviſion to repair it, 'is the moſt frugal Method to go about ſo neceſſary a 'Work: What you have formerly provided, has been 'fully employed by me for that Service; and I will order 'an Eſtimate of the extraordinary Repairs now wanting, 'to be laid before you.

'The great Arrears due on the Support of Govern'ment, are a great Hardſhip and Diſcouragement to the 'Officers; which I believe you will not think they 'deſerve; I muſt therefore earneſtly recommend it to you, 'to make an effectual Proviſion for all the Incumbrances 'remaining on the Revenue; and to ſupply the Revenue 'ſo amply, that for the future, Warrants may be paid 'punctually as they become due.

'I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, That his 'Majeſty has given his royal Approbation, by an Order 'in Council, to

'*An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Lines of Par'tition and Diviſion between this Colony, and the Colony of* 'Connecticut.

'I muſt obſerve to you, That this has not been ob'tained without much Oppoſition from the Agent for 'the Colony of *Connecticut*; and after two Hearings, one 'before the Lords of Trade, and the other before a 'Committee of the Privy Council; who reported to his 'Majeſty in Favour of the *Act*.

'The Uſefulneſs of having Agents conſtant at Home, 'appear very plainly to you upon this Occaſion, and I 'wiſh I was not obliged to remind you to make good your 'Engagements for the Time paſt on that Account, as I 'am confident you will judge it neceſſary to continue the 'like Encouragement for the future; that what you have 'ſtill depending, and what you ſhall have from Time to 'Time, may not ſuffer for want of that due Attendance 'which the Buſineſs requires; and without which, the 'Miſrepreſentations of private Perſons, may gain Credit 'to the Prejudice of your Proceedings.

'When I ſend you a Copy of his Majeſty's Order in 'Council, I will at the ſame Time, ſend you Copies of 'all the Papers that paſſed at a late Meeting between 'Commiſſioners for this Province, and Commiſſioners for '*Connecticut*; from whence the latter thought fit to with'draw unexpectedly; that you may conſider what further 'Meaſures to take, to bring this Affair to a Concluſion.

'I believe you are very ſenſible of the good Effect of 'the Laws to prevent the Trade for *Indian* Goods to '*Canada*. The Number of remote *Indians* who came to 'Trade at *Albany* laſt Summer, was a Beginning of thoſe 'happy Conſequences which you had in View, and there 'is no Reaſon to expect greater Numbers of thoſe *Indians* 'at this Time, unleſs the *French* uſe Violence to prevent 'them; and in that Caſe, I am ſure there will not only be 'more Reaſon than ever to continue thoſe Laws; but 'indeed it will become neceſſary to forbid all Manner of 'Correſpondence with *Canada*, if they attempt to deprive 'you of the Right which the Treaty between *Great-Britain* and *France*, gives you of trading with all the '*Indians* on the Continent of *America*; who are not to 'be hindred or moleſted in their Way to and from any of 'the *Britiſh* Colonies, on Account of Trade.

'This Matter is of ſuch Conſequence, that I hope you 'will omit no Meaſures that may be taken to increaſe our 'Trade with the far Nations, and prevent any Perſons 'from continuing to ſerve the *French* Intereſt for their 'own private Gain, to the manifeſt Detriment of the 'publick Intereſt and Safety; and at the ſame Time I 'am confident you will, that all proper Methods ſhould 'be provided for that may encourage the five Nations to 'remain firm to us, and to prevent the unwearied En'deavours the *French* uſe to ſeduce them.

'I received an additional Inſtruction from his Majeſty, 'concerning private *Acts*; of which I will ſend you a 'Copy.

'If any Laws are thought requiſite by you for the pub'lick Good, I ſhall always continue my Readineſs to 'join with you in every Thing conſiſtent with my Duty, 'and your Happineſs.'

WILLIAM BURNET.

New-York, May 15, 1724.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That this House will, *Monday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech, and the Votes of this House, be printed.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, May 18, 1724.

THE Clerk (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for selling the old Court House and Goal, and the Lot thereunto belonging, and building a new one in the City of* Albany; that was read the first Time before the last Adjournment.

And a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; which was read the first Time before the last Adjournment.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony, do lay before this House, an Account of the Receipts and Payments arising from his Majesty's Revenue in this Province; on *Thursday* next.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer, do lay before this House, an Account of Duties arising on the Tonnage of Vessels and *Negroes*; on *Thursday* next.

Ordered, That the Vendue Master, do lay before this House, the Account of the Duty laid on Vendues; on *Thursday* next.

Ordered, That the Weigh Master, do lay before this House, an Account of the Duty of his Majesty's Beam in the City of *New-York*; on *Thursday* next.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by his Excellency, to lay before this House, a Copy of an Additional Instruction to his Excellency, relating to his giving his Assent to private Acts.

A Copy of his Majesty's royal Approbation of an Act, *for running the Partition Line, between the Province of* New-York *and* Connecticut.

A Copy of Papers delivered by the Commissioners of the Province of *New-York*, to the Commissioners of the Colony of *Connecticut*.

Report of the Commissioners, appointed to meet the Commissioners from *Connecticut*, concerning the running the Partition Line, between this Province and that Colony.

The Copies of 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Proposals, from the Commissioners of *Connecticut*, and then withdrew.

The Copy of an additional Instruction to his Excellency, relating to his giving his Assent to private Acts, and the Copy of his Majesty's Approbation of an Act, *for running the Partition Line between the Province of* New-York *and* Connecticut, were severally read.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. May* 19, 1724.

MR. *Bobin* by his Excellency's Command, laid before this House, an Estimate of the Repairs wanting in his Majesty's Fort of *New-York*, which was read; amounting to *One Thousand, Four Hundred* and *Twenty Seven Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Nine-pence*.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of his Excellency's Speech.

The Copies of all the Papers that passed at a late Meeting, between the Commissioners for this Province, and Commissioners for *Connecticut*, was read.

Then the House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 19, 1724.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress in that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the ruinous Condition of the Buildings of the Fort, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Complaint being made to this House, of a Breach of Privilege, by Mr. Attorney General for this Province, for a Prosecution commenced against the Representatives of *Queen's* County;

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General, do appear at the Bar of this House To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1724.

THE House being informed, That Mr. Attorney General attended without, pursuant to an Order Yesterday, and he being called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that Complaint had been made to this House, that a Prosecution had been commenced by him, against Col. *Isaac Hicks* and Col. *Thomas Willet*, the two Representatives for *Queen's* County, together with all the other Justices of the Peace of the said County, for the Insufficiency of that County Goal.

On which Mr. Attorney, produced to Mr. Speaker, an Order of the Supream Court for commencing that Prosecution, adding that at the same Time of issuing a Summons for that Suit, he did not know, that the Gentlemen above-named, were Members of this House, and that as well, because he was ignorant thereof, as it was at the King's Suit, he did conceive, that he ought not to incur the Displeasure of this House; and then withdrew.

Then the House took this Matter in Consideration, and after some Debate thereon, the Question was put, whether by the Privileges of this House, the said Prosecution, so far as it affects the said two Members, ought not to cease during this Session of the General Assembly? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, acquaint Mr. Attorney therewith, and that he should be dismissed from any further Attendance upon this Affair; and he being called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted him with the same, and then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Col. *Thomas Willet*, have Leave to go Home upon extraordinary Business, for a few Days.

Then the House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 20, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had conſidered the Article therein relating to the ruinous Condition of the Buildings in the Fort, and are of Opinion, that a Committee be appointed by this Houſe, to view the ſame, taking with them one able Carpenter, or two, and one or two able Maſons, to make an Eſtimate of the Charge of the needful Repairs wanting in his Majeſty's Fort, and report the ſame to this Houſe; which was read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Alderman *Kip*, Mr. *Garretſen*, and Mr. *Coejemans*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to view the needful Repairs in his Majeſty's Fort; and that they take to their Aſſiſtance one or two able Carpenters, and one or two able Maſons, and make an Eſtimate thereof, and report the ſame to this Houſe with all convenient ſpeed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1724.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *A general Account of what have received and paid for Support of this his Majeſty's Government in the Province of* New-York, *from the* 14*th Day of* May, 1723, *to the* 14*th Day of* May, 1724.

The Tonnage Officer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of the Amount of the Tonnage of Veſſels, and* Negroes *and other Slaves, from* May *the* 16*th, Anno* 1723, *till* May *the* 21*ſt*, 1724, *amounting to* Six Hundred and Forty Two Pounds, Thirteen Shillings.

Ordered, That both the Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 21, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow.

Die Veneris, *May* 22, 1724.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will, the ſecond Day of *June* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the firſt Day of *June* next.

Die Lunæ, *June* 1, 1724.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to adjourn this Houſe (Mr. Speaker being very much indiſpoſed) to To-morrow.

Die Martis, *June* 2, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1724.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in that Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Capt. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, appointed to view the needful Repairs in his Majeſty's Fort, That they had taken to their Aſſiſtance, *Teunis Tiebut*, and *Samuel Beltnap*, two able Carpenters; and *Ary Koninck* and *Abraham Alſyne*, two able Bricklayers, who having viewed the ſame, do compute the Charge thereof will amount to the Reſpective Sums hereunder-mentioned, as by their Eſtimates may appear, viz.

For Carpenters Work, and all Materials,	£.	1493	5 0
For Maſons Work, and all Materials,		850	0 0
In all	£.	2343	5 0

Which Report and Eſtimates were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet*, have Leave to go Home 'til *Friday* next, on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had taken that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the ruinous Condition of the Buildings of the Fort in the City of *New-York*, into Conſideration; that they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That a Sum not exceeding *Two Thouſand Pounds*, be granted to his Majeſty, for repairing the ruinous Buildings of the Fort.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Col. *Thomas Willet*, and Alderman *Kip*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee to call on the Treaſurer of this Colony, and take an exact Account of all his Receipts and Payments of publick Monies ſince laſt Seſſion, and to make as near a Computation as poſſible how much the Deficiences are, that order may be taken to diſcharge the ſame, and make report thereof to this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in that Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Stillwell*, Capt. *Plat*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Mr. *Hanſen* and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 3 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1724.

THE Petition of *Francis Vanderberg*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may have Leave to bring a Bill into this House to be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost* do prepare and bring in a Bill, to revive an Act of General Assembly, entitled, *An Act, for settling the Militia of this Province, and the making of it useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all former Acts relating to the same*; near expiring by its own Limitation.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 5, 1724.

THE Memorial of *Francis Harrison*, on the Behalf of *Ambrose Philipse*, Esq; late Agent of this Province, was presented to this House, and read, praying this House will be pleased to order *Two Hundred Pounds*, to be paid to the Order of the said *Philipse*, according to an Act of General Assembly to that Purpose made.

Ordered, That the Memorial be referred to the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of his Excellency's Speech.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House, will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till *Saturday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1724.

COL. *Provoost*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed to call on the Treasurer, and take an exact Account of his Receipts and Payments of the publick Money, since the last Session, and to make as near a Computation as possible, how much the Deficiences are; Reported, That they have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer, and made a Computation accordingly; and find the State thereof as follows, viz.

For Sallaries and other Warrants already issued,	£.	2260	0	0 0
For Warrants to be issued the 13th of this Instant *June*,		2167	10	0 0
For some other Warrants till the 14th of *May* last,		222	10	0 ¼
For Cancelling Bills of Credit, the 1st of *July* next, according to an Act of General Assembly,		1200	0	0 0
In all,	£.	5850	0	0 ¼

And that of the Contrary, the Colony is to have Credit, viz.

For what remained due to the Support, till the 21st of *May* last, as per the Treasurer's Account,	£.	1519	13	8 ¼
For what has been entered and imported since, about		328	0	0 0
For what is to be received by the Tonnage Officer,		280	10	9 0
	£.	2128	4	5 ¼
So that the Colony will be in arrear, on the 13th *June*, and 1st *July* next,	£.	3721	15	7 ½

Which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read, and approved of by this House.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 6 of the Clock, *Monday* Evening next.

Die Lunæ, 6 *ho. P. M. June* 8, 1724.

Resolved,

THAT this House, will To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1724.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg; was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Agents for this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*, and had come to the following Resolutions therein; which were read, and agreed unto by this House, being as follows, viz.

Resolved, That there shall be paid unto *Francis Harrison*, Esq; as Attorney to *Ambrose Philipse*, Esq; late Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great Britain*, to and for the Use and Behoof of the said *Ambrose Philipse*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, not only the 375 Ounces of Plate, voted by this House the 1st Day of *November* 1722, but likewise 125 Ounces more, for his Fees, Sollicitations, and other necessary Charges for the Service of this Colony, notwithstanding no particular Account has been rendered thereof.

Resolved, That there shall be paid unto Mr. *George Bampfield*, late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*, or to his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, pursuant to a Resolve of this House, the 27th Day of *October*, 1722, the Quantity of 1000 Ounces of Plate, in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony; being in full for two Years Sallary as Agent aforesaid; and for the Fees, Sollicitations, and other necessary Charges expended by him, for the Use of this Colony, during the two Years above-mentioned.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1724.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1724.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg, was read the second Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

A Motion was made, that the Copy of an Additional Instruction to his Excellency, relating to his giving his Assent to private Acts, be entered in the Journals of this House, to the Intent all Persons may be informed thereof.

Ordered, That the same be entered accordingly, being as follows, *viz.*

By the Lords Justices, *W. Cant. Macclesfield, C. Carleton, P. Grafton, Roxburghe Cadogan.*

Additional Instruction for William Burnet, *Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of* New-York, *and the Territories depending thereon in* America, *or to the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's said Province for the Time being.*

Given at *Whitehall*, the 23d Day of July 1723, in the Ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

WE do hereby in his Majesty's Name, direct and require, that you do not give your Assent to any private Act, until proof be made before you in Council (and entered in the Council Book) That publick Notification

tification was made of the Parties Intention to apply for ſuch Act, in the ſeveral Pariſh Churches, where the Premiſſes in Queſtion lie, for three *Sundays* at leaſt ſucceſſively, before any ſuch Act ſhall be brought into Aſſembly; and further you are to take Care, that for the future, you do not paſs any private Act, without a Clauſe inſerted therein, ſuſpending the Execution of ſuch Act, until his Majeſty's royal Approbation ſhall be had thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That Mr. *George Bampfield* and Mr. *Peter Le Heup*, be conſtituted joint Agents for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, for the Term of one Year, to commence the the firſt Day of *Auguſt* next enſuing, and that there ſhall be allowed unto both of them, the Quantity of 375 Ounces of Plate, in Bills of Credit made current in this Colony, for the ſaid Year's Salary, and 125 Ounces more, for their Fees, Solicitations and other neceſſary Charges, for the Service of this Colony, to be accounted for by them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1724.

THE Petition of *Harmanus Simonis*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition, be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg.

Mr. *Hutchinſon* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out and better clearing publick Highways, in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Hicks* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to finiſh and complete the Goal and Court Houſe, begun to be built in the ſaid County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 11, 1724.

THE Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1724.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Capt. *Plat*, Col. *Thomas Willet* and Col. *Stillwell*, or any 5 of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to finiſh and compleat the Goal and Court Houſe begun to be built in the ſaid County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Capt. *Plat*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Thomas Willet*, Col. *William Willet* and Col. *Stillwell*, or any 5 of them.

Complaint being made to this Houſe of ſeveral Hardſhips impoſed on the good Subjects of this Province, in ſeizing their Goods tranſported from the City of *New-York*, to the Cities, Towns and Places within this Province, by Water or Land, and extorting divers Sums of Money from them under ſeveral Pretences, as well as threatning to ſeize the Veſſels tranſporting ſuch Goods.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought into this Houſe, to prevent ſuch pernicious Practices for the future;

Ordered, That Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Thomas Willet*, Mr. *Janſen* and Col. *Provooſt*, or any 3 of them, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1724.

THE Petition of *Suſanna Parmyter*, Widow and Executrix of *John Parmyter*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Liberty to bring in a Bill, to continue an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* John Parmyter, *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamp-Black, during the Space of* 5 *Years*; which will expire by its own Limitation the firſt Day of *December* next, for Years longer, after the Expiration of ſaid Act.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *June* 15, 1724.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1724.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* attending without, was called in, and preſented an Indenture, that he was duly choſen a Repreſentative for the City and County of *Albany*, in the Room of *Hendrick Hanſen*, deceaſed; which was read, and Mr. *Cuyler* and Col. *William Willet*, were ordered to wait on his Excellency with Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, to ſee him take the Oaths appointed by Law, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, ſubſcribe the Teſt, and make, repeat and ſwear to and ſubſcribe the Abjuration Oath; and Mr. *Cuyler*, being returned, informed this Houſe, that (according to Order) Col. *William Willet* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency, and ſaw Col. *Myndert Schuyler* take the Oaths according to Law, and ſign the Teſt, and make, repeat and ſwear to and ſubſcribe the Abjuration Oath.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, do take his Place as a Member of this Houſe accordingly.

The Petition of *Daniel Monro*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to recommend him to his Excellency's Favour, that he might obtain a Liſence to be a Pedlar, and to be exempted from paying the Duty or Tax for the ſame, by which he hoped to get a Subſiſtance.

Reſolved, The Petition be rejected.

The Petition of *Johannis Glundorff*, and *Peter Felinck*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg.

The Petition of *Francis Clerembault*, and *Jean Claudi*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be

be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through that Part of the ſaid Speech relating to running and aſcertaining the Lines of Partition and Diviſion between this Colony and the Colony of *Connecticut*, and what has been tranſacted by the reſpective Commiſſioners which lately met at *New-Rochelle*, for that Purpoſe; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

That from the ſeveral Memorials and written Meſſages which paſſed and repaſſed at the ſaid Congreſs, it is evident, that the Commiſſioners of *Connecticut*, had really as little Regard to the original Agreement in 1683, as they had to the Survey which ſucceeded the ſame in 1684, though both of them were confirmed by his late Majeſty King William, *Anno* 1700; and that they did not meet the Commiſſioners of this Colony, with any real Intention to ſettle and aſcertain the Partition Lines betwixt the two Colonies, according to the ſaid Agreement and Survey; but that they acted in this Affair, either with an Intention to defeat the juſt and amicable Endeavours of this Government to ſettle thoſe Lines by Conſent, or with a View to fix them in ſuch Manner as would be different from the ſaid Agreement and Survey, and injurious to the Crown, or to the People of this Province, Proprietors of the Soil; and this ſeems to be corroborated by a Letter which the Governor of *Connecticut* wrote to his Excellency, dated the 7th of *May* laſt.

It appears on the other Hand from the ſaid Memorialiſts, that the Commiſſioners of this Colony, did not, during all that Congreſs, offer any one Thing but what was exactly agreeable to the Agreement and Survey abovementioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker give the Thanks of this Houſe to the Gentlemen who acted in Behalf of this Colony, for their candid and prudent Proceedings at the ſaid Congreſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do addreſs his Excellency, that he will be pleaſed to deſire the Governor of *Connecticut*, that the Partition Lines betwixt the two Colonies may be fixed and aſcertained amicably, and in Conjunction, according to the Agreement and Survey aforeſaid, and as of Right they ought to be. And this Houſe is induced to believe, that Colony will the readier join in ſuch juſt and equitable Meaſures, becauſe this Government is veſted with full Power to fix and aſcertain thoſe Lines, *ex parte*, by an Act of our General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1719, entitled, *An* Act, *for running and aſcertaining the Lines of Partition and Diviſion, betwixt this Colony and the Colony of* Connecticut; which was looked upon by his Majeſty ſo juſt and reaſonable in itſelf, that he has been graciouſly pleaſed, with the Advice of his privy Council, to ratify aud confirm the ſame the 23d Day of *January* laſt.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 16, 1724.

COL. *Provooſt* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants for Term of Years, or Tenants at Will and Sufferance, from cutting of Timber and Underwood, and committing of Waſte upon Lands to them leaſed, or in their Poſſeſſion, by or from any or either of ſaid Tenures; and for the Puniſhment of their Aiders and Abettors, Maſters and Owners of Sloops, Boats, Canoes and other Veſſels, and of all other Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall without Licence cut, take or carry away any Timber, Underwood or other Wood, off and from the Lands of Perſons Owners thereof, by Land or Water; and to prevent divers other Enormities daily increaſing, and exceeding hurtful to the growing Settlements and Plantations in the Counties of* Ulſter *and* Orange; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 17, 1724.

COL. *Stillwell* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in that Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments and added ſundry Clauſes to the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be engroſſed.

Capt. *Plat* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afnoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. June 17, 1724.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants for Term of Years, or Tenants at Will or Sufferance, from cutting of Timber and Under Wood, and committing of Waſte upon Lands to them leaſed, or in their Poſſeſſion, by or from any or either of ſaid Tenures*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Rutſen*, Col. *Gaaſbeck*, Col. *Haring*, Capt. *Cuyper*, Col. *Provooſt*, Alderman *Kipp*, Chief Juſtice *Morris*, Mr. *Philipſe* and Mr. *Coejmans*, or any 5 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 18, 1724.

MR. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the*

Juſtices of the Peace in Queen's *County, to finiſh and complete the Goal and Court Houſe, begun to be built in the ſaid County*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes to the ſame, which he delivered in at the Table, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in that Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coejmans* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Laws to prevent the Trade of *Indian* Goods to *Canada*; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1724.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Laws to prevent the Trade of *Indian* Goods to *Canada*; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting the Selling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *paſſed in the 8th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, ſhall be continued for one Year, from the Publication of an Act, to be made for that Purpoſe, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſions of the General Aſſembly thereafter*; and, That a Sum not exceding *Two Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be raiſed and levied for encouraging and promoting a Trade with the more remote Nations of *Indians*, and to ſecure the five Nations in his Majeſty's Intereſt, and that the ſame ſhall be added to the Surplus of the Money, formerly raiſed for that Purpoſe; and that both thoſe Sums ſhall be imployed to, and for the ſame Ends and Purpoſes, as mentioned and directed, in and by an Act, paſſed in the 9th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Quantity of* 5350 *Ounces of Plate, for the Uſes therein mentioned, and for ſtriking and making Bills of Credit for that Value*; which was read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, for raiſing ſeveral Sums voted this Seſſions; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, for raiſing ſeveral Sums voted this Seſſions; and Col. *Provooſt* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there ſhall be raiſed and levied, on all the Eſtates Real and Perſonal throughout this Colony, to and for the Uſes and Purpoſes following, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever, the ſeveral Sums here under mentioned, *to wit*.

	£.	s.	d.	q.
For repairing the ruinous Buildings in his Majeſty's Fort, in the City of *New-York*, the Sum of	2000	0	0	
To diſcharge ſeveral Warrants iſſued by his Excellency in Council, till the 13th Day of this Inſtant inclufive, the Sum of	2521	15	0	½
For the effectual Cancelling and Sinking ſuch Bills of Credit, as were enacted to be Current, until the 1ſt Day of *July* next, the Sum of	1200	0	0	
For diſcharging the Salary and Diſburſements of *Ambroſe Philipſe*, Eſq; late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, the Sum of	200	0	0	
For diſcharging the Salary and Diſburſements of *George Bampfield*, Eſq; late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great Britain*, the Sum of	400	0	0	
For encouraging and promoting a Trade with the more remote Nations of *Indians*, and to ſecure the five Nations in his Majeſty's Intereſt, the Sum of	200	0	0	
The Total amounting to	£. 6521	15	0	½

Reſolved, That Bills of Credit, to the Value of the ſaid *Six Thouſand, Five Hundred and Twenty One Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Three-farthings*, and to the Value of the Charges and Expences neceſſary and incident to the making and cancelling of the ſaid Bills, to be forthwith ſtruck, to continue current for four Years and no longer.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Juſtice, Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provooſt* and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 3 of them, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *Suſanna Parmyter*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that this Houſe, on her Petition of the 13th Inſtant, was pleaſed to give her Leave to bring in a Bill, to continue an Act, *for prohibiting all Perſons but* John Parmyter, *and his Aſſigns, to make Lamp-Black, during the Space of* 5 *Years*; and ſhe being ſince adviſed, that ſuch revival will be of no Benefit to her, ſhe therefore prays Leave to in bring a Bill, to prohibit all Perſons, but the Petitioner and her Aſſigns, to make Lamp-Black, in the Province of *New-York*, for a certain Term of Years.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 6 of the Clock *Monday* Afternoon next.

Die Lunæ, 6 *ho. P. M. June* 22, 1724.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting all Perſons but* Suſanna Parmyter, *Widow, and her Aſſigns, to make Lamp-Black during the Space of* Years; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſelling the old Court Houſe and Goal, and Lot thereunto belonging, and building a new one in the City of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Bill be rejected? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for prohibiting all Perſons but* Suſanna Parmyter, *Widow, and her Aſſigns, to make Lamp-Black, during the Space of* Years; was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Col. *Haring* have Leave to go Home, his Family being indiſpoſed.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. June 24, 1724.

MR. *Janſen* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit all Perſons but* Suſanna Parmyter, *and her Aſſigns, to make Lamp-Black, during the Space of* Years, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe being informed, moſt of the ſmall Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony, are ſo ragged, ſhattered and torn, that their real Value can ſcarcely be diſcovered, whereby many Diſputes, Scruples and Difficulties, daily ariſe in the paſſing and receiving of them;

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provooſt*, Mr. *Janſen*, Mr. *Kipp* and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 3 of them, are appointed a Committee, to examine and inquire what Bills of Credit, now current in this Province, are defaced and ſo much wore by common Uſage, as to render their Value difficult to be diſcovered, and make report thereof to this Houſe.

The Petition of the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that a Clauſe in an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for encouraging the* Indian *Trade, may diſcontinue, and that the ſole Management of the* Indian *Trade, may belong to the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, to trade within the ſame, and that no* Chriſtians, *hereafter poſted in the* Seneka's *Country have Leave to Trade, and any that go to Trade ſhall take an Oath, and the Chriſtians to be poſted in the* Seneka's *Country, may be under yearly Pay, and the illegal Management of one* Cornelius Van Slyck, *practiſed for many Years paſt, may be prevented.*

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. June 25, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit all Perſons but* Suſanna Parmyter, *Widow, and her Aſſigns, to make Lamp Black, during the Space of ten Years*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Hanſen* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and Places adjacent*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. June 25, 1724.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Collectors and Treaſurer of* Richmond *County, effectually to collect and pay the annual Rate of the ſaid County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Cuyler* deſired he might have a Copy of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and Places adjacent.*

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do make out a Copy thereof accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. June 26, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to finiſh and compleat the Goal and Court Houſe, already erected in the ſaid County*; was read the third Time, and the Title of the Bill was amended, and a Clauſe was added thereunto, at the Table.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *and Places adjacent*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Provooſt*, Mr. *Janſen*, Mr. *Kipp*, Col. *Gaaſbeck*, Col. *Lewis*, Mr. *Hageman*, Capt. *Cuyper*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *William Willet* and Capt. *Plat*, or any 7 of them, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garret Van Horne, David Provooſt, Johannis Janſen *and* Jacobus Kipp, *Eſqrs; for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Collectors and Treaſurer of* Richmond *County, effectually to collect and pay the annual Rate of the ſaid County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Stillwell*, Mr. *Lakerman*, Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Thomas Willet* and Mr. *Coejemans*, or any 3 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. June 29, 1724.

THE Petition of *Johan Philip Lenningbecker*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg, now before a Committee of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrat Van Horne, David Provooſt, Johannis Janſen *and* Jacobus Kipp, *Eſqrs; for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Mr. *Garretſen* and Mr. *Cuyler*, or any 3 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 30, 1724.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Dr. *Colden*, That they had agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

An Act *to prevent Damages by Swine, in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in that Precinct of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany.

An Act *to prohibit all Perſons but* Suſanna Parmyter, *Widow, and her Aſſigns; to make Lamp-black, during the Space of ten Years*; and,

An Act *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in* Queen's *County, to finiſh and compleat the Goal and Court Houſe, already erected in the ſaid County.*

Mr. *Coejemant*, by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, the Memorial of *Lawrence Claſen*, the *Indian* Interpreter, to the five Nations of *Indians* at *Albany*, to his Excellency; praying the Governor to recommend his Caſe to this Houſe, that his Salary may be augmented to *Eighty Pounds* per Annum, and he would take under his Tuition, ſuch young Men as his Excellency ſhould approve of, to inſtruct in the *Mohawx* Language; or his Neceſſities would oblige him to quit the Service of this Government; which was read,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That the Memorial be immediately taken into Conſideration by this Houſe; it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Houſe proceeding to take the Memorial into Conſideration; after ſome Debate thereon, it was

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That *Lawrence Claſen*, the *Indian* Interpreters Salary, ſhall be augmented from *Thirty Pounds* per Annum, to *Sixty Pounds* per Annum; to commence from the 13th Day of this Inſtant *June*, and that this Houſe, do addreſs his Excellency, that he will be pleaſed to iſſue his Warrants to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for paying the ſame accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. June 30, 1724.

COL. *Thomas Willet* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments

mendments to the Body of the Bill, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 1, 1724.

MR. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Collectors and Treaſurer of* Richmond *County, effectually to collect and pay the annual Rate of the ſaid County*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read, and delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. Chief Juſtice *Morris* (according to Order) brought into the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of Pounds, for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for making Bills of Credit to be iſſued for that Value*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 1, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg, Harmanus Simonis, Johannis Glundorff, Peter Felinck, Francis Clerembault, Jean Claudi and Johan Philip Lenningbecker; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1724.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of Pounds, for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for making Bills of Credit to be iſſued for that Value*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1724.

THE Petition of *Jacob Bloom, Samuel Beekman, William Gilbert* and *Johannis Van Deurſen*, ſworn Meaſurers of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe for the better eſtabliſhing the Allowance to be taken by them as ſworn Meaſurers; and that none but ſworn Meaſurers of the ſaid City, be employed to meaſure any Grain, Salt, and ſuch Commodities as are firſt brought in Veſſels to the City of *New-York*, and ſold from one Merchant to another.

Reſolved, That the Petition be rejected.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of Pounds, for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for making of Bills of Credit to be iſſued for that Value*; and Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

The Petition of *Helena De Key*, the Widow of *Teunis De Key*, deceaſed; *Anna De Peyſter*, the Widow of *Johannis De Peyſter*, deceaſed; *John Reade*, Son of *Lawrence Reade*, deceaſed; and *Oliver Schuyler*, Son of *Brandt Schuyler*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe, for paying the ſeveral Services of the ſaid *Teunis De Key, Johannis De Peyſter, Lawrence Reade* and *Brandt Schuyler*, in General Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Collectors and Treaſurer of* Richmond *County, effectually to collect and pay the annual Rate of the ſaid County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, David Provooſt, Johannis Janſen, *and* Jacobus Kip, *Eſqrs, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 3, 1724.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of Pounds, for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for making Bills of Credit to be iſſued for that Value.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 4, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, David Provooſt, Johannis Janſen, *and* Jacobus Kip, *Eſqrs, for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of Pounds, for the ſupplying the Deficiences in his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for making Bills of Credit to be iſſued for that Value.*

Tnen the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *July* 6, 1764.

MR. *Cuyler*, brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to defray the public and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City*; was read the firſt Tme, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Salaries of* Teunis De Key, Johannis De Peyſter, Lawrence Reade, *and* Brandt Schuyler, *deceaſed, for their Services in General Aſſembly*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *William Bradford*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to admit him to bring in a Bill, to entitle him to the ſole making of Paper in this Province, for a certain Number of Years.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of Pounds, for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and*

and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned; and for making Bills of Credit, to be iſſued for that Value.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. July 7, 1724.

Ordered, THAT Col. *Haring* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Occaſions.

The Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. July 7, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Pounds, *for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned; and for making Bills of Credit, to be iſſued for that Value*; And Mr. *Philipſe*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, appointed to examine and enquire what Bills of Credit, now current in this Province, are defaced, and ſo much wore by common Uſe, as to render their Value difficult to be diſcovered; That a conſiderable Quantity of them are ſo defaced, that to accommodate the good Subjects of this Colony, 'tis requiſite to make a ſufficient Number of new Bills of Credit, to be depoſited in the Hands of the Treaſurer, to exchange for ſuch defaced Bills as ſhall be produced to him to be changed.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, Mr. *Janſen*, and Alderman *Kip*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. July 8, 1724.

A Motion was made, That five of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants for Term of Years, or Tenants at Will or Sufferance, from cutting of Timber and Underwood, and committing of Waſte upon the Lands to them leaſed, or in their Poſſeſſion, by, or from any, or either of the ſaid Tenures; and for the Puniſhment of their Aiders and Abetters, Maſters and Owners of Sloops, Boats, Canoes, and other Veſſels; and of all other Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall, without Liſence, cut or take away any Timber, and Uunderwood, off, and from the Lands of any Perſons, Owners thereof, by Land or Water; and to prevent divers other Enormities, daily increaſing, and exceeding hurtful to the growing Settlements and Plantations in the Counties of* Ulſter, *and* Orange; Being abſent, three of them may make a Report thereof.

Ordered, That any three of the Committee be appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill, and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage* William Bradford, *and his Aſſigns, to make Paper; and to prohibit all other Perſons from making the ſame in this Province, for the Term of* Years; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for electing a Repreſentative to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for *Dutcheſs* County, in the Room of Major *Johannis Terboſch*, deceaſed.

Capt. *Gerritſen* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; That they had ſpent ſome Time therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. July 9, 1724.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the fraudulent Abuſes and Impoſitions, on ſuch his Majeſty's Subjects who ſhall keep Boats for their own Uſe and Conveniency, in or near any Creek, Cove, Haven, or Harbour, within this Province; or ſhall put on board the ſame, or any other Boat, commonly uſed for Tranſportation, any Goods belonging to ſuch of his ſaid Majeſty's Subjects, within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying the Salaries of* Teunis De Key, Johannis De Peyſter, Lawrence Read, *and* Brandt Schuyler, *deceaſed, for their ſeveral Services in General Aſſembly*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Gerritſen*, Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Provooſt*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Alderman *Janſen*, Col. *Hicks*, and Col. *William Willett*, or any five of them, and all Members that come, to have Voices.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage* William Bradford, *and his Aſſigns, to make Paper; and to prohibit all other Perſons from making the ſame in this Province, during the Term of Years*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; And Mr. *Gerritſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. July 9, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Six Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds, *for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned; and for making Bills of Credit, to be iſſued for that Value*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Philipſe*, Col. *Provooſt*, Col. *William Willet*, and Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. July 10, 1724.

COL. *Schuyler*, brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying out and clearing publick Highways, in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the fraudulent Abuſes and Impoſitions, on ſuch of his Majeſty's Subjects, who ſhall keep Boats for their own Uſe and Conveniency, in or near any Creek, Cove, Haven, or Harbour, within this Province; or ſhall put on board the ſame, or any other Boat, commonly uſed for Tranſportation, any Goods belonging to ſuch of his ſaid Majeſty's Subjects within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Bills of Credit, and putting the ſame into the Treaſurer's Hands for exchanging therewith ſuch Bills of Credit of this Province as are torn and defaced*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants for Term of Years, or Tenants at Will or Sufferance, from cutting of Timber and Underwood, and committing of Waſte upon Lands to them leaſed*, &c. That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes to the ſame; which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts made for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. July 10, 1724.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. July 11, 1724.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage* William

Bradford, *and his Aſſigns, to make Paper, and to prohibit all Perſons from making the ſame in this Province during the Term of* 15 *Years*; That they had gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 13, 1724.

MR. *Harriſon* brought from the Council, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*, to this Houſe, and deſired their Concurrence thereto; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts made for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; with ſome Alterations, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Schodock*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of the Commiſſioners appointed to lay out Highways in the City and County of *Albany*, that they are impoſed on by indirect Methods, by laying out a new Road, and denied to uſe their old Road, which tends very much to their Prejudice, and therefore beg a Redreſs.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making of Bills of Credit, and putting the ſame into the Treaſurer's Hands, for exchanging them with ſuch Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying out and clearing public Highways in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 14, 1724.

CAPT. *Gerretſen* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the fortifying the City of* Albany; That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 14, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants of all Kinds from committing Waſte and Treſpaſs on Lands in their Tenure or Poſſeſſion, and for puniſhing all ſuch other Perſons as by Water or Land ſhall aid and abet therein, and for preventing divers other Enormities, exceeding hurtful to the growing Settlements and Plantations in the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulſter, *and for laying out and maintaining a high Road in the ſame*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage* William Bradford, *and his Aſſigns, to make Paper, and to prohibit all other Perſons from making the ſame in this Province for the Term of* 15 *Years*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayar, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to defray the publick and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Mr. *Hanſen*, and Col. *Schuyler*, or any 3 of them.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Alexander*, that they had agreed to the following Bills without any Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Six Thouſand Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds, *for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for making Bills of Credit to be iſſued for that Value.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating and better clearing Highways in the County of* Suffolk.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg, Harmanus Simonis, Johannis Glundorff, Peter Felinck, Francis Clerembault, Jean Claudi, *and* Johan Philip Lenningbecker.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Collectors and Treaſurer of* Richmond *County, effectually to collect and pay the annual Rate of the ſaid County.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, David Provooſt, Johannis Janſen, *and* Jacobus Kip, *Eſqrs, for ſerving in General Aſſembly.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 15, 1724.

MR. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the fraudulent Abuſes and Impoſitions on ſuch of his Majeſty's Subjects, who ſhall keep Boats for their own Uſe and Conveniency, in or near any Creek, Cove, Haven or Harbour within this Province, or ſhall put on board the ſame, or any other Boat, commonly uſed for Tranſportation, any Goods belonging to ſuch of his ſaid Majeſty's Subjects within this Province*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which he read, and delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *William Willet* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts, made for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French, with ſome Alterations, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 16, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Boats and other Veſſels, and the Goods put on board of them, from being interrupted or moleſted whilſt their Navigation is confined within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts made for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French, with ſome Alterations; and Col. *William Willet* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which were delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 16, 1724.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts made for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French, with ſome Alterations; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Fortifying the City of* Albany.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 17, 1724.

CAPT. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An*

An Act, *for Fortifying the City of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments, and added some Clauses to the Bill, which were read, and delivered in at the Table, and the same were agreed unto by this House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 17, 1724.

MR. *Jansen* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making of Bills of Credit, and putting the same into the Treasurer's Hands, for exchanging therewith, such Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced*, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 18, 1724.

MR. *Jansen*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making of Bills of Credit, and putting the same into the Treasurer's Hands, for exchanging therewith, such Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced*, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 20, 1724.

COL. *Schuyler* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to defray the publick and necessary Charges of the said City*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, to acquaint this House, that Board desired they would communicate to them, such Papers or other Informations, on which the Preamble of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Boats or other Vessels, and the Goods put on board of them, from being interrupted or molested, whilst their Navigation is confined within this Colony*, is grounded.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Thomas Willet* and Capt. *Van Horne*, do attend the Council, with such Evidence as may satisfy the Council in that Affair.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Fortifying the City of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants of all Kind, from committing Waste and Trespasses on Lands in their Tenure or Possession, and for punishing all such other Persons, as by Water or Land, shall aid or abet therein, and for preventing divers other Enormities, exceeding hurtful to the growing Settlements and Plantations, in the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulster, *and for laying out and maintaining a High Road within the same*, with some Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, which were severally read, and agreed unto by this House.

Ordered, That Col. *Provoost* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House do agree to their Amendments made to the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 21, 1724.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* Albany, *to defray the publick and necessary Charges of the said City*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Provoost* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying-out and clearing publick Highways, in the Precinct of* Skohare *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments, and added a Clause thereto; which were read, and a Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Report be approved? It was carried in the Negative. Then the Question was put, that the Bill be re-committed? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed, and that Mr. *Philipse* and Mr. *Jansen*, be added to the Committee on the said Bill.

Mr. *Jansen* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Bills of Credit, and putting the same into the Treasurer's Hands, for exchanging therewith, such Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto, which were read, and delivered in at the Table, and the same were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 21, 1724.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Bills of Credit, and putting the same into the Treasurer's Hands, for exchanging therewith, such Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Jansen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Memorial of Madam *Catharine De Peyster*, in Behalf of her Husband, the late Treasurer of this Colony, still labouring under an unhappy Indisposition, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth;

That *George Clark*, Esq; Deputy Auditor, under the honourable *Horatio Walpole*, Esq; has signified, That he expects her to account for all such Articles in the two long Acts, passed in the Years 1714 and 1717, as were therein allowed, upon Warrants from the Government, in Order (as she conceives) to support a Demand for the Auditor's Fee of the same.

That she is advised no such Demand ought to lie; *First*, Because all the Articles in those Acts, were appropriated and made payable to particular Persons.

Secondly, Because the Provision made by the Legislature, to discharge those Debts, was deemed an extraordinary Levy, for the Relief of such as had Claims on the Colony, for Services done and Goods delivered for its Use; and, *Thirdly*, because this was looked upon as an Act of so much Justice, that his present Majesty, gave his royal Sanction to both these Acts, by ratifying and confirming the same.

That if such a Demand was brought, it ought not to be against her, much less to affect her, because no Provision is made for it in those Acts, and because all publick Monies formerly under her Husband's Management (whilst Treasurer) has regularly been delivered to the present Treasurer.

That as the Disposition of that Money, is evident

evident by the Acts themſelves, without forming Accounts thereof, ſhe conceives, that if ſuch Accounts ſhould be demanded, it can only be for the End above-mentioned, and therefore prays this Houſe, to give her ſuch Aid and Directions therein, as to them ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Memorial, be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committe of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Memorial. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had conſidered the Matters ſet forth in the ſame Memorial, and find the Allegations thereof true, and the Reaſons therein contained Juſt. And having examined and conſidered the two Acts therein mentioned, are of Opinion, the Memorialiſt and the Treaſurer's for the Time being, ought to be ſaved harmleſs from all Coſt and Damages, which may happen to ariſe upon thoſe Heads; which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe. And it was thereupon,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That in Caſe the late Treaſurer or the Memorialiſt ſhould be ſued, troubled, arreſted, proſecuted or moleſted, for or by Reaſon of the two before mentioned Acts, or for any Fee or Reward pretended to be due to an Auditor for the ſame, or in any Part thereof, this Houſe will effectually ſave harmleſs, and indemnify not only the Memorialiſt and the ſaid late Treaſurer, but alſo any Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being, from all Coſt and Damages that may accrue to them, or either of them, by any of the Means aforeſaid; purſuant to a Reſolve of this Houſe, the 5th of *July* 1722.

And the Houſe is of Opinion, They are well warranted in this Reſolve, becauſe they find Auditors are nominated and appointed by the two before mentioned Acts, and they do conceive, that as thoſe Acts have received the royal Aſſent, it excludes any other Auditor, though the ſeveral Articles therein allowed, had not been particlarly appropriated.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 22, 1724.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 22, 1724.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Bobin*, the Deputy Clerk of the Council, That they had appointed Dr. *Colden*, to examine and compare the Acts of this Province, paſſed the 3d, 4th and 5th Seſſions of the Aſſembly, ſince his Excellency's Arrival with the Enrollment thereof, and to deſire this Houſe to appoint a Member to join therein, after the End of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That Col. *Provooſt*, be appointed by this Houſe, to join Dr. *Colden*, to examine and compare the Acts of this Province accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *William Provooſt*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Boats and other Veſſels, and the Goods put on board of them, from being interrupted or moleſted, whilſt their Navigation is confined within this Colony*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe,

Ordered, That Mr. *Janſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts, made for prohibiting the Selling of* Indian Goods *to the* French, *with ſome Alterations*; without any Amendment.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 23, 1724.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred, the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 23, 1724.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; and Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *William Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the Bill, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Fortifying the City of* Albany.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to defray the publick and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City*; and,

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Bills of Credit, and putting the same into the Treasurer's Hands for exchanging therewith, such Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced.*

Mr. *Cuyler* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying-out and clearing publick Highways, in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which were read, and delivered in at the Table, where the same were read; and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. July 24, 1724.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying-out and clearing publick Highways, in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Upon a Motion, That this House ought to give some Directions for the speedy Collection of the Arrears of the Excise and Taxes, and paying the same into the Treasury, thereby to prevent all further Remissness therein, and the Confusion which otherwise may be occasioned;

Ordered, *That the Treasurer do write circular Letters to the several Commissioners, for letting to Farm the Excise in the respective Cities and Counties, That they forthwith collect and pay into the Treasury all Arrearages of the Excise, on or before the 1st Day of* November *next.*

Ordered, That such of the said Commissioners as shall happen to be remiss therein, shall be prosecuted for the same according to Law; and that the Treasurer give Directions for that Purpose, unto the Attorney General, within Thirty Days after the Expiration of the Time above limited.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do likewise send Circular Letters, to the Town and County Clerks, of each City and County, in Order to be by them laid before the Justices of the Peace, in the Cities and Counties respectively; therein signifying to them, That they take effectual Care to have the Arrearages of all publick Taxes, collected and paid into the Treasury, on or before the said first Day of *November* next, ensuing.

Ordered, That the Justices of such Cities and Counties as shall neglect, or delay to comply herewith, shall be prosecuted for the same; and that the Treasurer give Directions to the Attorney General accordingly, within Thirty Days after the Expiration of the Time abovementioned.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, deliver a Copy of the above Motion, and Orders, to the Treasurer of this Colony.

The House taking into Consideration, the Petition of *Johannis Vaulkenburg*, one of the Commissioners for laying out Highways in the County of *Albany*, for the Precinct of *Schodock*, and several other Inhabitants of the same Place, presented to this House, the 13th Instant; complaining that the other Commissioners have altered the old Road, and removed the same through swampy Ground, which is very inconvenient for the said Inhabitants.

Ordered, That the Commissioner, or Commissioners, which have so removed the said Road, be served with a Copy of the said Petition, and lay before this House at their first Meeting of the Sessions, such Reasons as have induced them to alter the Road so complained of as above.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Harrison*, That they have agreed to the Amendments made by this House, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same.*

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying out and clearing publick Highways, in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany; without any Amendments.

Mr. *Harrison* acquainted the House, he was directed by his Excellency, to lay before them his Majesty's Disallowance of an *Act* of General Assembly, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of* Two Pounds, *on every* Hundred Pounds *Value, (prime Cost) of all* European *Goods, imported into this Colony*; which was read, being as follows, *viz.*

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 30th Day of *April*, 1724.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent MAJESTY,

Archbp. of *Canterbury*,	Duke of *New-Castle*,
Lord President,	Earl of *Lincoln*,
Duke of *Kent*,	Earl of *Cadogan*,
Duke of *Roxbury*,	Lord *Carteret*,
Earl *Coningsby*,	Mr. Comptroller,
L. Vis. *Townshend*,	L. G. of the Ordnance,
L. Vis. *Torrington*,	Sir *Robert Sutton*.
L. Bishop of *London*,	

WHEREAS, by Commission under the great Seal of *Great-Britain*, the Governor, Council, and Assembly, of his Majesty's Colony of *New-York*, in *America*, are authorized and impowered to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, for the publick Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the said Colony; which Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, are to be, as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdon, and are to be transmitted to his Majesty, for his Royal Approbation, or Disallowance. And whereas in pursuance of the said Powers, an *Act* was passed in the said Colony of *New-York*, in *December*, 1720, and hath been transmitted, entitled as follows, *viz.*

An *Act to lay a Duty of* Two Pounds, *on every* Hundred Pounds *Value, (prime Cost) of all* European *Goods, imported into this Colony.*

WHICH *Act*, together with a Petition of several Merchants trading to *New-York*, against it, having been considered by a Committee of the Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council, their Lordships this Day, represented the said *Act*, as unfit for his Majesty's Royal Approbation.

His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, is therefore pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to declare his Disallowance of the said *Act*; and pursuant to his Royal Pleasure thereupon, the said *Act* is hereby repealed, declared void, and of none Effect.

JAMES VERNON.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alexander*, be allowed *Three Pounds* for drawing a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts made for prohibiting the selling of* Indian *Goods to the French*; and for drawing a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Bills of Credit, and putting the same into the Treasurer's Hands, for exchanging therewith such Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced*; and that this House do address his Excellency, to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer, for paying the same.

Ordered, That *Gabriel Ludlow*, the Clerk of this House, be allowed *Ten Pounds* and *Fifteen Shillings*, for the Incidents of his Office, and drawing and engrossing of Bills for this Sessions, and the former; and that this House do Address his Excellency, to issue his Warrant to the Treasurer for paying the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Vernon*, be allowed *Thirty Shillings*, for drawing a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Boats and other Veſſels, and the Goods put on board of them, from being interrupted or moleſted, whilſt their Navigation is confined within this Colony*; and that *David Le Telier*, be allowed *Thirty Shillings*, for tranſlating and interpreting Madam *Montieur's* Depoſitions, *Anno* 1722; and that this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency to iſſue his Warrant for paying Mr. *Vernon*, and Mr. *Le Telier*, the ſame.

Ordered, That *Dirck Egbert*, the Door-keeper of this Houſe, be allowed *Fifteen Pounds* for his Account of White-waſhing the Aſſembly Chamber, and Lobby, mending the Glaſs Windows, and ſundry Diſburſments and Incidents for the Houſe; and that this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency to iſſue his Warrant for paying the ſame.

Ordered, That *Catharine Poſt*, be allowed *Six Pounds*, for the Uſe of her Houſe, for the Aſſembly in Committees; and that this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency to iſſue his Warrant for paying the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. July 24, 1724.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Bobin*, the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber.

Then Mr. Speaker with the Houſe attended accordingly, where his Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Acts, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Six Thouſand Six Hundred and Thirty *Pounds, for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned, and for making Bills of Credit to be iſſued for that Value.*
2. *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame.*
3. *An* Act, *for continuing the Acts made for prohibiting the ſelling of* Indian *Goods to the* French, *with ſome Alterations.*
4. *An* Act, *for making Bills of Credit, and putting the ſame into the Treaſurer's Hands, for exchanging therewith ſuch Bills of Credit of this Province as are torn and defaced.*
5. *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants of all Kinds from committing Waſte and Treſpaſſes on Lands in their Tenure or Poſſeſſion, and for puniſhing all ſuch other Perſons as by Water or Land ſhall aid and abet therein, and for preventing divers other Enormities, exceeding hurtful to the growing Settlements and Plantations in the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulſter; *and for laying out and maintaining a high Road in the ſame.*
6. *An* Act, *to prevent Boats and other Veſſels, and the Goods put on board them, from being interrupted whilſt their Navigation is confined within this Colony.*
7. *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany.
8. *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to defray the public and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid City.*
9. *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in that Part of the Manor of* Renſſelaer Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany.
10. *An* Act, *for laying out and clearing publick Highways in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany.
11. *An* Act, *for paying* Garrit Van Horne, David Provooſt, Johannis Janſen, *and* Jacobus Kip, *Eſqrs, for ſerving in General Aſſembly.*
12. *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Queen's *County, to finiſh and compleat the Goal and Court Houſe, already erected in the ſaid County.*
13. *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk.
14. *An* Act, *to oblige the Collectors and Treaſurer of* Richmond *County, effectually to collect and pay the annual Rate of the ſaid County.*
15. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Francis Vanderberg, Harmanus Simonis, Johannis Glundorff, Peter Felinck, Francis Clerembault, Jean Claudi *and* Johan Philip Lenningbecker.
16. *An* Act *to prohibit all Perſons but* Suſanna Parmyter, *Widow, and her Aſſigns, to make Lamp-black, during the Space of* 10 *Years.*

Then his Excellency was pleaſed to direct the Houſe to adjourn themſelves to the firſt *Tueſday* in *October* next.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and the Houſe adjourned to the firſt *Tueſday* in *October* next accordingly.

[Here begins the 11th of *George* I.]

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated the 5th of *September*, 1724, to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the firſt *Tueſday* in *March* next.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 9th of *February*, *Anno* 1724, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the firſt *Tueſday* in *April* next.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 24th of *March*, *Anno* 1724-5, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the firſt *Tueſday* of *July* next.

BY Proclamation, dated the 5th Day of *June*, 1725, his Excellency was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the 4th *Tueſday* of *Auguſt* next.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 16th Day of *Auguſt*, 1725, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the 25th Day of ſaid Month of *Auguſt*.

[Here begins the 12th of *George* I.]

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 25th Day of *Auguſt*, 1725, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the 26th Inſtant *Auguſt*.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 26th Day of *Auguſt*, 1725, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the 27th of *Auguſt* aforeſaid.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 27th Day of *Auguſt*, 1725, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to *Monday* next, being the 30th Day of ſaid Month of *Auguſt*.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 30th Day of *Auguſt*, 1725, was pleaſed to adjourn the General Aſſembly to the 31ſt Day of ſaid Month of *Auguſt*.

Die Martis, Auguſt 31, 1725.

THE Houſe being adjourned by ſeveral Proclamations unto this Day, Sixteen Members appeared (being all that were in the Town) who deſired Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Janſen* to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him how many Members were met; and that *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; the Speaker, was not come down, nor any News or Letters (that they know of) when or whether he deſigned to come.

Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Janſen* returning, acquainted the Members now preſent, that they had delivered the ſaid Meſſage to his Excellency, who thereupon had deſired them to acquaint the ſaid Members, that they might immediately proceed to the Choice of a new Speaker, in the Room of the ſaid *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; and when they had ſo done, to preſent ſuch Speaker this Afternoon to him for his Approbation.

Whereupon they proceeded in their Choice, and unanimouſly choſe *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; Speaker of the General Aſſembly, and conducted him to, and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Then

Then the Houſe waited on his Excellency, to preſent their ſaid Speaker unto him.

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker acquainted them, that his Excellency was pleaſed to approve their Choice, and ſignified the ſame under his Hand, in theſe Words:

Gentlemen,

I Approve your Choice entirely; and I muſt recommend it to you, to take Meaſures to have a full Houſe as ſoon as may be, that I may then lay before you what I have to propoſe for the public Benefit.

W. BURNET.

That to qualify himſelf as Speaker, he had taken the Oaths, and ſigned the Teſt, *&c.* according to Law.

That he afterwards deſired his Excellency that the Words and Actions of this Houſe might always have a favourable Conſtruction.

That the Members might have free Acceſs to his Excellency, and that they and their Servants might have the ſame Protection and Liberties as uſual; all which his Excellency was pleaſed readily to promiſe.

Mr. *Henry Beekman* attending without, was called in, and preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for *Dutcheſs* County, in the Room of *Johannis Terboſch*, Eſq; deceaſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis* and Capt. *Garretſen* do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Beekman*, and deſire he may take the Oaths, and ſign the Teſt, *&c.* according to Law.

Capt. *Janſen* moved the Houſe, that a Warrant may be iſſued to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, to elect a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*, in the Room of Col. *David Provooſt*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to elect a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*, in the Room of Col. *David Provooſt*, deceaſed.

Col. *Hicks* moved alſo, that a Warrant might iſſue to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to elect a Repreſentative for *Queen's* County, in the Room of Col. *Thomas Willet*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to elect a Repreſentative for *Queen's* County, in the Room of Col. *Thomas Willet*, deceaſed.

Mr. *Lackerman* alſo moved, that a Warrant may iſſue to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to elect a Repreſentative for the County of *Richmond*, in the Room of Col. *John Stillwell*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to elect a Repreſentative for the County of *Richmond*, in the Room of Col. *John Stillwell*, deceaſed.

Col. *Lewis* reported to this Houſe, that (according to Order) Capt. *Garretſen* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency, and that they ſaw Mr. *Beekman* take the Oaths according to Law, and ſign the Teſt, *&c.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman* take his Place as a Member of this Houſe accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 1, 1725.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer of this Colony lay before this Houſe, on *Thurſday* the 16th Inſtant, Accounts of his Receipts and Payments of the publick Money received and paid by him for the Support of this his Majeſty's Government, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account, until the 13th Day of *June* laſt.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do likewiſe lay before this Houſe, at the Time above-mentioned, Accounts of his Receipts and Payments of the ſeveral public Taxes raiſed and laid by ſeveral Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do alſo lay before this Houſe, at the Time above-mentioned, Accounts of the Money paid in to him by the ſeveral Commiſſioners appointed to let to Farm the Exciſe, and to diſtinguiſh therein the Names of the ſeveral Commiſſioners, the Sums paid by them, and for what City and County, until the firſt Day of *November* laſt.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Commiſſioners appointed by Act of Aſſembly to let to Farm the Exciſe in the reſpective Cities and Counties in this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, on the 16th Inſtant, Liſts of the Amount of the Exciſe within their ſeveral Diſtricts, from the firſt Day of *November*, 1723, to the firſt Day of *November*, 1724.

Ordered, That the Executors or Adminiſtrators of Col. *David Provooſt*, the late Tonnage Officer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, on the 16th Inſtant, an Account of Duties ariſen by Tonnage of Veſſels, and Duties of Slaves, until the Time of his deceaſe.

Ordered, That the preſent Tonnage Officer do lay before this Houſe, on the 16th Inſtant, an Account of the Duties ariſen by Tonnage of Veſſels and Duties of Slaves, from the Date of his Commiſſion until this Day.

Ordered, That the Vendue Maſter do lay before this Houſe on the 16th Inſtant, an Account of the Duties ariſen by Goods ſold at public Vendue, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account, until the firſt Day of this Inſtant.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter lay before this Houſe on the 16th Inſtant, an Account of the Duties ariſen by the Weigh Houſe in the City of *New-York*, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Accounts, until the firſt Inſtant.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe deliver Copies of the ſaid ſeveral Orders to the reſpective Officers therein-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the 13th Day of *September* Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, September 13, 1725.

ROBERT Livingſton, Eſq; the late Speaker, appearing in the Houſe, acquainted them, that by the Severity of his Indiſpoſition, both before and after the 24th of *Auguſt* (to which Time this Houſe ſtood adjourned) he was not in a Condition to write or come down, and therefore he is not only well pleaſed that the Houſe proceeded to a new Choice, but that he would have deſired that Favour, in Caſe he had arrived here before.

Whereupon the Houſe deſired he would nevertheleſs aſſiſt them as a Member, as often as his State of Health would admit him, during his Stay in Town.

Mr. *De Lancey* attending without, was called in, and preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*, in the Room of Col. *David Provooſt*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen* and Alderman *Kipp*, do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *De Lancey*, and deſire he may take the Oaths, and ſign the Teſt, *&c.* according to Law.

Mr. *Richard Merril* attending without, was called in, and preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for the County of *Richmond*, in the Room of Col. *John Stillwell*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lakerman* and Capt. *Garretſen* do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Merril*, and deſire he may take the Oaths, and ſign the Teſt, *&c.* according to Law.

Capt. *Janſen* reported to this Houſe, that (according to Order) Alderman *Kipp* and he had waited on his Excellency with Mr. *De Lancey*, in order to take the Oaths, *&c.* and his Excellency aſked him, How he became a Subject of the Crown? Mr. *De Lancey* made anſwer, he was denized in *England*, and that his Excellency being doubtful whether this was a ſufficient Qualification to ſit as a Member of this Houſe, ſaid he would conſider of the ſame before he rendered him the Oaths; and then Mr. *De Lancey* withdrew.

Mr.

Mr. *De Lancey* returning, produced to this Houſe, the following Papers and Teſtimonials, *viz.*

An Act of *Nicholas Hayward*, Notary Publick, of *London*, certifying that the Name of *Stephen De Lancey*, was inſerted in certain Letters Patents of Denization, granted by King *James* the Second, under the broad Seal of *England*, dated the 20th Day of *March*, in the ſecond Year of the ſaid King's Reign, wherein the ſaid *Stephen De Lancey* (tho' born beyond Sea) is made his Majeſty's leige Subject of the Kingdom of *England*, and as ſuch may purchaſe, buy, ſell, enjoy and diſpoſe of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments in the ſaid Kingdom, or any other of his Dominions, as freely, peaceably and entirely, as any Subject born in the ſaid Kingdom; and that he is to pay Cuſtom and Duties for Goods and Merchandizes only as Natives do, or ought to do, and to enjoy all Liberties, Privileges and Franchiſes, as a free Subject of the ſaid Kingdom, without any Diſturbance, Impediment or Moleſtation.

A Letter of Denization under the Seal of this Province, and under the Hand of Col. *Thomas Dongan* (then Governor of this Colony) dated the 7th Day of *July*, 1686.

A Certificate under the Hand of *Nicholas Bayard*, Eſq; then Mayor of the City of *New-York*, and under the Seal of the ſaid City, dated the 7th Day of *September*, 1687, that the ſaid Mr. *De Lancey* had taken the Oath of Allegiance, as was directed by an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, dated the firſt Day of *November*, 1683; and in Purſuance to a Proclamation of the then Governor and Council, made the 14th Day of *June*, 1687.

Mr. *De Lancey* afterwards ſent to this Houſe, the following Certificates of his having attended the Service of the General Aſſembly in the Years and for the Days here-under mentioned, *viz.* *Anno* 1702, 45 Days; *Anno* 1703, 12 Days; *Anno* 1704, 36 Days; *Anno* 1705, 59 Days, and in the ſame Year, 25 Days more; *Anno* 1706, 28 Days, and in the ſame Year 35 Days more; *Anno* 1708, 74 Days, and in the ſame Year 13 Days more; *Anno* 1710, 72 Days; *Anno* 1711, 34 Days, and in the ſame Year 75 Days more; *Anno* 1712, 59 Days; *Anno* 1713, 57 Days; *Anno* 1714, 131 Days, and in the ſame Year 31 Days more,

N. B. One Certificate for 75 Days, the Year not mentioned.

Mr. *Benjamin Hicks* attending without, was called in, and preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Repreſentative for *Queen's* County, in the Room of Col. *Thomas Willet*, deceaſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Beekman* do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Hicks*, and deſire he may take the Oaths and ſign the Teſt, *&c.* according to Law.

Capt. *Garretſen* reported to this Houſe, that (according to Order) he and Mr. *Lackerman* had waited on his Excellency, and that they ſaw Mr. *Merril* take the Oaths and ſign the Teſt, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merril* do take his Place as a Member of this Houſe accordingly.

Col. *Hicks* reported to this Houſe, that (according to Order) he and Mr. *Beekman* had waited on his Excellency, and that they ſaw Mr. *Hicks* take the Oaths and ſign the Teſt, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hicks* do take his Place as a Member of this Houſe, accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Bobin*, That they deſired this Houſe to appoint a Committee, to join a Committee of that Board, for examining the Accounts of Col. *Provooſt*, late Tonnage Officer, deceaſed; to meet at the Houſe of Mr. *Daniel Bonticow*, in this City, at four in the Afternoon, *Thurſday* next.

He alſo informed the Houſe, That his Excellency had ordered him to acquaint this Houſe, that Mr. *De Lancey*, attending to be qualified, and being deſired by his Excellency, to acquaint him how he became naturalized an Engliſh Subject, he ſaid he was denized in *England*; which his Excellency is doubtful whether it be a legal Qualification to fit as a Rpreſentative, and therefore intends to conſult the Chief Juſtice, whether his Letters of Denization, are a ſufficient Qualification before he proceed to tender him the Oaths; and then withdrew.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Meſſage from the Council;

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Coyle*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Beekman*, or any four of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join a Committee of the Council, to examine the Accounts of Col. *Provooſt*, late Tonnage Officer, deceaſed, and to meet at the Time and Place appointed accordingly, and make their Report thereof to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 14, 1725.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 15, 1725.

A Meſſage by Mr. *Bobin*,

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe, immediately at the Council Board.

Then Mr. Speaker, and the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech; which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy thereof, and being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

'I Cannot but look back with Pleaſure on your Conduct, ever ſince I have had the Happineſs to be among
'you: Your Readineſs to ſupport the Government in an
'honourable Manner; your repeated Endeavours to pre-
'vent the Growth of the *French* Power, and to ſtrengthen
'the *Britiſh* Intereſt among the *Indians*; and your ſeaſon-
'able Supplies for the Repairs of his Majeſty's Forts, will
'always be remembered to the Honour of this Aſſembly.
'If you have ſometimes met with Oppoſition, it has had
'little other Effect, than to juſtify your Proceedings:
'A late Inſtance of this Kind, has appeared in the un-
'wearied, and I wiſh I could not ſay, indirect Methods,
'taken by the Merchants to defeat your *Acts* againſt *Ca-*
nada;

'nada; but by the Diligence and Ability of your Agents, 'the Juſtice of your Laws has been ſo well repreſented, 'that the Succeſs has been in your Favour.

'It is now more and more evident every Year, of how 'great Advantage theſe Laws have been to the Trade and 'Security of this Province. The Quantity of Peltry, 'brought from the Country of the Five Nations, during 'this Summer, has far exceeded our Expectations, and is 'more than what uſed to come from *Canada*; and the far 'Indians from the Lakes, have, as I am informed, all 'ſtopp'd at our trading Place, and none of them proceeded 'to *Montreal*, as they uſed to do. I am confident that the 'ſurprizing Succeſs, and good Effects of this new Trade, 'and the Applauſe it has met with in *Great-Britain*, will 'engage you to take effectual Meaſures to encourage 'it, by renewing and enforcing the Prohibition of that 'pernicious Trade of *Indian* Goods to *Canada*; and by 'providing amply for the Charges neceſſary to keep the 'Indians faithful to us. To this End, it will be requiſite 'that ſome Perſons be appointed conſtantly to reſide among 'the *Onondagoes*, as well as the *Senecas*, who may be 'always ready to defeat the Arts which the *French* induſ-'triouſly imploy to ſeduce thoſe *Indians*: I have begun 'with this Subject, and dwelt the longer upon it, becauſe 'it highly concerns your Safety.

'The Revenue for the Support of this Government, is 'near its Expiration; I depend on your own Obſervation 'and Experience, to plead with you for as ample and ex-'tenſive a Proviſion, for the Time to come. Where 'Actions ought to ſpeak, Words ſhould not be offered in 'their Room. I ſhall only recommend the Officers of 'the Government to your Care; who, in doing their 'Duty, are often liable to private Reſentments; and are 'on that Account, entitled to Protection as well as Sub-'ſiſtence from the Legiſlature; and without a ſufficient 'Number of Officers, the Adminiſtration cannot be car-'ried on, and the Laws muſt loſe their Force.

'The Proviſion you have already made for renewing 'the decay'd Buildings of the Fort, will, I believe, appear 'to you to have been frugally and effectually employ'd; 'and I depend upon your coming to a Reſolution, that ſo 'good a Deſign ſhall not fail of what is ſtill wanting to 'compleat it.

'I can acquaint you with a further Inſtance, beſides 'what I have mentioned, of the Diligence of your Agents 'in the Service of the Province, and particularly for the 'Benefit of this City; and that is, their ſolliciting by 'my Directions, and obtaining the *Eaſt* End of *Long-'Iſland*, to be reſtored to the Diſtrict of the Collector of '*New-York*: You cannot deſire more convincing Proofs 'of the Uſefulneſs of having ſuch Agents, and therefore I 'rely on your making good your former Engagements to 'them, and your giving them Marks of your Eſteem and 'Confidence, in continuing their Appointment for a longer 'Term than you have hitherto done, and providing ſuit-'ably for their Payment.

'I have now gone through the ſeveral Particulars which 'I had to lay before you, and I ſhall only add this general 'Conſideration, to enforce them all; That at this Time, 'the happy Agreement that has always ſubſiſted between 'his Majeſty and his Parliament, ever ſince his Acceſſion 'to the Crown, is the Admiration of all *Europe*, and the 'Glory of the *Britiſh* Nation: I am perſuaded you will 'do your Part, in following ſo great an Example; and 'that you will regard what I propoſe to you, only as it 'tends to his Majeſty's Service.

WILLIAM BURNET.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 16, 1725.

THE Tonnage Officer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of Duties for Tonnage and Slaves, from the 24th of *December* 1724, to the 1ſt of *September* 1725; amounting to *Eight Hundred* and *Thirty Four Pounds, Seven Shillings* and *Nine-pence*; and the Title thereof being read;

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, Accounts what each City and County have paid, on the firſt Payment of the *Six Thouſand, Six Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds* Tax.

General Account of what is received, upon the firſt and ſecond Payment of the 5350 Ounces of Plate Tax.

Account what each City and County have paid upon the 3000 Ounces of Plate Tax.

Account of what each City and County have paid on the *Eight Hundred* and *Twenty Three Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Two-pence Farthing* Tax; as alſo what Perſons have paid on the ſame.

General Account of the Support of Government, from the 14th Day of *May* 1724, to the 13th Day of *June* 1725; as alſo an Account of the Exciſe, and what have received and paid on the *Five Hundred Pounds* Tax.

Mr. *Peter Lefferts*, Commiſſioner for letting the Exciſe in *King's* County (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of what the Exciſe was let for in the ſaid County, from *November* 1, 1723, to *May* 1, 1724; amounting to *Seventeen Pounds Two Shillings*; and an Account from the 1ſt of *May* 1724, to the 1ſt of *November* 1724, amounting to *Sixteen Pounds Two Shillings*; and the Titles of the ſaid ſeveral Accounts being read;

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Corporation to raiſe a Sum ſufficient for the building of a new Goal, or enlarging the Old one, as to the ſaid Corporation ſhall ſeem neceſſary; as alſo to enable them to raiſe ſuch annual Sums, as may defray the extraordinary Charges of this City and County, as is uſual in all other Parts of this Province, the Revenue of the City being now totally exhauſted in paying their neceſſary Officers, and repairing the Town Houſe, Docks, and other Works of the like Nature.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Reſolved, That the Conſideration of his Excellency's Speech, be deferred till To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 17, 1725.

MR. *Garret Van Horne*, acquainted this Houſe, that of 33 *Negroes*, imported the 15th of *Auguſt* laſt, in the *Catharine* and *Mary*, *Henry Row*, Maſter, two of them were ſo extream Sick and Weak, that he had them brought on Shore, put them under the Care of a Nurſe, and was at a conſiderable Charge to the Doctor for Phyſick, and that notwithſtanding they both died in a few Days after, as appears by a Certificate under the Hand of the Tonnage Officer, and therefore prayed he might be relieved of the Duty thereof; which Requeſt being thought reaſonable,

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer remit or return unto the ſaid *Garrat Van Horne*, the Duty of the ſaid two *Negroes*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 17, 1725.

THE Houſe (according to Order) taking his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 18, 1725.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, September 20, 1725.

A Liſt of the ſeveral Retailers in the City and County of *Albany*, who have agreed for Exciſe with *Philip Livingſton*, Eſq; Commiſſioner to let the ſame, from the 1ſt of *November* 1723, to the 1ſt of *November* 1724; amounting to *Seventy Six Pounds, Two Shillings*, was laid before the Houſe, and the Title being read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Petition of ſome Priſoners for Debt in Goal in the City-Hall of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of the Incommodiouſneſs of the Priſon, aud other Incoveniences that attend them under their Confinement, praying they may be redreſſed of their great Grievances.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table, until the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, bring in a Bill, for building a new or enlarging the old Goal, purſuant to the Leave of this Houſe, on the 16th Inſtant.

Then the Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 21, 1725.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Bobin*.

Gentlemen, I am ordered by his Excellency, to lay the Chief Juſtice's Opinion, concerning Mr. *De Lancey*'s Qualification before the Houſe, that the Houſe may be fully enabled to form a Judgment, whether he is duly qualified to ſit as a Member.

I am likewiſe orderded by his Excellency, to lay before the Houſe, an Extract of a Letter from Mr. *Le Heup* to his Excellency, bearing date the 13th of *July* laſt.

And a Letter from the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs in *Albany*, of the 2d of *September* Inſtant.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Meſſage of his Excellency by Mr. *Bobin*, on the 13th Inſtant, relating to the Qualification of Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, returned a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*, in the Room of Col. *David Provooſt*, deceaſed, as alſo the Papers, Teſtimonials and Certificates, produced by Mr. *De Lancey* on the ſame Day; and likewiſe the Opinion of the Chief Juſtice*, relating to that Matter ſent

* *The following is the Chief Juſtice's Opinion above referred to, and is taken from the original Draught in his own Hand Writing, delivered to* William Smith *jun. Eſq; in the Year* 1755, *by his Son* Lewis Morris, *Eſq; lately deceaſed, and is in the Words following*, viz.

September 19, 1725.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

IN Obedience to your Excellency's Commands of the 13th and 14th of this Inſtant September, *I have conſidered the Papers ſhewn to you by Mr.* De Lancey, *and of your Excellency's Queſtions; which are,*

Firſt, *Whether by any or all thoſe Papers, conſidered with or without the Act in the Year* 1683, *Mr.* Stephen De Lancey, *a Perſon of foreign Birth, is legally qualified to ſit and act, as a Member of the General Aſſembly, in the Province of* New-York; *in making and enacting Laws, for the Government of the ſaid Province*; And,

Secondly, *If Mr.* De Lancey *be a Deniſon, whether any Perſon, barely a Deniſon, and not naturalized by Act of Parliament in* England, *or Act of Aſſembly in this Province; can legally ſit and act as a Member of the Legiſlature?*

The firſt of theſe Papers is a Certificate, made by one Hayward, *a Publick Notary; certifying that he ſaw Letters Patents of Deniſation, granted by King* James *the Second, under the Great Seal of* England, *dated the 20th Day of* March, *in the ſecond Year of his Reign; wherein among other Things, was inſerted the Name of* Stephen De Lancey, *who though born beyond the Sea, is made his Majeſty's liege Subject*, &c. *and refers to the ſaid Letters Patent, where (as is ſaid) theſe Things may more fully and at large appear.*

Letters of Deniſation may be of divers Kinds, abſolute, limited, conditional, temporary, for Life or Years; but which of theſe it is, does not appear by this Certificate; if Temporary, for Years, or conditional, its Validity may be long ſince expired, for that Patent might have contained, all that it is there ſaid to contain, and much more, and yet might have been under Conditions and Limitations of Time; all that appears by the Certificate is, that a Patent of Deniſation did iſſue, and that one Stephen De Lancey, *is there named among others; but no Judgment can be formed from that Certificate, what Operation in Law that Patent of Deniſation could (if ſtill in Force) have.* 7 C. b. Cal. Caſe. C. Lit. 129 a. 2 Dan. ab. Title, Alien, Deniſen, 322, 323.

In Pages, Caſe 5th, co. 52 b. 53 a. *The great Queſtion was, whether the Defendant ſhould plead the Exemplification of the Enrollment, of the Letters Patent of Deniſation, by force of the* 3 Ed. 6 c. 4, *or of the* 13 El. ch. 6, *and it was objected, that neither Exemplifications nor the Conſtat of any Letters Patent, were pleadable at the common Law, and that the Caſe of Deniſations was out of the Words of both theſe Statutes; and it was reſolved by the Court, 1ſt, That it was, that neither an Exemplification nor a Conſtat, was pleadable, and to be ſhewn to the Court at common Law, becauſe they were but the Tenor of an Enrollment, and the Tenor of a Record is not by the Law pleadable. 2d, It was reſolved, that the* 13 *of* El. ch. 6. *did extend to Letters Patent of Deniſation, and all Patents whatſoever, without any Reſtraint; if this be Law, as I take it to be, let the Patent of Mr.* De Lancey, *be what it will, if thoſe Laws do not extend to theſe Parts, it will be neceſſary for him to produce the original Patent; or if they do an Exemplification or Conſtat of the Enrollment, under the Great Seal of* Britain, *if he propoſes any Advantages to himſelf, legally to be obtained by it, all other Proof being inſufficient.*

The ſecond Paper is a Patent of Deniſation, granted to Mr. De Lancey, *on the 7th of* July 1686, *by Col.* Dongan, *under the Seal of this Province. It ſeems very ſtrange that he ſhould take a Patent of Deniſation from Col.* Dongan, *which at moſt, could extend no farther than the Bounds of this Province, if he had one under the Great Seal of* England, *which extended over all the King's Dominions. I have peruſed Col.* Dongan's *Commiſſion from King* James, *and do not find, any ſuch Power or Authority given to him, without which, in my humble Opinion, it could not be granted; and of this Opinion, were the whole Plantation Board, in a Caſe of Letters of Deniſation, granted by Col.* Fletcher, *to one* Arnold Naudin, *a* Frenchman, *wherein they ſay, that they do not find, that either Col.* Fletcher, *or any other the Governors of his Majeſty's Plantations in* America, *had, or have any Manner of Power or Authority conferred on them, by their reſpective Commiſſions, to endeniſe Foreigners, and give their Opinion, that the Deniſations granted by Col.* Fletcher, *are not only void in themſelves, as not grounded on any Authority whatſoever, but of moſt pernicious Conſequence, and directly contrary to the Intention of the Laws of* England, *which relate to the Plantation Trade; this is farther confirmed, by a Report of Sir* John Trevor *and Sir* John Hawles, *then Attorney and Solicitor General, read at the Council Board in* England, *the* 18th *of* January 1699, *wherein they ſeem to term the Acts of Naturalization in the Plantations, Deniſations, and mention two Acts of Naturalization, paſſed in* Maryland, *and take Notice of the Letters of Deniſation, granted to* Naudin, *and give their Opinion, that the*

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sent this Day by his Excellency; they also considered the two Acts of Assembly, relating to the Elections of Representatives; the Clause in his Excellency's Letters Patents, relating to the calling of Assemblies, and examined several Persons, in relation to the Certificates of Col. *Nicholas Bayard*, in the Year 1687, grounded as well on the Act for naturalizing Foreigners in 1683, as on a Proclamation in 1687 of the then Governor and Council (in whom the Legislation was then vested) and finding that some of the Members of this House, as well as many other Persons throughout this Colony, had no other right of Naturalization,

Governors of the Plantations, ought not to grant Letters of Denisation, unless they were expressly authorized so to do by their Commissions; and accordingly there was an Order made by the King in Council, on the 18th of Jauuary 1699; *that Letters of Denisation be not granted by any the Governors of his Majesty's Plantations, otherwise than according to the Opinion of Mr. Attorney and Soliciter General, set forth in their Report; by that Report, they seem to comprise under the Term Denisation, not only Patents of Denisation granted by the Governors, but also Acts of Naturalization, passed by the General Assemblies in the Plantations, which seem to be forbidden to be passed, without a Restriction and Regard had to the Acts of Navigation, and other Statute, of* England, *no Law being to be passed in any of the Plantations, repugnant to the Laws of* England; *but be that as it will, with respect to Letters of Denisation, I take the Law to be positive and clear, that the granting of them, is a Prerogative solely and inseparably annexed to the Person of the King, and cannot be delegated to any other Person whatsoever. See,* 7 Co. 25. b. Calvin's *Case*, 2 *Rolls*, Rep. 93. Palmer's Rep. 13, 14; *and the Books say, the Kings of* England *have been sparing in granting them,* ne inde admitantur inimici tanquam in equo Trojano; *one Enemy in the Heart of a Common Wealth, being of more dangerous Consequence, than Thousands without.* Pal. 14; *and as I take it, both this and all other Letters of Denisation, granted by Governors of Plantations (especially not having express Powers for the granting them) are in themselves void.*

The third Paper, is a Certificate of Nicholas Bayard, *Esq; then Mayor of* New-York, *dated the 7th of* September 1687; *certifying that* Stephen De Lancey, *had been an Inhabitant one Year and three Months, and had taken the Oath of Allegiance, as directed in an Act of General Assembly, made in the Year* 1683, entitled, An *Act*, for naturalizing all those of foreign Nations, then inhabiting within this Province and professing Christianity, *and in pursuance of a Proclamation of the Governor and Council, of the 14th of* June *then past, and that he had caused the said* Stephen De Lancey *to be enrolled.*

I have not seen the Proclamation, so can say nothing to it; the Title of the Act is larger than what is mentioned in the Certificate, being entitled, An *Act*, for naturalizing all those of foreign Nations, at present inhabiting within this Colony and professing Christianity, and for Encouragement of others to come and settle in the same; *and is, I suppose, the Act of Assembly referred to, which has two enacting Clauses; the one, That all Foreigners of what Nation soever, professing Christianity, that then were actual Inhabitants within this Province, and had taken or* subscribed, *or that should take or* subscribe *the Oath of Allegiance, were thereby naturalized.*

The other, that all Foreigners of what Nation soever, professing Christianity, that at any Time after the said Year 1683, *should come into this Province, with an Intent to become his Majesty's Subjects, and to dwell, settle and inhabit accordingly, and take the Oath of Allegiance to his Majesty, and Fidelity to his Royal Highness the Proprietor,* &c. *Every such Person* may be *naturalized* by Act of Assembly, *and* from thence forth, *shall in all Respects, be deemed as his Majesty's natural born Subjects,* &c.

By the Mayor's Certificate it appears, that Mr. De Lancey, *arrived here some Time in the Beginning of* June 1686, *so that he was not an Inhabitant before, or at the Time of making the Act, therefore not within the Perview of the first Clause, which is indeed, very favourable, allowing any Person, that would then subscribe the Oath of Allegiance, to be naturalized. The second Clause, for the Encouragement of such as would come in, and comply with the Terms of it, promises, that they might afterwards be naturalized by an Act of Assembly, which Promise Mr.* De Lancey, *has not thought fit hitherto, to take the Advantage of, and is not at present naturalized or made a Denison, by Virtue of that Act, referred to in the Mayor's Certificate.*

Upon the whole of these Papers, whether considered by themselves, or with the Act of Assembly, made in the Year 1683, *or any other Act of the Assembly of this Province, that is known to me, they do not confer the Benefit of Naturalization, and should they all be good and valid, for what was intended by them in their utmost Force, they neither can, nor never were meant to confer a greater Benefit than that of Denisation, which doth not legally entitle any Person to a Seat in the Legislature, as will more fully appear in the Answer to the following Question.*

As to the Question, whether any Person barely a Denison, and not naturalized by Act of Parliament in England, *or Act of Assembly in this Province, can legally sit and act as a Member of the Legislature; I shall beg Leave to answer this Question, in the Words of my Lord* Cook, *who in his fourth Part of the Institute of the Laws of* England, Page 47, *says,* An Alien cannot be elected of the Parliament, because he is not the King's liege Subject; *and so it is, although he be made a* Denison *by Letters Patent,* &c. *for thereby he is made,* quasi, seu tanquam Ligeus; *but that will not serve, for he must be,* ligeus Revera, *and not* quasi, &c. *and we have had such a one chosen, and disallowed by the House of* Commons, *for such a Person can hold no Place of Judicature.*

By a Letter of Denisation from the King, an Alien is licenced to purchase and enjoy Lands, which he could not legally do without, and that Patent of Denisation, is the King's dispensing with the Forfeiture, which he would otherwise have had of Lands purchased by that Alien; but it doth by no Means make him a natural Subject; that can be, and only be by Operation of Law, Pal. 14. Molloy, 413. *speaking of Lady* Carwell, *who was made Dutchess of* Portsmouth; *says the same was rather Honorary, than a Title consistent with the Laws of* England; *for though his Majesty is the Fountain of Honour, and may call the meanest of his Subjects to the highest of Dignities, yet it is their civil Qualifications, which make them capable of enjoying the Immunities and Privileges of Peers; but that flows from another Fountain, even the Law of the Realm, which as to Denisons, disables them to take so signal a Mark of Sovereignty without Act of Parliament.*

An Alien is not less an Alien here, than he is in England; *nor Denison more a natural Subject; and as I take it, neither can become one, either here or there, but by Operation of Law; and in my humble Opinion, none but a natural Subject, either born or made so by Law, can legally sit and act as a Member of the Legislature here, and the knowingly and designedly admitting others, would be, as I take it, repugnant to the Laws of* England, *and of more pernicious Consequence to its Interest, at this remote Distance, than any of all the Denisations, so severely remarked upon, by the Ministry of that Time, and give the present when its known unto them, just Umbrage of Suspicion that something more is intended by it, than is consistent with that Duty and Allegiance owing to his Majesty, and Dependance on the* British *Government, which your Excellency is principally concerned to take Care, shall not be in the least abated; but with Respect to* De Lancey, *the Person who gave rise to these Questions, I have observed, that in the Commission from King* James *to Col.* Dongan, *there was a Power of Legislation granted to the said Governor and Council, and whether the Proclamation of the Governor and Council, referred to in the Mayor's Certificate may not have been an Act of the then Legislature (such as it was) to naturalize the said* De Lancey, *in particular or joined with others, is to me unknown; he has for many Years sat and acted in the General Assembly, and has been generally deemed qualified so to do, and if any Act of the Legislature of that Time, gave a general or particular Naturalization to* De Lancey, *or others, though strictly speaking, it might not be legal, yet it having been nigh 40 Years since, if any such can be produced, and your Excellency can be indubitably assured the Proclamation there referred to, was an Act of Naturalization; I think it would be inconvenient, not to admit those concerned to receive the Benefit of it, so far as you legally may. All which is nevertheless most humbly submitted to your Excellency's great Wisdom.*

Naturalization, than by Virtue thereof; the Houſe after mature Deliberation on the whole Matter, came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the ſaid Mr. *De Lancey*, is duly returned and qualified, to ſit and ſerve in this Houſe, as a Member thereof.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That ſome Members of this Houſe do wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Mr. *De Lancey*, to deſire that he will be pleaſed to adminiſter or cauſe to be adminiſtred unto him, the Oaths and Declaration appointed by Law, to be taken and adminiſtred, to the End he may ſit and ſerve in this Houſe accordingly.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen* and Alderman *Kip* do go with the ſaid Mr. *De Lancey* to his Excellency, and deſire him, that he will be pleaſed to adminiſter, or cauſe to be adminiſtered unto him, the Oaths and Declaration appointed by Law to be taken and adminiſtred.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1725.

THE Extract of a Letter from Mr. *Le Heup*, one of the Agents for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated the 13th of *July* laſt, ſent this Morning to this Houſe by his Excellency, was read; as alſo, the Letter from the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, dated the ſecond Inſtant.

Ordered, That the ſaid two Letters be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Trade with the remote *Indians*, and keeping thoſe of the five Nations faithful to his Majeſty.

Capt. *Janſen* reported to this Houſe, that (according to Order) he and Alderman *Kip* had waited on his Excellency with Mr. *De Lancey*, and ſaw him take the Oaths, and make the Declaration according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* do take his Place as a Member of this Houſe accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1725.

MR. *Selah Strong*, Commiſſioner for letting the Exciſe in the County of *Suffolk*, laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of the Exciſe, as it was let to Farm in the ſaid County the* 3 *laſt Years, amounting to*, viz. *Till* November, 1722, Eighty Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Four Pence; *till* November, 1723, Ninety Pounds Ten Shillings; *till* November, 1724, Ninety Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings; and the Title being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

A Motion was made, that a Committee of Grievances be appointed by this Houſe;

Ordered, That Col. *Livingſton*, Col. *Rutſen*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Janſen*, Mr. *Garretſen*, Mr. *Beekman*, Col. *Willet*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Mr. *Merril* and Col. *Haring*, or any 7 of them, be and are appointed a Committee of Grievances; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

Alderman *Kip* acquainted this Houſe, that on the 20th of *Auguſt* laſt, in the Sloop *Jolly*, *Robert Theobalds*, Maſter, from *St. Euſtatia*, two *Negroes* on board, belonging to Mr. *Abraham Lynſen*, were ſo very weak when brought on Shore, that in a few Days they died under the Doctor's Hands, as appeared by Certificate under his Hand, and the Hand of *Chriſtian Harmax*, in whoſe Houſe the ſaid *Negroes* died.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer remit or return unto the ſaid *Abraham Lynſen*, the Duty of the ſaid two *Negroes*.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 22, 1725.

THE Clerk laid before this Houſe, by his Excellency's Order, a Liſt (ſigned by *Philip Livingſton*) of the ſeveral Perſons who have gone and traded with the far Nations of *Indians* this Spring, the Number of Canoes; as alſo the Packs of Beaver and Deer Skins (beſides Peltry) brought down, amounting to 57 Canoes, and 738 Bundles of Beaver and Deer Skins; and the Title being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Trade with the remote *Indians* and keeping thoſe of the 5 Nations faithful to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Benjamin Hicks* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 23, 1725.

THE Petition of the Revd. *Peter Steup*, Miniſter of *New-Rochel*, and others, ſigned by many of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, was read; as alſo an Application from ſome Perſons of the ſame Town, to the Juſtices and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Weſtcheſter*, deſiring that what is now paid by *New-Rochel*, and applied towards paying the Miniſters of the ſeveral Diſtricts belonging to the Pariſh of *Weſtcheſter*, purſuant to an Act of General Aſſembly, may from hence forward, be paid and applied to the ſaid Mr. *Steup*; which ſome of the Juſtices and Veſtry of *Weſtcheſter*, refer to the Conſideration of this Houſe, and deſire the ſame may be allowed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition, and other Papers, be referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 24, 1725.

CAPT. *Janſen* reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join a Committee of his Majeſty's Council, to examine the Accounts of Col. *David Provooſt*, late Tonnage Officer, deceaſed; That they have (according to Order) in Conjunction with a Committee of Council, examined the ſaid Accounts of the Duties of Tonnage and *Negroes*, from the 5th of *June*, 1714, to the 16th of *December* 1724, and compared the ſame with the Books of Accounts, of the ſaid *David Provooſt*, and the Treaſurer's Receipts for the Sums paid to the Treaſurer; and find by the ſaid Accounts, that the amount of Duties, during the ſaid Time, amounts to *Nine Thouſand, Six Hundred, Twenty Nine Pounds*, and *Five Shillings*, including outſtanding Debts; and that the Amount of Money paid to the Treaſurer, and the ſaid Officer's Salary for the ſaid Time, amounts to *Nine Thouſand, Two Hundred, Seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence*; from which Amount, it appears that the Ballance in favour of the Government, amounts to *Four Hundred, Twenty One Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *One Penny*; of which Sum, the Executors of the ſaid *David Provooſt*, have given in an Account of *Two Hundred, Forty Eight Pounds*,

Pounds, *Fifteen Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*, Debts outstanding: Whether all these Debts be really due from the Parties charged with them, or they be all Solvent, they have not enquired, but refer the same to this House, and for such Orders as this House shall think proper to make thereupon. The Committee also find a Charge in the said Col. *Provoost*'s Books, of *Twenty Three Pounds*, *Eight Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, for a Journey of the said Tonnage Officer, to the *East* End of *Long-Island*, for collecting the Duty of several *Negroes* landed there; which they think reasonable to be allowed to the Executors of the said Col. *David Provoost*, tho' not charged in the General Account; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Executors of Col. *David Provoost*, the late Tonnage Officer, deceased, do lay before this House, an Account of Debts due on the Duty of Tonnage of Vessels, and Slaves, and the Book or Books, in which the same are entered.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had some to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same was read, and agreed unto by the House, *viz.*

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in, to prohibit the selling *Indian* Goods to the *French*, and to encourage and promote a Trade with the far Nations of *Indians*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, Col. *Livingston*, Col. *Rutsen*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Cuyler*, and Mr. *Beekman*, or any five of them, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Capt. *Jansen*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Garritsen*, Col. *Chambers*, and Mr. *Coejemans*, or any three of them, be and are appointed a Committee, to examine what Laws of this Colony are expired, or near expiring, and to report which of them are necessary to be revived.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* Morning next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Chief Justice, have Leave to be absent ten Days, from *Tuesday* next, upon extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, September 27, 1725.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 28, 1725.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony do lay before this House, an Abstract how much the whole Duties of the following Commodities have amounted to, for the Years hereunder mentioned, *viz.*

Of Wine, in the Years	1722, 1723, and 1724.
Of Rum and distilled Liquors, in the Years	1722, 1723, and 1724.
Of Molasses, in the Years	1722, 1723, and 1724.
Of Cocoa, in the Years	1722, 1723, and 1724.
Of Salt, in the Years	1722, 1723, and 1724.
Of Dry Goods, in the Years	1722, 1723, and 1724.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 28, 1725.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, and agreed unto by the House, *viz.*

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That an honourable and sufficient Support be raised for the Government of this Colony.

Resolved, That the said Support shall be for the Term of two Years, to commence the first Day of *July*, that will be in the Year, 1726, and to end the first Day of *July*, which will be in the Year 1728.

Resolved, That this House will resolve into a Committee of the whole House, To-morrow Morning, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 29, 1725.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That it was their Opinion, that the Managers appointed for repairing the decayed Buildings in his Majesty's *Fort George*, lay before this House, an Account how much has been expended and laid out by them, out of the Money appropriated for that Service; and that afterwards an Estimate be laid before this House, of what is further requisite to finish and compleat the Buildings which are already brought under Roof; which was read, and approved.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip* and Mr. *Cornelius Van Horne*, the Managers appointed for repairing the said Buildings, lay before this House, an Account of what they have laid out and expended for Materials and Workmanship, until this Day; and to mention in the said Account, how much remains in Stock of the Money appropriated for that Service.

Ordered, That the said Managers, as also Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Garrit Van Horne*, take a View of what is further required to finish and compleat the Buildings above-mentioned, and to make as exact an Estimate as they are able, what the Charge thereof may amount to, and to report the same to this House with all convenient Speed.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 29, 1725.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 30, 1725.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 30, 1725.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 1, 1725.

ALDERMAN *Kip*, one of the Managers for repairing the Buildings in his Majesty's *Fort George*, brought in four Accounts of Disbursements and Payments by him for Materials and Workmanship, until the 30th Day of *September* last, by which it appears, that out of the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, received by him from the Treasurer, there still remains in his Hands, the Sum of *Forty Eight Pounds*, *thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Farthing*; and the Titles thereof being read;

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. *Cornelius G. Van Horne*, another of the Managers for repairing the Buildings in his Majesty's *Fort George*, brought in four Accounts of Disbursements and Payments made by him for Materials and Workmanship, until the 29th Day of *September* last, by which it appears, that out of the Sum of

One Thouſand Pounds, received by him from the Treaſurer, there ſtill remains in his Hands, the Sum of *Seven Pounds, Three Shillings and Two-pence Half-penny*; and the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1725.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) delivered to this Houſe, an Abſtract of the whole Amount of the Duties of the ſeveral Commodities hereunder-mentioned, from the 5th of *June*, 1721, until the 5th Day of *June*, 1725, inclusive, which are as follows, *viz.*

Years.	*Of Wine.*	*Of Rum, &c.*	*Of Molaſſes.*	*Of Salt.*	*Of Cocoa.*	*Of Dry Goods.*
1722	£. 496 10 6	£. 1165 14 9	£. 649 12 4	£. 270 9 0	£. 192 19 6	£. 62 2 5
1723	1493 2 0	1324 1 9	711 18 8	175 7 0	130 13 9	79 16 4
1724	513 0 0	1782 11 6	456 10 10	91 5 6	163 3 0	115 2 11
1725	961 4 0	911 8 9	728 15 8	213 6 0	665 19 0	95 12 9
	£. 3436 16 6	£. 5183 16 9	£. 2546 17 6	£. 750 7 6	£. 1152 15 3	£. 352 14 5
						1152 15 3
						750 7 6
						2546 17 6
						5183 16 9
						3436 16 6
					Total,	£. 13423 7 11

And the Title of the ſaid Account being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Capt. *Janſen* and Alderman *Cruger*, Commiſſioners for letting to Farm the Exciſe in the City and County of *New-York*, brought in an Account of the Amount thereof, from the firſt of *November*, 1723, to the laſt Day of *October*, 1724, being *Four Hundred and Sixty Seven Pounds, Seven Shillings*; and the Title thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1725.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Rutſen* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs, for 10 Days.

Capt. *Janſen*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws were expired, or near expiring, and which of them are neceſſary to be revived, reported, That the Law for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe throughout this Colony, will expire the laſt of this Month, and that it is their Opinion, it ought to be revived.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen*, Mr. *Hutchinſon* and Mr. *Garretſen* prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, *October* 4, 1725.

MR. *Janſen* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; which was read the firſt Tme, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct* 5, 1725.

ALDERMAN *Kip* informed the Houſe, that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint the Houſe, he had no Objection to the paſſing of an Act to relieve the Widow of *Gooſe Van Schaick*, of a certain Recognizance entered into by her ſaid Huſband.

Mr. *De Lancey* thereupon brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Diſcharging a certain Recognizance, entered into by* Gooſe Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceaſed*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Abraham Van Wyck*, in Behalf of the Executors of Col. *David Provooſt*, the late Tonnage Officer, laid before this Houſe (according to Order) a Liſt of the Perſons Names that are in Arrear for the Duties of Tonnage and on Slaves, until the Deceaſe of the ſaid Col. *Provooſt*, and the Book wherein the ſame are contained, amounting to the Sum of *Two Hundred and Forty Eight Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Nine-pence*; and it appearing upon Examination, that the *Twenty Three Pounds Eight Shillings and Six-pence*, mentioned in this Journal the 24th of *September* laſt, was made good by a Surplus of the Duties received by him at the *Eaſt* End of *Long-Iſland*;

Ordered, That only the above-mentioned Sum of *Two Hundred and Forty Eight Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Nine-pence*, for outſtanding Debts, be deducted out of the Ballance found due from the ſaid Executors, being *Four Hundred and Twenty One Pounds, Six Shillings and One Penny*; ſo that the next Ballance, which does remain due from them to the Colony, does amount to *One Hundred and Seventy Two Pounds, Ten Shillings and Four-pence*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Executors do pay, unto the Treaſurer for the Uſe of this Colony, the Sum of *One Hundred, Seventy Two Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Four-pence*; and that upon their paying the ſame, the ſaid Treaſurer give unto them, a Receipt in full Diſcharge of the Money received by the ſaid Col. *David Provooſt*, whilſt he was the Officer to receive the Duties of Tonnage of Veſſels, and of *Negroes* and other Slaves. *Provided*, And, *Ordered*, That notwithſtanding ſuch Diſcharge, the Executors of the ſaid *David Provooſt*, ſhall be ſubject and liable to make good to the Colony, all ſuch Part or Parts, of the ſaid Sum of *Two Hundred Forty Eight Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *Nine-pence*, for outſtanding Debts, as ſhall by Receipts or otherwiſe appear to have been received, either by the ſaid Col. *Provooſt*, or his Executors.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt of Perſons Names, which are therein mentioned, to be in Arrear of Tonnage, and Duty of Slaves, amounting to the aforeſaid Sum of *Two Hundred Forty Eight Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *Nine-pence*; as alſo the Book, wherein the ſame are contained, be delivered to, and lodged

lodged with the Treasurer of this Colony, and that he take the best and most effectual Measures, for recovering the said Arrears from the respective Persons owing the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, do deliver the above-mentioned List and Book to the Treasurer accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 5, 1725.

COL. *Hicks* Commissioner for letting to Farm the Excise in *Queen's* County, laid before this House, an Account of what the Excise of *Queen's* County was let for, from *November* 1723, to *November* 1724, amounting to *Seventy Pounds* and *Sixteen Shillings*; and the Title thereof was read;

Ordered, That the Account lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of this House.

Then the House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 6, 1725.

ALDERMAN *Kipp* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raise* Six Hundred Pounds, *upon the Freeholders, Inhabitants and Residents thereof, to build convenient Prisons and Goals, within the said City, and also for raising an annual Sum, not exceeding* Two Hundred Pounds, *to defray their publick and necessary Charge*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the discharging a certain Recognizance, entered into by* Goose Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceased*; was read the second Time, and committed to Col. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Mr. *Hansen*, Col. *Lewis*, Col. *Livingston* and Mr. *Beekman*, or any 5 of them.

Then the House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some time spent therein, Capt. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That the Treasurer bring in a particular List of the Warrants paid by him, from the 24th of July 1724, to the 13th of *June* 1725 inclusive, and to mention the Persons Names to whom payable, and for what Service.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 7, 1725.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; after some Time spent therein, Capt. *Van Horne*, reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 7, 1725.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties of this Colony*; and Capt. *Van Horne* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 8, 1725.

COL. *Livingston* reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the discharging a certain Recognizance entered into by* Goose VanSchaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceased*; that they had gone thro' the Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without Amendment; to which the House agreed.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Petition of *Volkert Van Vechten*, and *Johannis Wendell*, Commissioners to lay out Highways in the Manor of *Rensalear-wick*, on the East Side of *Hudson's* River, from the Southermost Inhabitants of *Schodock*, along the River Side, to the *Greenbush*; was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That they are informed several Inhabitants of the Neighbourhood of *Schodock*, did last Sessions, present a Petition to this House, shewing their Discontent about laying out the said Highway; which, as they alledge, was laid out at the Place where it has been Twenty Years past, as being most commodious; therefore prayed the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Schodock*, be rejected.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Petition of *Johannis Valkenburgh*, presented to this House the 24th of *July*, 1724, and a Copy of the Petition above-mentioned, be by the Petitioners respectively, delivered to the two Justices of the Peace, living at *Kinderhook*; and that they taking to their Assistance such other Persons as they shall judge most proper, and enquire into the whole Matter, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to this House, at their first Meeting next Sessions.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by his Excellency, to lay before this House, the following Papers, viz.

An Extract of Minutes of Council, relating to the running the Lines of Partition and Division, between the Province of *New-York*, and the Colony of *Connecticut*.

Articles of Agreement, made and concluded between the Commissioners and Surveyors of *New-York*, and the Commissioners and Surveyors of *Connecticut*, appointed for running the Lines of Partition, between the said Province and Colony, &c.

The Report of the Commissioners and Surveyors of *New-York*, and those of *Connecticut*, upon running the Lines of Partition, between this Province and the Colony of *Connecticut*, pursuant to the Agreement of the said Commissioners and Surveyors; which several Papers being read, were ordered to lye on the Table for the Members of this House to peruse.

The Treasurer, (according to Order) laid before this House, a List of what particular Warrants have been paid out of his Majesty's Revenue, from the 24th of *July*, 1724, to the 13th Day of *June*, 1725 inclusive, amounting to £. 2340 10*s*. ½; which was read, and ordered to lye on the Table, to be perused by the Members of this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 8, 1725.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raise* £. 600 *upon the Freeholders, Inhabitants, and Residents thereof, to build convenient Prisons and Goals, within the said City; and also for raising an annual Sum, not exceeding* £. 200, *to defray their publick and necessary Charge*; was read the second Time, and committed to Capt. *Jansen*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Alderman *Kipp*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Col. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Coejemans*, Mr. *Garril Hansen*, Col. *Livingston*, Col. *Morris*, and Col. *Willet*, or any seven of them; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve

ſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 9, 1725.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, October 11, 1725.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 12, 1725.

COL. *Robert Lurting*, the Vendue Maſter, delivered in (according to Order) the following Accounts of Goods, ſold by him at publick Vendue, and how much the Duty thereof does amount to at three *per Cent.* viz.

		His Commiſſion.
From the 5th *June*, 1723, to the 5th *June*, 1724.	£. 27 14 10	£. 1 7 9
From the 5th *June*, 1724, to the 5th *June*, 1725.	20 6 4½	1 0 4
From the 5th *June*, 1725, to the 1ſt *Sept.* 1725.	14 9 4	1 14 5¼
	£. 62 10 6¼	3 2 6¼
So that there remains for the Duty, - - - - -		59 7 11¼
		£. 62 10 6¼

John Stevenſon, Commiſſioner for letting to Farm the Exciſe in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, laid before this Houſe (according to Order) an Account of the Perſons Names, to whom the ſaid Exciſe was let, in the ſaid County, and for what Sums, from the 1ſt Day of *November*, 1723, to the 1ſt Day of *November*, 1724; amounting to - - - - - - £. 43 17 0

Out of which being deducted his Commiſſion of ten *per Cent.* 4 7 9

Remains neat, the Sum of - - - - - £. 39 9 3

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the diſcharging a certain Recognizance, entered into by* Gooſe Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceaſed*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Janſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 12, 1725.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 13, 1725.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 13, 1725.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Janſen* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, next *Friday*, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 14, 1725.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 15, 1725.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1725.

CAPT. *Van Horne* (according to Order) reported from the Perſons appointed to take a View of what is further required to finiſh and compleat the new Buildings in his Majeſty's *Fort George*, That they having taken to their Aſſiſtance ſeveral Workmen, and ſurveyed the Buildings above-mentioned, laid before this Houſe the following Eſtimates, *viz.*

For Maſons Work and Materials (excepting the Marble and Tiles for the Hearths)	£. 94 14 0
For Carpenters and Joiners Work, Materials and Liquor,	300 0 0
For painting the ſame,	120 0 0
Sum Total,	£. 514 14 0

Ordered, That the Eſtimates lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Support of Government, purſuant to their Reſolves the 28th ultimo. *And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt.* Janſen, *reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe, and are as follows,* viz.

Reſolved, *That there be given and granted to his Majeſty for the Support of his Government in this Colony, the following Duties and Impoſitions on the Goods and Merchandizes hereunder mentioned, which ſhall be imported into this Colony, from the firſt Day of* 1726, *to the firſt of July,* 1728; *that is to ſay,*

For every Negro Slave, of four Years old, and upwards, imported directly from Africa, Five Ounces *of Sevil Piller, or* Mexico *Plate, or* Forty Shillings *in Bills of Credit made current in this Colony.*

For every Negro, Mulatto, or Indian Slave, of four Years old and upwards, imported from all other Places, Four Pounds *of like Money.*

For every Hundred Weight of Cocoa imported, reckoning One Hundred and Twelve Pounds, to the Hundred, the Sum of Four Shillings, *like Money; and after that Rate, for a greater or leſſer Quantity.*

For every Pipe of Wine imported, the Sum of Three Pounds, *in like Money; and after that Rate, for a greater or leſſer Quantity.*

For every Gallon of Rum, and other diſtilled Liquors, imported, the Sum of Three Pence, *in like Money.*

For all Dry-Goods imported from the Britiſh Iſlands in the Weſt Indies, Five Pounds, *in like Money, for every Hundred Pounds Value, prime Coſt; and after that Rate, for a greater or leſſer Quantity.*

Reſolved, *That all theſe ſeveral Duties and Impoſitions, ſhall be directly paid unto the Treaſurer of this Colony.*

Reſolved, *That in Lieu of the Duties on Salt, Molaſſes and Tonnage (which are to be diſcontinued the firſt of* July *next) a Poll*

Tax

Tax shall be laid in the Year 1726, *of* Three Shillings, *in like Money, on every Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Slave, which shall then be in the Colony, without Exception of Age or Sex; and that such another Poll Tax, on Slaves, shall be laid in the Year* 1727.

Resolved, *That the several Collectors, who shall receive and collect the said Taxes respectively, shall pay the same unto the Treasurer of this Colony.*

Resolved, *That the Money to arise by the Duties and Taxes aforesaid, shall be employed and issued to and for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Colony, and to and for no other Use and Purpose.*

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to these Resolutions, and Col. *Livingston* and the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in the same; and that it be an Instruction to them, to make proper Clauses therein, for the effectual Payment of the aforesaid Duties.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1725.

THE *House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Capt.* Jansen *reported from the Committee, That they had come to a further Resolution, which being read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows*, viz.

Resolved, *That the Money to arise by Virtue of the Act ordered Yesterday to be brought in, for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Colony, shall be issued and employed during the two Years therein-mentioned, to and for the several Sallaries and other Services following*; That is to say,

To his Excellency the Governor for his Salary, One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

For Firewood and Candles for the Garrison at New-York, Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

For repairing Fortifications, Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

For Presents to the Indians, Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

For the Governor's Voyage to Albany, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

For Firewood and Candles for the Garrisons in the City and County of Albany, Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Chief Justice for his Salary, Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

For the Commissioners of Indian *Affairs at* Albany, Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Indian *Interpreter*, Sixty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Secretary, for enrolling and engrossing the Acts of the General Assembly, Thirty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Clerk of the Council, Thirty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Printer, for printing the Acts, Votes, Proclamations, and what shall be ordered more by the Government, Fifty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To a Searcher and Waiter of the Country Duties, Fifty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Gauger, Forty Five Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Clerk of the General Assembly for his Salary, and for drawing and engrossing all public Acts, and other Incidents of that Office, Eighty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Door-keeper of the Council, Twenty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

To the Door-keeper of the General Assembly, Twenty Pounds, per Ann. *for the said two Years.*

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, October 18, 1725.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Haring* have Leave to go Home, upon extraordinary Occasions, till *Thursday* next.

The House adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1725.

THE House taking into Consideration, that Bills of Credit to the Value of 5000 Ounces of Plate, struck and issued by an Act of the General Assembly, in the Year 1720, will cease to be current after the first Day of *July* next; and it being uncertain, whether the Funds upon which the said Bills were so struck will be sufficient to sink and cancel the same at the Time last mentioned;

Resolved, That the Currency of the aforesaid Bills of Credit, shall be continued until the first Day of *July*, which will be in the Year 1727.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly; and that Capt. *Jansen* and Alderman *Kip*, prepare and bring in the same.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, *Thursday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1725.

ALDERMAN *Kip* (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, till the first Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Garretsen* moved this House, that a Warrant may be issued to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to elect a Representative for *King's* County, in the Room of *Joseph Hageman*, Esq; deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to elect a Representative for *King's* County, in the Room of *Joseph Hageman*, Esq; deceased.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to explain a Clause in an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for shortening of Law Suits, and regulating the Practice of the Law, and for adding another Clause thereto*; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1725.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, till the first Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to explain a Clause in an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for shortening of Law Suits, and regulating the Practice of the Law, and for adding another Clause thereto*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1725.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1725.

THE Memorial of *Archibald Kennedy*, his Majesty's Collector and Receiver General, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that he having formerly represented to this House, his Majesty's Pleasure in appointing him Receiver General for the Province of *New-York*, and its Dependencies; he therefore humbly begged Leave to repeat the same, and to inform this House, he is ready to execute that Part of his Office, which for some Time has been in other Hands.

Ordered, The same lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Mr. Chief Justice reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the preparing and bringing in a Bill, to prohibit the selling of

Indian Goods to the *French*, and to promote a Trade with the far Nations of *Indians*; They had ſpoke with, and conſidered what has been ſaid by ſeveral Perſons, acquainted with that Trade, and directed him to report, That they are of Opinion, that the total Prohibition of ſelling *Indian* Goods to the *French*, is either almoſt impracticable, or ſhould it be admitted to be practicable, would be attended with Conſequences prejudicial to the Trade of this Province, and therefore humbly referred it to the Opinion of the honourable Houſe, whether it may not be a Direction to the ſaid Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for regulating the Trade, and ſelling of *Indian* Goods to the *French*, and to encourage and promote a Trade with the far Nations of *Indians*.

Which Report being directly contrary, as well to the Order of this Houſe on the 24th of *September* laſt, as to his Excellency's Speech, was diſapproved of by the Houſe; and it was again

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee bring in a Bill purſuant to the Order above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, till the firſt Day of* July, 1727; and Col. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1725.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, Oct. 25, 1725.

THIS Day his Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, to prorogue the General Aſſembly to *Wedneſday* next.

Die Mercurij, Oct. 27, 1725.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, to be continued till the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this Houſe immediately at the Council Chamber in the Fort.

Then Mr. Speaker and the Houſe attended on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech; which being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have put an End to the laſt Seſſion, that I might have a freſh Opportunity of recommending to you, to provide as honourable and ample a Supply for the Support of this Government, and for as long a Term as was eſtabliſhed upon my Arrival.

It has not been pretended, that any Inconvenience has ariſen from the Confidence you then expreſſed in the Adminiſtration, and therefore I cannot in Duty to his Majeſty, and in Juſtice to my own Conduct, agree to a leſs ſufficient Proviſion, or to a ſhorter Term.

The Adminiſtration of Juſtice will require the ſame Encouragement, and the Collection of the Revenue the ſame Officers; without ſuch neceſſary Precautions, there will be great Deficiences, and the Burthen muſt at laſt fall upon the Land.

If there are any Laws formerly paſſed in this Province, which you are deſirous to have now confirmed by his Majeſty, the Agents only want your Inſtructions to ſollicit for them; and I ſhall very readily join my hearty Endeavours to obtain whatever will be to your Satisfaction.

I have expreſſed myſelf fully as to all other Matters in my laſt Speech, to which I refer, and deſire you to take it again into your Conſideration, and to proceed with that Diſpatch which the Seaſon of the Year requires.

W. Burnet.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1725.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties of this Colony*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the diſcharging a certain Recognizance entered into by* Gooſe Van Schaick, *late of the* City *of* Albany, *Merchant, deceaſed*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Hicks* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better apprehending, proſecuting and puniſhing of Felons, and to prevent the Deſtruction of neat Cattle, &c. in the Counties of* Uliſter *and* Orange; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1725.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe* Six Hundred Pounds, *upon the Freeholders, Inhabitants and Reſidents thereof, to build convenient Priſons and Goals within the ſaid City; and alſo for raiſing an annual Sum, not exceeding* Two Hundred Pounds, *to defray their publick and neceſſary Charges*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, to be continued until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the diſcharging a certain Recognizance, entered into by* Gooſe Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceaſed*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Cuyler*, Mr. *Cuyſenaar*, Mr. *Hanſen*, Col. *Lewis*, Col. *Livingſton* and Mr. *Beekman*, or any 5 of them.

Then the Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration; and Mr. Speaker leaving the Chair, the Houſe reſolved in a Committee of the whole

whole House, to consider of the same. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 28, 1725.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, to be continued until the first Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727; And Col. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

And Capt. *Van Horne* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the discharging a certain Recognizance entered into by* Goose Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceased*; That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 29, 1725.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, to be current until the first Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kipp*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the discharging a certain Recognizance, entered into by* Goose Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceased*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *John Jansen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the third Time, and an Amendment was made thereto on the Table, and read, and agreed unto by the House.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 29, 1725.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raise* Six Hundred Pounds, *upon the Freeholders, Inhabitants and Residents thereof, to build convenient Prisons and Goals, within the said City; and also for raising an annual Sum, not exceeding* Two Hundred Pounds, *to defray the publick and necessary Charge*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Mayor of *New-York*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Van Horne*, Col. *Schuyler*, Mr. *Coejemans*, and Mr. *Beekman*, or any five of them.

Then the House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; And Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 30, 1725.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, November 1, 1725.

COL. *Stillwell* attending without, was called in, and presented to this House, an Indenture that he was duly elected a Representative for *King's* County, in the Room of *Joseph Hageman*, Esq; deceased.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garretsen*, and Col. *Willet*, do wait on his Excellency with Col. *Stillwell*, and desire he may take the Oaths, and sign the Test, &c. according to Law.

Capt. *Garretsen* reported to this House, that (according to Order) he and Col. *Willet*, had waited on his Excellency, and that they saw Col. *Stillwell*, take the Oaths and sign the Test, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Stillwell*, do take his Place as a Member of this House, accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 2, 1725.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better apprehending, prosecuting, and punishing Fellons; and to prevent the Destruction of the Breed of Horses, and neat Cattle, &c. in the Counties of* Ulster *and* Orange; was read the second Time, and committed to Col. *Rutsen*, Col. *Gausbeck*, Col. *Livingston*, Alderman *Kipp*, Col. *Haring*, Col. *Cuyper*, and Mr. *Beekman*, or any five of them.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 2, 1725.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; After some Time spent therein, Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed unto by the House; being as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That the several *Acts* relating to the Prohibiting of selling *Indian* Goods to the *French*, and promoting a Trade with the remote Nations of *Indians*, shall be revived and continued until the End of the next Session of General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Chief Justice, Col. *Livingston*, Col. *Rutsen*, Mr. *Cuyler*, and Alderman *Kipp*, or any three of them, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly; and that it be an Instruction to them, to add such Clauses as may be effectual, as well to recover the Fines and

and Forfeitures of ſuch Perſons as have already treſpaſſed, and keep out of the Reach of Juſtice, as thoſe who ſhall tranſgreſs during the Time above-mentioned.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1725.

THE Chief Juſtice (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and continue the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the prohibiting of ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for promoting the Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *during the Time therein-mentioned, and for the more effectual Recovery of ſuch Penalties as are directed by the ſaid Acts*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The humble Petition of the Proprietors of a certain Tract of Land in *Dutcheſs* County, on the *Eaſt* Side of *Hudſon*'s River; or the greater Number of them inhabiting this Colony, and of Age, to conſent to the ſame; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that this Houſe would grant Leave to bring in a Bill, for the eaſier Partition of Lands in *Dutcheſs* County, granted unto Col. *Caleb Heathcote*, and Company.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the more eaſy Partition of Lands in Joint Tenancy, or Tenancy in Common, within this Colony; and that the Chief Juſtice do prepare and bring in the ſame, at the next Setting of the General Aſſembly of this Province.

Col. *Rutſen*, a Member of this Houſe, complaining that one *Edward Gatehouſe*, had reflected upon his Character, and Conduct; and producing ſeveral Papers to ſupport the ſaid Complaint;

Ordered, That the ſaid *Gatehouſe*, do attend this Houſe at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, to anſwer the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 3, 1725.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the prohibiting of ſelling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for promoting a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Col. *Hicks* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to take off and deck the Intail of, and in certain Lands, lying and being in the Town of* Flushing, *in* Queen's *County, on the Iſland of* Naſſau; *and which were deviſed in Tail by the laſt Will and Teſtament of Major* Daniel Whitehead, *late of* Jamaica, *in the County aforeſaid, deceaſed*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made by ſome of the Members, That as the Seaſon of the Year is ſo far ſpent, that if all the Buſineſs now before this Houſe, was to be gone through, it would be impracticable, at leaſt very difficult, for the Members that live up Hudſon's *River, to get home; and that it would therefore be beſt to adjourn 'till next Spring. The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, it was ordered, That the Mayor of* New-York, *and Col.* Hicks, *acquaint his Excellency with the Inclination of this Houſe, and to deſire that he will be pleaſed to approve of an Adjournment 'till ſuch Time in the next Spring, as his ſaid Excellency ſhall think moſt convenient; and that upon ſuch Approbation, he will be pleaſed to cauſe the Bills to be diſpatched, which have been ſent to the Council from this Houſe.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Mayor, and Col. *Hicks*, make report hereof to this Houſe, To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. And Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Edward Gatehouſe attending without, (according to Order) was called in; Mr. Speaker then acquainted him of the Complaint made againſt him by Col. *Rutſen*; that by the Papers produced to this Houſe, under his Hand, and an Affidavit from *Rachel Van Pette*, it appeared that he had preſumed maliciouſly to vilify Col. *Rutſen*, who having for many Years, borne both Civil and Military Offices; and has been, and ſtill is a Member of this Houſe: It did very much aggravate his Preſumption, and therefore admoniſhed him to make ſuch Reparation as would ſatisfy Col. *Rutſen*, and this Houſe; whereupon the ſaid *Gatehouſe*, own'd that he had unjuſtly abuſed Col *Rutſen*; that he was heartily ſorry for it; and that he begged his, and the Houſe's Pardon; which being ſatisfactory to Col. *Rutſen*, the ſaid Mr. *Gatehouſe* was diſmiſſed, and withdrew.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1725.

MR. Mayor of *New-York*, reported to this Houſe, That (according to Order) Col. *Hicks*, and himſelf, had waited upon his Excellency, and delivered the Meſſage of this Houſe, relating to their Adjournment 'till next Spring, and his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay he would return his Anſwer thereto.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am ordered by his Excellency, to acquaint the Houſe in anſwer to a Meſſage by the Mayor, and Mr. Hicks,

That his Excellency is willing that the Conſideration of the Revenue, be referred to the Spring; but as to the Repairs of the Fort; the providing Money for the Encouragement of Perſons to reſide this Winter among the ſix Nations of Indians; *and the Payment of what is due to the Agents, and the Appointment of an Agent for the Time to come, his Excellency thinks the publick Service would ſuffer, if they were delay'd; and therefore recommends it to the Houſe, to go through thoſe Matters with Diſpatch, as the Council are going through the Buſineſs now before them; and when theſe Matters are compleated, his Excellency will readily conſent to an Adjournment.*

His Excellency has further ordered me to acquaint you, That Mr. Bampfield, *has withdrew himſelf from* London; *and therefore his Excellency recommends it to you, to appoint Mr.* Peter Le Heup, *who has ſerved the Province faithfully, your ſole Agent.*

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the ſaid Meſſage, came to the following Reſolution upon the firſt Article thereof, viz.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, *That the Matter of a Revenue for the Support of his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, ſhall be, and hereby is poſtpon'd until the next Seſſions this General Aſſembly.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1725.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barberie*, to acquaint this Houſe, That they have paſſed the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.* A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, to be current until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727; and,

The Bill, entitled, Act, *for the diſcharging a certain Recognizance, entered into by* Gooſe Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *deceaſed.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; as alſo the Meſſage from his Excellency, ſent this Day, *Saturday* Morning next.

Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and continue the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned, relating*

relating to the prohibiting the selling Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for promoting the Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *during the Time therein-mentioned*; *and for the Recovery of such Penalties as are directed by the said Acts*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Saturday* Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1725.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and continue the several Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the prohibiting of selling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for promoting the Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *during the Time therein-mentioned*; *and for such Penalties as are directed by the said Acts*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House (according to Order) taking into Consideration the Remainder of the Governor's Speech, and the Message which his Excellency was pleased to send by Mr. *Bobin*, on the 4th Instant, (the same having been maturely deliberated in a grand Committee) came to the following Resolutions thereon, *viz.*

As to that Part, relating to the Repairs of the Fort; the House being informed, that it (besides the Rooms already finished in the new Buildings) the Sashes are hung, and the two Rooms are finished, which are now almost compleated, his Excellency is very indifferent whether any more Rooms are finished out of Hand; it is the Opinion of this House, that the Remainder ought to be deferred until next Spring, especially since the Days are now so short that the Workmen can do but little Work in them.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this House will nevertheless, at their Sessions next Spring, provide a suitable Sum for compleating and finishing the new Buildings in his Majesty's *Fort George*.

As to that Part relating to the Encouragement of Persons to reside this Winter amongst the Six Nations of *Indians*, the House being credibly informed that several small Companies of our Inhabitants (and among them a Smith) are actually gone thither already, and that another Smith, with some other Persons, designed to follow from *Schenectady*, being thereto encouraged by the Benefit they reap'd upon the like Occasion last Winter; and the Season being too far spent to carry more Iron or Steel thither, they are of Opinion it would be of little Use to apply any Money for that Service at present: But the House being inclinable to endear those Nations to the *British* Interest,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That they will at their first Meeting the next Spring, take care to provide such Sum or Sums of Money, as shall appear unto them to be necessary for securing the said Nations in his Majesty's Interest, and for encouraging the remote Nations to Trade with the Inhabitants of this Colony.

And as to that Part relating to the Agents at the Court of *Great-Britain*;

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this House will at their said next Sessions, take care to discharge the Money due unto them by Virtue of, and pursuant to a Resolve of this House, the 10th of *June* 1724.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this House will at the same Time, consider of appointing an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and of preparing an Act proper for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1725.

THE Petition of *Abraham Rodriges Rivera, Abraham Carcao, Isaac Navarro, Joseph Rodrigo Gomez, Jacob Farnando, Jacob Fonseca, Moses Perejra, Jaque Rodriges Rivera*, and *Jacob Rodriges Rivera*, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill for their being naturalized.

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof be referred to the next Session.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1725.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Van Horne*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and continue the several Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the prohibiting of selling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for promoting the Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *during the Time therein-mentioned, and for the Recovery of such Penalties as are directed by the said Acts*; without any Amendments.

It being moved by some of the Members, that forasmuch as many of the Commissioners for letting to Farm the Excise on strong Liquors within this Colony, have not so much as sent in Lists for how much, and to whom the same is let (and others retained in their Hands, great Part of the Money received by them) contrary to the Directions of the Acts by which they are appointed Commissioners; this House ought to take Care for the effectual accounting and paying of the said Excise,

Ordered, *That the Treasurer, by circular Letters to be sent by him to such of the said Commissioners as have neglected to send in such Lists, recommend them, That they forthwith not only transmit the said Lists, but likewise to pay into the Treasury the Money arising or to arise thereby; and to acquaint them, that upon Failure of the one or the other, they, and each of them so failing or delaying, the same shall be prosecuted, as in and by the said Act is directed, without any Manner of Favour or Countenance whatever.*

Ordered, *That the said Treasurer do, within* 60 *Days after such Notice is given, cause such Prosecutions to be made accordingly, against all and every such of the said Commissioners, as already have, or hereafter shall be remiss in transmitting Lists, and paying in the Money received and to be received by them respectively, pursuant to the Directions and true Intent of the said Acts.*

Upon a farther Motion, that this House ought likewise to give Directions for the speedy and effectual collecting the Arrearages of the publick Taxes;

Ordered, *That the Members of this House do take out an Abstract from the Treasurer's Accounts now lying before this House, or from the Treasurer's Books, how much the respective Cities and Counties for which they are Representatives, is in arrear of all the said publick Taxes, and that they deliver the same respectively to the Mayor and Aldermen in the several Cities, and to the Justices in the Counties whom they represent; and that they charge them to take effectual Care for the Collection of the said Arrears, and for paying the same to the Treasurer; and that for that End they proceed against such of the Assessors and Collectors as shall be remiss therein, in such Manner as in and by the several Acts by Virtue of which such Arrears are due, is provided and directed.*

Ordered, *That such of the Mayors and Aldermen, or such of the Justices as shall neglect to do their Duties herein, shall be prosecuted in such Manner and Method, as in and by the above-mentioned Acts is provided and directed.*

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 9, 1725.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 10, 1725.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. *Bobin.*

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House at the Council Chamber in his Majesty's Fort George, *immediately.*

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended accordingly, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony.*

An Act, *for continuing the Bills of Credit struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, to be current until the first Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1727.

An Act, *to revive and continue the several Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the prohibiting the selling* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for promoting the Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *during the Time therein-mentioned, and for the Recovery of such Penalties as are directed by the said Acts.* And,

An Act, *for the discharging a certain Recognizance, entered into by* Goose Van Schaick, *late of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, deceased.*

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House taking into Consideration, the Conveniency and Accommodation which the Members of this House have every Sessions, as well in the Meeting of Committees, as otherwise, at the House of the Widow *Post's*, and that the Trouble and Expence which is occasioned to her upon these Occasions, far exceeds her Gains; it is the Opinion of this House, that she ought to be exempted from paying any Excise from this Time, until the first Day of *November* next.

Ordered, That the Commissioners for letting to Farm the Excise in the City and County of *New-York*, do exempt the said Widow *Post* for the Excise, during the said Time accordingly.

Dirck Egberts, the Door-keeper of this House, brought in an Account for Whitewashing the Assembly Chamber and Loby, for cleaning the same, and for buying 6 new Chairs, and mending the old ones, and for sundry Incidents, amounting in all to the Sum of *Ten Pounds.*

Ordered, That this House address his Excellency to issue his Warrant in Council, on the Treasurer, for paying the said *Ten Pounds*, to the said *Dirck Egberts*, or his Order.

The Speaker acquainted the House, That after his Excellency had assented to the four Acts above-mentioned, he was pleased to recommend the House to adjourn themselves until the second *Tuesday* in *March* next; and the House was accordingly adjourned to the second *Tuesday* in *March* next.

HIS Excellency by Proclamation, dated the 22d Day of *January*, 1726, was pleased to adjourn the General Assembly until the first *Tuesday* in *April* next.

Die Martis, April 5, 1726.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Proclamation, dated the 22d Day of *January*, 1726, for adjourning the General Assembly to this Day, the House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. April 6, 1726.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin.*

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency commands the Attendance of this House at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended accordingly, and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, his Excellency having made a Speech, he had obtained a Copy thereof; which being read is as followeth, *viz.*

" *Gentlemen,*

" I Can never begin with a Subject more worthy of your Attention, than the admirable Effects of " the uninterrupted Harmony that subsists between our " most gracious Sovereign and his Parliament; our Enemies have had no other Hopes, but from their unwearied " Artifices, and even popular Pretences, to weaken this " mutual Confidence, but without Effect; and this happy " Union it is, that renders *Great-Britain* a Pattern to all " *Europe* in Time of Peace, and lodges the Ballance of " Power in its Hands in Case of a War.

" Though you cannot equal his Majesty's Subjects at " Home in Ability to serve him, yet I am persuaded that " you will not yield to any in Loyalty and Inclination. " The great and constant Charge at which *Great-Britain* " maintains Forces for the Defence of this Province, in " a more eminent Manner than any of the neighbouring " Provinces partake of, as it is a very distinguishing Mark " of his Majesty's royal Care, so it calls upon you to " make the most natural Returns for so singular a Favour, " by providing honourably and amply for the Support of " his Government here; and since the Sums which you " have usually raised for that Purpose, have not amounted " any Thing near to so much as those issued from *Great-Britain* for your Security, it should induce you rather " to think of increasing than lessening your Supply, and " rather of extending than of shortening the Time of its " Continuance; and as no Occasion has been given to " alter your former good Opinion of the Administration, " I have Reason to depend on your providing in the most " hearty and effectual Manner for the Support of it in all " its Branches.

" I wish I could say the Laws for promoting a Trade " with the far *Indians*, and prohibiting it with *Canada*, had " been as duly executed as they were well intended; and " I leave it to your Consideration, whether a Method less " severe may not be more effectual.

" The great Success we have already had in the Trade " upon the River of *Onondaga*, and the noble Spirit that " animates the People to go on with it, gives us Encouragement to leave no Measures untried to establish and " increase it. The only Danger we have to apprehend, " is from the unwearied Artifices of the Inhabitants of " *Canada*, among our *Indians*, to alienate their Affections, " and particularly to interrupt this Trade, which has put " them into great Consternation, because it is so sure a " Means to strengthen our Interest, and to weaken theirs " with all the Nations of *North-America*. I am sorry to " inform you, that they have taken great Advantage this " Winter, of the Want of proper Persons from this Government, residing among the *Onondagas* and *Senekas*, " and have instilled groundless Fears into the Minds of " the five Nations, of Dangers that may arise to them " by this open Trade with the far *Indians*, which I have " done my utmost Endeavour to remove: But I am convinced that the most effectual Means to keep them steady, " will be your enabling me to maintain a sufficient Number of fit Persons constantly among them, as I have " formerly done with good Success. If I am earnest with " you on this Head, it is your own Safety, and that of " your Posterity, makes me so; all that I desire of you, " is, not to be wanting to yourselves.

" Your Agent, who is ever watchful in what relates " to your Interest, has acquainted me by the first Opportunity he had, that some Application had been made at " Home to your Disadvantage, which I will communicate " to you; this, with many other Instances of his Ability " and Diligence, will, I doubt not, confirm you in the " Resolution taken in your last Session upon that Head.

" I have received a Letter from the Governor of *Connecticut*, about finishing the Partition Line, which I " will lay before you, that you may make Provision for " so necessary a Work.

" I need now only remind you, that the Repairs of the " Buildings in the Fort, stand in need of your immediate " Care, that the Season proper to finish them, may not " be lost.

" I have no greater Pleasure than in contributing to " the public Service, and if there are any new Laws

" wanting

" wanting to that End, or any former Laws, that you " are desirous to have recommended for his Majesty's Con- " firmation; you may depend upon my Readiness and " Zeal to join with you in that, or any Thing else that " can make this Province happy and flourishing.

" *W. BURNET.*"

Resolved, That this House will take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration *Friday* next.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this House be printed.

Mr. *Bobin* attending without, was called in, and laid before this House, a Copy of Mr. *Le Heup's* Letter, to his Excellency, dated at *London*, the 6th of *October*, 1725, acquainting his Excellency of an Address presented to the King by the Government of *Boston*, to desire that *New-York* be required to send a Quota of Men and Money to their Assistance, in their War with the Eastern *Indians*.

A Copy of the Governor of *Connecticut's* Letter to his Excellency, dated at *Hartford*, *March* 19th, 1725-6, desiring that Commissioners may meet again for perfecting the Lines of Partition between *New-York* and *Connecticut*.

A Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs, to his Excellency, dated at *Albany*, the 18th of *March*, 1725-6, relating to *Indian* Affairs. And,

Minutes of the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, 16th of *March* last, with a Journal of the *Indian* Interpreter to the *Indians*; which were read.

Ordered, That the several Papers be taken into Consideration by this House.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 7, 1726.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1726.

THE humble Petition of *Lewis Hector Piot De Langloiserie*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, that none but the Petitioner, his Executors Administrators and Assigns, shall be permitted to carry on the Fishery of Porpoises, for such Term of Years as this House shall judge meet, reserving to the Crown such Rights and Dues, as do thereunto appertain.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had acquainted his Excellency, that the House were desirous to adjourn during the *Easter* Holidays; and that he did approve of the same.

Resolved, That this House be adjourned till *Wednesday* next, and that then they will enter upon the Consideration of his Excellency's Speech.

Die Mercurij, 5 *ho. P. M. April* 13, 1726.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Lewis Hector Piot De Langloiserie, *to the sole Fishery of Porpoises, in the Province of* New-York, *during the Term of* *Years*; was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. Speaker communicated to this House, a Letter he had received from Mr. *Le Heup*, Agent for this Province at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated from the Treasury Chamber, the 24th of *January* last; which was read.

The House (according to Order) taking his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the same. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Mayor of *New-York* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Lewis Hector Piot De Langloiserie, *to the sole Fishery of Porpoises in the Province of* New-York, *during the Term of* *Years*; was read the second Time, and ordered to be committed to Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Garretsen*, and Col. *Stillwell*, or any 3 of them.

The House (according to Order) proceeded to take into Consideration, the Petition of *Abraham Rodriges Rivera*, *Abraham Carcoa*, &c. presented to this House the 8th of *November* last, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for their being naturalized.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the further Consideration of this House.

A Motion being made, that this House do address his Excellency for his kind and favourable Speech;

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York* and *Westchester*, be a Committee to prepare and bring into this House a Draught of an Address to his Excellency accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jansen* reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 14, 1726.

MR. Chief Justice, Chairman of the Committee, appointed to draw an Address to his Excellency, presented to this House, a Draught thereof; which was read, and agreed unto by this House, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That the Address of this House be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1726.

THE engrossed Address of this House to his Excellency, on his kind and favourable Speech, was presented to this House, and read, being as followeth, *viz.*

To his Excellency *William Burnet*, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, and Territories depending thereon in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c.

The humble Address of the General Assembly of his Majesty's Province of *New-York*.

May it please your Excellency,

WE *his Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the General Assembly of this his Colony of* New-York, *return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your kind and obliging Speech to us.*

We observe with Pleasure that constant Harmony which subsists between his Majesty and his British *Parliament; and hope all Endeavours to lessen that mutual Confidence, will always prove ineffectual, and all Attempts of the Enemies to the publick Peace, vain.*

Our Inclinations to serve and promote the Interest of his Majesty (the best of Princes) are as strong as those of any of his Majesty's Subjects, though our Abilities are not equally sufficient; but these shall be exerted to the utmost of our Power, by providing an honourable Support for his Government here, in such Manner as shall be most suitable to the Circumstances of this Colony.

The other Matters recommended by your Excellency, shall, in the Course of our Proceedings, have their due Weight; and our Endeavours shall not be wanting for the publick Service.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker sign the Address of this House to his Excellency.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Lackerman* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be attended by this House with their Address.

Mr. Speaker communicated (by Order of his Excellency) the Extract of a Letter from Sir *William Keith*, Governor of *Pennsylvania*, to his said Excellency, dated the 7th of this Instant *April*, desiring to know whether this Government will join in the Charge and Sollicitation, that foreign *European* Salt may be imported in that and this Province, as well as in *New-England*.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Consideration of this House.

Col. *Hicks* acquainted this House, that he and Mr. *Lackerman* had waited on his Excellency, to know when he would be attended by this House with their Address, and his Excellency was pleased to appoint in Half an Hour.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee to whom was referred

ferred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Lewis Hector Piot De Langloiſerie, *to the ſole Fiſhery of Porpoiſes in the Province of* New-York, *during* *Years*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title of the Bill, and ſeveral Amendments to the Body thereof, and an Amendment was made thereto at the Table; which were read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then Mr. Speaker and the Houſe waited on his Excellency with their Addreſs; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, he had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to anſwer in the following Words (which he obtained a Copy of) and being read, are as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Heartily thank you for this affectionate Addreſs. I will not neglect this Opportunity to acquaint you, that a report has been ſpread about the Country, that the Money to be raiſed for the Support of Government, is to be applied to my private Uſe, and in Caſe of my Death or Removal, to go to my Executors; which, if it ſhould happen ſoon, would put the Government to a double Expence: As you know this is entirely falſe and groundleſs, I depend on your joining with me on all proper Occaſions, to undeceive thoſe who may be deluded by it.

W. BURNET.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 5 *ho. P. M. April* 18, 1726.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to entitle* Lewis Hector Piot De Langloiſerie, *to the ſole Fiſhery of Porpoiſes in the Province of* New-York, *during the Term of* 10 *Years*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Kip* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) taking into Conſideration the Petition of *Abraham Rodriges Rivera, Abraham Carcoa, &c.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 19, 1726.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Mr. *Janſen* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing of* Abraham Rodriges Rivera, Abraham Carcao, Iſaac Navarro, Joſeph Rodriges Gomez, Jacob Fernandes, Jacob Fonſeca, Moſes Pereijra, Iſaac Rodriges Rivera, and Jacob Rodriges Rivera; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1726.

THE Petition of Captain *Thomas Hopkins*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that in *November* laſt, he imported into this Province in the Sloop *Anne*, from the Coaſt of *Guinea*, 52 *Negroe* Slaves, great Part thereof being ſick and in a weak Condition, that, after having been at a conſiderable Charge in cloathing, victualling, nurſing and phiſicking of them, 14 of them died, as per Certificates annexed to the ſaid Petition may appear; and prayed he might be relieved from paying the Duty of the 14 *Negroes* which ſo died as aforeſaid, in ſuch Manner as to this Houſe ſhall ſeem meet; and the Houſe being of Opinion ſuch Relief ought to be granted,

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer return or remit to the ſaid Captain *Thomas Hopkins*, the Duty of the ſaid 14 *Negroes*.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony lay before this Houſe on *Thurſday* the 28th Inſtant, an Account of the Publick Monies, received and paid by him for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in the ſaid Colony from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account until this Day.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do likewiſe lay before this Houſe, at the Time above-mentioned, Accounts of his Receipts and Payments of the ſeveral publick Taxes raiſed and laid by ſeveral Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do alſo lay before this Houſe, at the Time above-mentioned, Accounts of the Monies paid unto him by the ſeveral Commiſſioners appointed throughout this Colony, to let to Farm the Exciſe, and to diſtinguiſh therein the Names of the ſeveral Commiſſioners, the Sums paid by them, and for what City and County, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Accounts thereof, until the firſt Day of November laſt paſt.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Commiſſioners appointed by Act of Aſſembly, to let to Farm the Exciſe in the reſpective Cities and Counties of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, on or before Thurſday the 5th of *May* next, Liſts of the Amount of the Exciſe within their ſeveral Diſtricts, from the firſt of *November* 1724, until the firſt of *November* 1725; and that ſuch of the Commiſſioners as have been Remiſs in laying ſuch Liſts before this Houſe, do produce or tranſmit the ſame to this Houſe, on or before the fifth Day of *May* next.

Ordered, That the Tonnage Officer do lay before this Houſe on Thurſday the 28th Inſtant, an Account of the Duties ariſen by Tonnage of Veſſels, and Duties on Slaves, from the Time he delivered in his Account thereof the laſt Seſſions, until this Day.

Ordered, That the Vendue Maſter do lay before this Houſe, on the ſaid 28th Inſtant, an Account of the Duties ariſen by Goods ſold at publick Vendue, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account, until this Day.

Ordered, That the Weigh-maſter lay before this Houſe, on the ſaid 28th Inſtant, an Account of the Duties ariſen by the Weigh-Houſe in the City of *New-York*, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account, until this Day.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe deliver Copies of the ſeveral Orders above-mentioned, to the reſpective Officers therein mentioned.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 20, 1726.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Janſen*, Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and the ſame being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe; and thereupon it was

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That an honourable and ſufficient Support be raiſed and levied for his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, for the Term of three Years, to commence the firſt Day of *July*, in this preſent Year 1726, and to end the firſt Day of *July*, which will be in the Year 1729.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing of* Abraham Rodriges Rivera, Abraham Carcao, Iſaac Navarro, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time; and,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That the ſaid Bill be rejected? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the Bill be rejected.

Then the House adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 21, 1726.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 22, 1726.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 22, 1726.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Col. *Chambers* and Mr. *Coejemans*, or any 3 of them, be, and are appointed a Committee, to examine what Laws of this Colony are expired, or near expiring, and to report which of them they judge necessary to be revived.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 23, 1726.

MR. *Hutchinson* brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Col. *Living ston*, Col. *Rutsen*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Schuyler*, Alderman *Kipp*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Mr. *Beekman*, Col. *Willet*, Mr. *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Merrill* and Col. *Haring*, or any 7 of them, be, and are appointed a Committee of Grievances, and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Resolved, That this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech *Tuesday* next.

Ordered, That Col. *Cuyper* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Business till *Thursday* next.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *April* 25, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Hutchinson*, Capt. *Plat*, Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Hicks* and Mr. *Garretsen*, or any 3 of them.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 26, 1726.

CAPT. *Plat* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Term therein mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title, and several Amendments to the Body thereof, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 26, 1726.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Time therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1726.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1726.

THE Tonnage Officer (according to Order) laid before this House an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of Duties arisen from the Tonnage of Vessels, and for Slaves imported at the Port of* New-York, *from the 1st Day of* September 1725, *to the 20th of* April 1726, *amounting to* Three Hundred Ninety Pounds, Nineteen Shillings *and* Three-pence; and the Title thereof being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *A general Account of what is received and paid, for the Support of his Majesty's Government, in the Province of* New-York, *from the 13th Day of* June 1725, *to the 20th Day of* April 1726.

An Account of how much each City and County have paid on the Tax for raising Six Thousand, Six Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds.

An Account how much each City and County have paid, on the Tax, for raising 5350 *Ounces of Plate.*

An Account how much each City and County have paid on the Tax, for sinking Bills of Credit to the Value of 3000 *Ounces of Plate.*

General Account of what has been received and paid on the Tax, of Eight Hundred *and* Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings *and* Two-pence Farthing; *as also an Account, how much each City and County have paid thereon.*

And an Account how much has been paid on the Excise, by the respective Commissioners, appointed to let the same to Farm throughout this Colony, from the last Account laid before this House, till this Day, amounting to Eight Hundred Sixty Two Pounds, Five Shillings *and* Seven-pence Halfpenny.

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table, for the Perusal of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Col. *Rutsen* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Business.

The Petition of *John Schuyler* and *Dirck Ten Broek*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth; That each of the Petitioners having Farms at *Sarratoga*, in the County of *Albany*, where the Neighbourhood permit their Swine to run at large, which Swimming over that River do great Damage to the Petitioners, who not being able to Fence against them, prayed that the same may be remedied by an Act to be made for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the Petitioners do serve the Neighbourhood at *Sarratoga*, and the Inhabitants adjacent, with a Copy of this Petition, and that they in fourteen Days after such Notice, lay before this House, their Reasons against the passing of such an Act, if they have any Objections thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 28, 1726.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Capt. *Hicks*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1726.

THE Vendue Maſter (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of Goods ſold by publick Vendue, paying 3 *per Cent.* Duty, from the firſt of *September* 1725, to the 20th of *April* 1726; and the ſame was ordered to lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to Monday the ſecond of *May*.

Die Lunæ, *P. M. May* 2, 1726.

THE Petition of *Peter De Lage* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying he may have Leave to bring in a Bill (or that he may be named in a Bill) for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Mr. *Samuel Heath*, Deputy Weigh-maſter, laid before this Houſe, an Account of the Amount of his Majeſty's Beam, from the firſt of *October* 1724, to the firſt of *April* 1726, amounting to £. 155 - 15 - 9 1-4.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 3, 1726.

COL. *Iſaac Hicks* laid before this Houſe, an Account of what the Exciſe of *Queen's* County was let for in the Year 1725, ending the firſt of *November* laſt, amounting to *Sixty Five Pounds, Five Shillings.*

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to naturalize* Peter de Lage, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 3, 1726.

LEWIS Morris, Eſq; the preſent Chief Juſtice of this Province, preſented and read to the Houſe, a Speech, ſetting forth, That he finds that a Committee of the whole Houſe, had determined, *Nemine Contradicente*, To reduce the Salary of a Chief Juſtice, from *Three Hundred Pounds*, to *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, *per Ann.* and being apprehenſive ſuch a Reduction, might be conſtrued to proceed from Faults of the worſt Kind in his Conduct, which might not only affect his own Character, but perhaps reflect on his hitherto innocent Children; and therefore deſired the Houſe, that he might either by a publick Trial, have the Opportunity to vindicate himſelf, or that by a Declaration to be entered in their Journal, it may appear ſuch Abatement, is not owing to any Thing juſtly blameable in his Execution of that Office.

Whereupon the Houſe do declare, *Nemine Contradicente*, That ſuch a Reduction did not proceed from any Malverſation, conceived in his Adminiſtration of Juſtice in that Poſt; but becauſe he himſelf formerly, and all other Chief Juſtices before him, had no greater Salary than *One Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, *per Ann.* and that the preſent Circumſtances of the Colony, make them leſs able to allow exceſſive Salaries now, than they were then.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. Mayor of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*.

Mr. *Bobin* by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, to his Excellency, dated the 27th of *April* 1726.

Inſtructions from the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, to Major *Abraham Schuyler*, directed to go to the *Indians*, dated the 21ſt of *April* 1726; And,

A Petition of the Commanding Officer of *Fort Hunter*, and ſeveral of the chief Inhabitants, upon the *Maquaas River*, on *Ticonderoga Creek*; which were ſeverally read.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 4, 1726.

THE Petition of the Juſtices of *Orange* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Building a new County Houſe and Goal within the ſaid County, and a Debate ariſing thereon;

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the further Conſideration of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1726.

THE Petition of *John Zenger*, *Paulus De Ser*, *Nicholas Jaboien* and *Abraham Rodriges Rivera* and *Abraham Carcoa*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1726.

THE Petition of *Nicholas Van Taerlingh* and *Matthias Borell*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 6, 1726.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws of this Colony are expired, or near expiring; That the following Laws are necessary to be continued or revived, viz.

An Act *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau.

An Act *to prevent small Stallions to run at large.*

An Act *to return neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.*

An Act *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; to which the House agreed.

Ordered, That the Members of *New York*, *King's* County, *Queen's* County, and County of *Suffolk*, or any seven of them, do prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving *An* Act *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, and Col. *Stilwell*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving *An* Act *to prevent small Stallions to run at large.*

Ordered, That Capt. *Hicks*, and Col. *Gausbeck*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving *An* Act *to return neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners.*

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, and Mr. *Hutchinson*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing *An* Act *for the encouraging of Whaling.*

Then the House adjourned to *Saturday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1726.

THE Petition of *Johannis Roorbagh*, and *Johannis Lasbier*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted into the Bill of Naturalization, now before this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *May* 9, 1726.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 10, 1726.

THE Petition of *Louis Sacombel* and *Marianne*, the Wife of *Daniel Bontecou*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island of* Nassau; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Willet*, brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, to prevent small Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horses under the Size therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Gausbeck*, brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Hutchinson*, brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, P. M. *May* 10, 1726.

THEN the House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Support of Government of this his Majesty's Colony of *New-York*, pursuant to their Resolve on the 20th Day of *April* last. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the said Committee, That they had come to several Resolutions; which being read, were agreed unto by the House, and are as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That there be given and granted to his Majesty, for the Support of his Government in this Colony, the following Duties and Impositions, on several Goods and Merchandizes which shall be imported or manufactured in this Colony, from the first Day of *July* in this present Year 1726, to the first Day of *July*, which shall be in the Year 1729; *That is to say*,

For every Negro, or other Slave, of 4 Years old and upwards, imported directly from *Africa*, 5 Ounces of *Sevill*, *Piller* or *Mexico* Plate, or *Forty Shillings* in Bills of Credit made current in this Colony.

For every *Negro*, *Mulatto* or *Indian* Slave of 4 Years old and upwards, imported from all other Places, *Four Pounds* in like Money.

For every Pipe of Wine imported, the Sum of *Two Pounds Ten Shillings*, in like Money, and in that Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity; and that no Abatement be made for prickt Wine, nor no other Allowance than 10 *per Cent.* for Leakage, in Case the same are not filled up either on board or on shore, and that no Persons are to be excepted or exempted from paying the said Duty, on any Score whatever, except his Excellency, of Wines for his own use.

For every Gallon of Rum, and other distilled Liquors, imported, or distilled from Molasses in Part or in the Whole within this Colony, the Sum of *Three Pence*, in like Money.

For all Dry Goods imported from the *British* Islands in the *West-Indies*, *Five Pounds*, in like Money, for every *Hundred Pounds* Value prime Cost, and after that Rate for a greater or lesser Quantity.

For every Hundred Weight of Cocoa imported, (reckoning 112 lb. to the Hundred) the Sum of *Four Shillings*, in like Money, and after that Rate for a greater or lesser Quantity.

Resolved, That the several Duties and Impositions abovementioned, shall be paid directly to the Treasurer of this Colony.

Resolved, That (in Lieu of the Duties on Salt, Molasses, Tonnage of Vessels, and on Dry Goods from the neighbouring Colonies, which will determine the first Day of *July* next) there be likewise given and granted unto his Majesty, for supporting his Government in this Colony, the three following Taxes on all Estates real and personal throughout this Colony; *That is to say*,

One of the said Taxes in this present Year 1726, for the Sum of *One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds*, in like Money.

One other of the said Taxes in the Year 1727, for the Sum of *One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds*, in like Money.

And the last of the said Taxes in the Year 1728, for the Sum of *One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds*, in like Money.

Resolved, That the several Collectors throughout this Colony, who shall receive and collect the said Taxes respectively, shall pay the same unto the Treasurer of this Colony.

Resolved, That the Monies to arise by the Duties and Taxes aforesaid, shall be employed and issued to and for the Support of his Majesty's said Government in and over this Colony, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatever.

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to these Resolutions,

ſolutions, and that Col. *Livingſton*, and the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in the ſame; and that it be an Inſtruction to them, to make proper Clauſes therein, for the due and effectual Payment of the Duties and Taxes aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 11, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, *Queen's* County, *King's* County, and the County of *Suffolk*, or any ſeven of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the Return of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Hutchinſon* and Capt. *Hicks*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 11, 1726.

THE Memorial of *Robert Livingſton*, Eſq; Repreſentative for the Manor of *Livingſton*, in the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, deſiring the Precinct of *Kinderhook*, may pay their Quota for building a Block-Houſe in the City of *Albany*, and purſuant to an Agreement between *Cat's Kill*, *Kinderhook*, Manor of *Livingſton*, and the four *Palatine* Villages within the ſaid Manor, amounting to *Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Five-pence Half-penny*, that the Carpenter may be paid for building the ſaid Block-Houſe, or declare Reaſons why they ſhould be excuſed more than the other Precincts above-mentioned.

Ordered, That *Stephanus Van Aale* and *Barent Van Buure*, the preſent Juſtices of the Precinct of *Kinderhook*, in the County of *Albany*, be ſerved with the Copy of the ſaid Memorial; and that within 10 Days after ſuch Copy is ſerved upon them, they either pay their ſaid Quota of *Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Five-pence Half-penny*, to the ſaid Carpenter, or appear before this Houſe to ſhew Cauſe (if any they have) why they refuſe or delay to pay the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 12, 1726.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

And reported alſo from the ſaid Committee, to whom was alſo referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and the Clauſe, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 12, 1726.

THE Petition of *Pierre Elizee Gallaudet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a further Reſolution thereon, which being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Monies to ariſe by Virtue of the Bill ordered the 10th Inſtant, to be brought in for the Support of his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, ſhall be iſſued and employed, during the three Years therein mentioned, to and for the ſeveral Salaries and other Services following, *That is to ſay*;

To his Excellency the Governor for his Salary, One Thouſand, Five Hundred *and* Sixty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

For Firewood and Candles, for the Garriſon at New-York, Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

For repairing Fortifications, Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

For Preſents to the Indians, Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

For the Governor's Voyage to Albany, One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

For Firewood and Candles, for the Garriſons in the City and County of Albany, Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Chief Juſtice for his Salary, Two Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

For the Commiſſioners of Indian *Affairs at* Albany, Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Indian *Interpreter*, Sixty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Secretary for enrolling and engroſſing the Acts of the General Aſſembly, Thirty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Clerk of the Council, Thirty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Printer for printing the Acts, Votes, Proclamations and what ſhall be ordered more for the Government, Fifty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To a Searcher of the Colony's Duties, Forty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To a Land and Tide Waiter of Ditto, Thirty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Gauger, Thirty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Door-keeper of the Council, Twenty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Door-keeper of the General Aſſembly, Twenty Pounds, per Ann. *during the ſaid three Years.*

To the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, for his Service as Clerk, for engroſſing all public Acts and other Incidents of his Office, Twelve Shillings, per Diem, *upon Certificates from the Houſe, for the Number of Days he ſerved in each Seſſion.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1726.

THE Petition of *John Dragaud*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

Mr. *Hutchinſon* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and*

to geld all Horses under the Size therein mentioned; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 13, 1726.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *May* 16, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majesty, the Duties and Taxes therein mentioned, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the 1st Day of* July 1726, *to the 1st Day of* July 1729; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 17, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majesty, the Duties and Taxes therein mentioned, for supporting his Majesty's Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the 1st Day of* July 1726, *to the 1st Day of* July 1729; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petitions of *Michael Berthon* and *William Crolges*, were severally presented to the House, and read, praying they may be named in a Bill of Naturalization under a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill for naturalizing *Peter De Lage*.

The Petition of *Rip Van Dam*, jun. and *Stephen Bayard*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Ship *Phenix*, of *Bristol*, *James Morin*, Master, sailed from thence in *July* last, bound directly for this Port of *New-York*, but having had the Misfortune to meet with contrary Winds, Stress of Weather and Want of Provisions, was obliged to bear away for the Island of *Barbados*, and being come last from that Island (on the 28th of *March* last past) the Petitioners entered into Bond to the Tonnage Officer, conditioned for Payment of *Fourteen Pounds Six Shillings and Six-pence*, for the Tonnage of the said Ship, if this honourable House were of Opinion she was liable to the said Duty; and therefore prayed this House would declare, whether the said Ship (as Matters are circumstanced) ought to pay the said Duty, or not; and the same having been duly weighed and considered, the House declared it as their Opinion, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the said Ship ought to be clear and free of the said Duty of Tonnage.

The Memorial of the principal Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, several Matters relating to *Albany*, to the Trade with the *Indians*, and the present State thereof, and having offered their Thoughts how the said Trade might be improved, the *Indians* fixed in his Majesty's Interest, and the Frontiers secured and extended, *&c.* humbly submit all those Matters to the Consideration of this House, as well for the Benefit of the Colony in General, as of the Place they live in, in particular.

Ordered, That the said Memorial be referred to the Committee of the whole House, when they consider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the said *Indian* Trade.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 17, 1726.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majesty the Duties and Taxes therein mentioned, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* July, 1726, *to the first Day of* July, 1729; and the Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a considerable Progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majesty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* July, 1726, *to the first Day of* July, 1729; That they had made a further Progress therein.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 18, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majesty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* July, 1726, *to the first Day of* July, 1729; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 19, 1726.

THE Petition of *Jean Belleraux*, the Wife of *James Ballereaux*, was presented to the House, and read, praying her Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 19, 1726.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Robert Lurting*, the Vendue Master, attend this House To-morrow Morning, at 10 of the Clock; and that he be served with this Order.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1726.

COL. *Lurting* (according to Order) attending without, was called in, and acquainted the House, That the Money in his Hands, arisen by Goods sold at publick Vendue, amounting until the 20th Day of *April* last, to *Seventy Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five-pence*, will be paid by him into the Treasury within 10 Days.

The Petition of *Garrit Cornelissen*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted into a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 20, 1726.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Platt* have Leave to go Home, ſome of his Family being indiſpoſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, 1726, *to the firſt Day of* July, 1729; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the Mayors of *New-York* and *Albany* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *May* 23, 1726.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 24, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the three following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating, and better clearing publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Time therein-mentioned.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the Returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners*; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*, and that they have alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein-mentioned*, with ſome Additions, to include the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants of all Kinds, from committing Waſte and Treſpaſſes on Lands in their Tenure or Poſſeſſion, and for puniſhing all ſuch Perſons as by Water or Land, ſhall aid or abet therein*; *and for preventing divers other Enormities, exceeding hurtful to the growing Settlements and Plantations, in the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulſter, *and for laying out and maintaining a High-road within the ſame*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeding to take the ſaid Addition into Conſideration, the ſame was read and agreed unto by this Houſe, who made one Amendment to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis* do carry the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them this Houſe do agree to their Addition made to the ſaid Bill, and that this Houſe had made an Amendment to the ſaid Bill, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 24, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, 1726, *to the firſt Day of* July, 1729, without any Amendments.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. And Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 25, 1726.

THE Petition of *William Kirton*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Leave to bring in a Bill, to eſtabliſh Pilotage.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Petition of *Walter Dongan*, ſurviving Kinſman of *Thomas*, late Earl of *Limerick*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the ſaid Earl of *Limerick*, in his Life Time, ſettled ſeveral Lands in this Province, jointly, on the Petitioner and his two Brothers, *John* and *Thomas*, deceaſed, under ſuch Reſtrictions and Limitations, that the Petitioner (who is the Survivor) cannot make Sale of any Part thereof, for the Diſcharge of ſeveral Incumbrances wherewith the ſaid Lands are charged, for paying the Debts of the Petitioner, and his ſaid Brother, *Thomas*, and for ſerving other Exigences and extraordinary Occaſions; therefore humbly prays Leave to bring in a Bill to enable him, and his two Truſtees, to be therein named, to make Sale of ſome Part of the ſaid Lands, for diſcharging the ſaid Debts and Incumbrances, and for the better Improvement of the Reſt, as alſo for other Purpoſes.

And alſo produced to this Houſe, the Opinion of his Excellency in Council, that he had complied with the Intent of an Inſtruction from the Regency, in his Majeſty's Name, to his Excellency, dated *Whitehall*, the 23d of *July*, 1723, in giving Notice of his Intention to apply for ſuch an Act.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 25, 1726.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and enable* Walter Dongan, *ſurviving Kinſman of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick, *and two Truſtees with him, therein-mentioned, to ſell ſome Part of his Eſtate for the Payment of his Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame Eſtate now ſtands charged*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Trade with the *Indians*, and *French*. And Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table; and the ſame were read and agreed unto by this Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That for the Term of two Years, the following Duties ſhall be laid upon all the Goods under-mentioned, which ſhall be carried out of the City of *Albany*, after a certain Time to be limitted; *That is to ſay*,

For every Piece of Strouds, Weſtward, the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings*.

For every Pound of Braſs or Copper Kettles, carried Weſtward, the Sum of *Two-pence*.

For every Yard of Half Thicks, Plains, or Cottons, carried Weſtward, the Sum of *Two-pence*.

And for every Piece of Strouds, carried Northward, *Thirty Shillings*.

For every Pound of Braſs or Copper Kettles, carried to the Northward, the Sum of *Four-pence*.

And, for every Yard of Half Thicks, Plains, or Cottons, carried to the Northward, *Four-pence*.

Reſolved, That theſe Duties ſhall be let out to Farm to the higheſt Bidders, Days Notice being firſt given in the City and County of *Albany*; that the ſame ſhall be done in a publick Manner, and if it will not produce *Five Hundred*, per Annum, or upwards, during the ſaid two Years, then to be put under the Management of one, or more Commiſſioners.

Reſolved, That for the encouraging Bidders to advance for the ſaid Duties, a Clauſe be made, That if at the End of the ſaid two Years, they ſhall be Looſers by farming the ſame, they ſhall

ſhall be relieved of ſo much as ſhall appear upon Oath, they have made leſs of the ſaid Duties, excluſive of their Trouble and Charges, reckoning the Goods they have traded for on their own Account, as well as what they have received or are to receive from others, rendering a true Account thereof, and declaring on Oath they have uſed their beſt Endeavours to make the moſt of the ſaid Duties; and if ſaid Duties are farmed, the Farmers are to give an Account how much they have made of the ſame, at the End of the ſaid two Years, and to pay the Money Half yearly.

Reſolved, That of the Produce of the ſaid Duties, a Sum not exceeding *Three Hundred Pounds*, be for paying and maintaining proper Perſons among the Five Nations, and other *Indians*.

Reſolved, That the Reſidue ſhall be employed for fortifying the City of *Albany*, and the Whole to be paid into the Treaſury; the ſaid *Three Hundred Pounds*, from Time to Time, drawn out by Warrants of the Governor in Council, and the ſaid Reſidue to remain in the Treaſury 'til the End of the ſaid two Years; after which Time, the ſame to be iſſued by Warrants as aforeſaid, towards a Stone or Brick Wall, for fortifying the City, and to and for no other Uſe.

Reſolved, That of all the ſaid *Indian* Goods, which are in the City and County of *Albany*, when this Act is to take Place, an exact Account is to be taken, to the End the Duty thereof may be ſecured, and a perfect Regiſter kept not only of thoſe Goods, but alſo of ſuch others, as ſhall be carried up to the ſaid City and County, during the ſaid two Years, for the better ſecuring the ſaid Duty.

Reſolved, That for Encouragement of the *Canada* and other *French Indians*, to bring the Skins and Peltry of their own Hunting, and the Beavers which they earn, for carrying Goods from *Albany*, and Beaver from *Canada*, each Canoe (conſiſting generally of ſix Perſons) be allowed each Trip free from the ſaid Duties, the Quantity of twelve Fathom of Strouds, cut into Pieces not longer than two Fathom, and what they carry more for *Canada*, to be ſubject to the ſaid Duty.

Reſolved, That no Perſons ſhall be permitted to carry any of the ſaid Goods to the Northward or Weſtward, until they firſt obtain a Licenſe from the Farmers or Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe, and pay or ſecure to pay the ſaid Duty. And ſuch Licenſes, ſhall be granted to all Perſons, who ſhall pay or ſecure to be paid the Duty aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That thoſe who preſume to Trade without ſuch Licenſe and paying or ſecuring the ſaid Duty, to be ſubject to ſevere Penalties, and ſuch as enter Goods for the Weſtward and after carry them to the Northward, ſhall likewiſe be ſubject to a ſevere Penalty.

Reſolved, That ſuch Goods as ſhall happen to be returned to *Albany* from the Weſtward, for Want of Sale or otherwiſe, ſhall be eaſed and relieved of the Duty, for ſo much as ſhall *Bona Fide*, appear to be returned and brought back.

Reſolved, That the Fines and Forfeitures to ariſe by this Act, be employed, *viz.* One Half to the Informer or the Perſon who ſhall ſue for and recover the ſame, and the other Half to be employed, as thereafter ſhall be directed by the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That proper Powers be given to the Farmers or the Commiſſioners, for the effectual ſecuring the aforeſaid Duties.

Reſolved, That at the Commencement of an Act to be made now, all former Acts prohibiting a Trade with the *French*, and promoting a Trade with the remote Nations of *Indians* ſhall ceaſe and determine, ſaving only ſuch Part thereof, as relates to the Fines and Forfeitures therein contained.

Reſolved, That a Bill be drawn purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, or any 3 of them, do prepare and bring in the Bill according to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 26, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to empower and enable* Walter Dongan, *ſurviving Kinſman of* Thomas *late Earl of* Limerick, *and two Truſtees with him therein nominated, to ſell ſome Part of his Eſtate for Payment of his Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame Eſtate now ſtands charged*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman* have Leave to go Home, his Son being dangerouſly ill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 26, 1726.

A Certificate of *David Schuyler*, *Walrom Clut*, *Cornelius Deryder* and *Cornelius Van Buren*, was read; owning they having been ſerved (according to Order) with a Copy of the Petition of *John Schuyler* and *Dirck Ten Broeck*, to this Houſe, praying a Bill may be brought in, for preventing Swine running at large among the Inhabitants on the River of *Saratoga*, acknowledged they had no Objection to ſuch Bill, but that it would be very neceſſary for the ſaid Inhabitants.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, and that the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 27, 1726.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the late Agents at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and the Repairs of the Buildings in his Majeſty's *Fort George*, and Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, and are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, be provided in the Manner hereunder mentioned, to diſcharge the Salary, Fees, Sollicitations and other neceſſary Charges, for the Services of this Colony at the Court of *Great Britain*, of Mr. *George Bampfield* and Mr. *Peter Le Heup*, purſuant to the Reſolutions of this Houſe, the 10th of *June* 1724, and the 6th of *November* 1725.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, ſhall in like Manner be provided, for finiſhing and compleating the new Buildings in his Majeſty's ſaid Fort, purſuant to a Reſolve of this Houſe on the ſaid 6th of *November* laſt.

Reſolved, That the aforeſaid two Sums, ſhall be paid and made good out of the ſeveral Funds hereunder mentioned, which are now in the Treaſury, *viz.*

The Surplus of an Act for Preſents to the five Nations, *&c.* paſſed in the 7th Year of her late Majeſty's Reign. — —	£.	72	9 1 ½
Out of Money ariſen by Goods ſold at publick Vendue, till the 20th of *April* not appropriated. — —		75	13 5
	£.	148	2 6 ½
Out of the Fund for Fortifying the City of *New-York*, by an Act paſſed in the Year 1706,		100	0 0
Out of Forfeitures for Trading with the *French* at *Canada*. — —		320	0 0
And out of Exciſe ariſen by an Act, paſſed in the Year 1713. — —		131	17 5 ½
	£.	700	0 0

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred, Fifty One Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Five-pence Farthing*, borrowed out of ſome of the Funds above-mentioned, ſhall be made good and ſupplied by a Tax on the Eſtates real and perſonal throughout this Colony, payable in the Year 1729, and that the ſame be then re-placed to ſuch of the ſaid ſeveral Funds, as are hereunder mentioned, *viz.*

To the Fund for Fortifying the City of *New-York*, the Sum of - -	£.	100	0 0
To the Fund of the Forfeitures above-mentioned, the Sum of — —		320	0 0
For the ſaid Act paſſed *Anno* 1713, the Sum of — — —		131	17 5 ½
	£.	551	17 5 ½

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, and that Col. *Livingſton*, Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Hicks*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech relating to the Letter from the Governor of *Connecticut*, about finiſhing the Partition Lines between that and this Colony;

Reſolved, That the Conſideration thereof be referred to the next Seſſion of this Houſe, the Seaſon of the Year being too far ſpent for ſuch an Undertaking.

Ordered, That Mr. *Coejemans* have Leave to go into the Country on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 27, 1726.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration the Petition of ſeveral Juſtices of *Orange* County, for building a new County Houſe and Goal in the ſaid County; and a Motion being made for repairing the Goal and County Houſe in *Orange* Townſhip, in the ſaid County;

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in for repairing the County Houſe and Goal in the Town of *Orange*, alias *Tapan*, in the ſaid County of *Orange*.

Col. *Hicks* laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Account of what the Exciſe of* Queen's *County was let for in the Year* 1725, *ending the firſt of* November, *amounting to* Sixty Five Pounds Five Shillings.

A Motion being made, that a Bill be brought in to prevent the Removal of Actions under *Twenty Pounds*, from the Inferior Courts to the Supreme Court, and that no Actions under that Sum ſhall be brought into the Supreme Court, or removed to the ſame, under any Pretence whatever, ſave only where Titles of Lands are in Queſtion; and to lay ſevere Penalties on Practitioners of the Law, and all others, who ſhall preſume to act contrary thereto;

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Cuyler* and Mr. *Garretſen*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* next, 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 1, 1726.

COL. *Livingſton* (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a Debt to the late Agents of this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for finiſhing and compleating the Buildings in his Majeſty's* Fort George; *for borrowing certain Sums for thoſe Purpoſes out of the Funds therein-mentioned, and for laying a Tax to make good ſuch Parts thereof as ſtand appropriated to particular Uſes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling Pilotage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1726.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages done by Swine in the Precinct of* Saratoga; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a Debt of the late Agents of this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain; *for finiſhing and compleating the Building in his Majeſty's* Fort George; *for borrowing certain Sums for thoſe Purpoſes, out of the Funds therein-mentioned, and for laying a Tax to make good ſuch Parts thereof as ſtand appropriated to particular Uſes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling Pilotage*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, or any 3 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1726.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

He alſo reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage; That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *who dwell and reſide within the Town of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to repair their public Buildings*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Goal in the County of* Orange; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages done by Swine in the Precinct of* Saratoga; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, or any 3 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1726.

COL. *Livingſton* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating the* Indian *Trade*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a Debt to the late Agents of this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for finiſhing and compleating the Buildings in his Majeſty's* Fort George; *for borrowing certain Sums for theſe Purpoſes, out of the Funds therein-mentioned*; *and for laying a Tax to make good ſuch Parts thereof as ſtand appropriated to particular Uſes*; and Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Schuyler* reported from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages done by Swine in the Precinct of* Saratoga; That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating the* Indian *Trade*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *who dwell and reſide within the Town of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to repair their Buildings*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the County of *Albany*, or any three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Goal, in the County of* Orange; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange*, Mr. *Delancey*, Col. *Schuyler*, and Col. *Willet*, or any 3 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. M. *June* 6, 1726.

CAPT. *Platt* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation and Increaſe of Deer, on the Iſland of* Naſſau; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a Debt to the late Agents for this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain,

Britain, *for finiſhing and compleating the Buildings in his Majeſty's* Fort George; *for borrowing certain Sums for thoſe Purpoſes out of the Funds therein-mentioned, and for laying a Tax to make good ſuch Part thereof as ſtand appropriated to particular Uſes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage, John Zenger, Paulus De Seer, Nicholas Jaboien, Abraham Rodriges Rivera, Abraham Carcao, Nicholas Van Taerlingh, Matthias Borrell, Johannis Roorbach, Johannis Laſhier, Louis Sacombel, Marianne, *the Wife of* Daniel Bonticow, Pierre Elizee Gallaudet, John Dragaud, Michael Bertho, William Crolges, Jean Ballareaux, *the Wife of* James Ballareaux, *and* Garret Corneliſſen; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Captain *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation and Increaſe of Deer, on the Iſland of* Naſſau; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *King's* County, *Queen's* County, and the County of *Suffolk*, or any four of them.

Col. *Schuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, of the City and County of* Albany, *who dwell and reſide within the Town of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to repair the public Buildings*; That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 7, 1726.

COL. *Hicks* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs, on* Hampſtead Plains; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Bobin*, to acquaint this Houſe, that Doctor *Colden*, being out of Town, they had appointed Mr. *Harriſon*, to examine and compare the Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Seſſions of Aſſembly, ſince his Excellency's Arrival with the Enrollment thereof; and to deſire this Houſe to appoint one of the Members of this City to join therein, after the Receſs of this Seſſions.

Ordered, That the Mayor of the City of *New-York*, is appointed to join Mr. *Harriſon*, to examine and compare the ſaid Acts accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein-mentioned.*

Mr. *Gerritſen* reported from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation and Increaſe of Deer, on the Iſland of* Naſſau; That they had amended the Title thereof, and made ſome Amendments to the Bill; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Goal, in the County of* Orange; That they had made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Neighbourhood of* Saraghtoga; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling Pilotage*; That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs, on* Hampſtead Plains; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Queen's* County, County of *Suffolk*, and *King's* County.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 8, 1726.

MR. *Cuyler* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of* Albany, *to pay for the Materials and Building two Block Houſes*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Hicks* preſented to this Houſe, the Opinion of his Majeſty's Council, in this Province, That one *Thomas Hicks*, had given Notice of his Intention to apply to this Houſe, for paſſing an Act to cut off an Intail of Land, agreeable to the Intent and Meaning of an Inſtruction to his Excellency, in 1723.

Col. *Hicks* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Hicks, *of* Fluſhing, *in* Queen's *County, Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, whereof he now ſtands ſeized, in the Townſhip of* Fluſhing, *in the ſame County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 9, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and enable* Walter Dongan, *ſurviving Kinſman of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick. *and two Truſtees with him therein nominated, to ſell ſome Part of his Eſtate, for the Payment of his Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame Eſtate now ſtands charged*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Table; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hampſtead Plains; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Table; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Hicks, *of* Fluſhing, *in* Queen's *County, Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, whereof he now ſtands ſeized, in the Townſhip of* Fluſhing, *in the ſame County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Long-Iſland*, or any four of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to pay for the Materials and Building two Block Houſes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, or any three of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 9, 1726.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 10, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and enable* Walter Dongan, *ſurviving Kinſman of* Thomas *late*

late Earl of Limerick, *and two Truſtees with him therein nominated, to ſell ſome Part of his Eſtate, for the payment of his Debts and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame Eſtate now ſtands charged*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merril* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *who reſide within the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *to build Stocks and Pounds, and for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges, during the Time therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they had paſſed the following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a Debt to the late Agents for this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for finiſhing and compleating the Buildings in his Majeſty's* Fort George, *for borrowing certain Sums for thoſe Purpoſes, out of the Funds therein mentioned, and for laying a Tax, to make good ſuch Parts thereof, as ſtand appropriated to particular Uſes.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage, John Zenger, Paulus De Seer, Nicholas Jaboien, Abraham Rodriges Rivera, Abraham Carcoa, Nicholas Van Taerlingh, Mathias Borrell, Johannis Roorbach, Johannis Laſhier, Louis Sacombel, Marianne, *the Wife of* Daniel Bonticow, Pierre Elizee Gallaudet, John Dragaud, Michael Berthon, William Crolges, Jean Ballareaux, *the Wife of* James Ballareaux, *and* Garret Corneliſon; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages done by Swine in the Neighbourhood of* Saraghtoga.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation and Increaſe of Deer on the Iſland* Naſſau; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Plat* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, laid before this Houſe, an Account of the Exciſe of the ſaid City, from the firſt of *November* 1724, to the laſt of *October* 1725, amounting to *Four Hundred, Eighty Six Pounds, Ten Shillings.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Mr. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Thomas Hicks, *of* Fluſhing, *in* Queen's *County, Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Lots of Land, whereof he now ſtands ſeized in the Townſhip of* Fluſhing, *in the ſame County*, That they had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the ſame to be true, and that the Committee, had directed him to report the Bill, with ſeveral Amendments to the Title, and to the Body of the Bill; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Goal in the County of* Orange; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Haring* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots at* Sandy-Hook *and at the Port of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hampſtead Plains; was read the third Time,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to pay for the Materials and Building of two Block Houſes*, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to veſt in* Thomas Hicks, *of* Fluſhing, *in* Queen's *County, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, certain Lots of Land whereof he ſtands ſeized, in the Townſhip of* Fluſhing, *in the ſame County, in Fee Tail, and to enable him the ſaid* Thomas *to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Cuyper* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 11, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating the* Indian-*Trade*; That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to pay for the Materials and Workmanſhip of two Block-Houſes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. June* 13, 1726.

MR. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves, and to ſubject ſuch Perſons as Trade with them to a Preſentment and Proſecution*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

He alſo brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves, and to ſubject ſuch Perſons as Trade with them to a Preſentment and Proſecution*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for further continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out-cry.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 14, 1726.

COL. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728; That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame without an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

And he reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves, and to ſubject ſuch Perſons as trade with them, to a Preſentment and Proſecution*; That they had gone

gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years; and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted in this Act*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves, and to ſubject ſuch Perſons as trade with them, to a Preſentment and Proſecution.*

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Orderd, That Col. *Stillwell* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 15, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Alexander*, that they had paſſed the following Bills without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation and Increaſe of Deer on the Iſland* Naſſau.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots at* Sandy-Hook, *and for the Port of* New-York.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *who reſide within the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *to build Stocks and Pounds, and for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges during the Time therein-mentioned.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to pay for the Materials and Workmanſhip of two Block-Houſes.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to empower and enable* Walter Dongan, *ſurviving Kinſman of* Thomas, *late Earl of* Limerick, *and two Truſtees with him therein nominated, to ſell ſome Part of his Eſtate, for the Payment of his Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame Eſtate now ſtands charged.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to veſt in* Thomas Hicks, *of* Fluſhing, *in* Queen's *County, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, certain Lots of Land, whereof he now ſtands ſeized, in the Townſhip of* Fluſhing, *in the ſame County, in Fee Tail; and to enable him the ſaid* Thomas, *to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame*, And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hampſtead *Plains.*

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1726.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 16, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Provoost*, that they had paſſed the following Bills without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728. And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves, and to ſubject ſuch Perſons as trade with them, to a Preſentment and Proſecution.*

He alſo acquainted this Houſe, that they had paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years; and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted in this Act*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1726.

MR. *Cornelius Van Horne*, one of the late Managers to buy Materials and employ Workmen for the Repairs of the Buildings in his Majeſty's *Fort George*, having advanced more than he had received (as appears by his Accounts thereof) the Sum of *Twenty One Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Nine-pence*; and their remaining ſtill in his Cuſtody, of the Materials bought for the ſaid Buildings, the Quantity of 805 lb. of Nails, which he is willing to take after the Rate of *Seven-pence Half-penny* a Pound, amounting to *Twenty Five Pounds, Three Shillings One Penny Half-penny*. It is the Opinion of this Houſe, that he may have the ſame at that Rate, it being the Price at which ſuch Nails are at preſent ſold at.

Ordered, That the *Three Pounds Ten Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny*, which the ſaid Mr. *Van Horne* will be indebted upon his accepting of the ſaid Nails to himſelf, be paid by him unto the Treaſurer of this Colony, to be employed to and for finiſhing and compleating the ſaid Buildings, and thereupon the ſaid Treaſurer is to give him a Receipt accordingly.

The Houſe being informed, That of the Materials bought and provided, for finiſhing and compleating the new Buildings in his Majeſty's *Fort George*, a pretty large Quantity of Boards are left; that ſeveral of them have already been embezled, and that many more will be loſt, if ſpeedy Care is not taken to prevent the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayor of the City of *New-York*, and Alderman *Kipp*, or either of them, diſpoſe of the Boards to the beſt Advantage, with as little loſs of Time as may be, and that out of the Money to ariſe by ſuch Sale, they pay the following Sums to the Perſons hereunder-mentioned, *viz.*

To *Abraham Governieur*, for drawing ſome public Act, the Sum of *Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings.*

To *Derick Egberts*, for mending the Glaſs Windows, and ſome Smiths Work in the Aſſembly Room, and for ſcrubing and cleaning the ſame during this Seſſions, the Sum of *One Pounds, Ten Shillings*; and that the Remainder of the Money, to ariſe by the Sale of the ſaid Boards, ſhall be paid by the ſaid Mayor, and Alderman *Kipp*, or either of them, unto the ſaid Treaſurer for the Uſe aforeſaid.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 17, 1726.

Ordered,

THAT *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk of this Houſe, be allowed the Sum of *Six Pounds*, for Incidents of his Office, and for drawing and engroſſing of Bills ſince the Year 1724; and this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency to iſſue his Warrant for paying the ſame.

The Houſe being informed that ſeveral Merchants, and others, owe ſeveral Sums of Money for Duties impoſed by an Act, paſſed in the Year 1720, for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony; and that ſome of them have owed the ſame many Months longer than the Time allowed by the ſaid Act, for the Payment thereof; and the Houſe being apprehenſive that the like Remiſneſs may happen in the Payment of the Duties impoſed by an Act publiſhed this Day, for ſupporting the ſaid Government for the Term of three Years; and the Houſe being ſenſible, that by ſuch Remiſneſs as aforeſaid, the Treaſurer of this Colony is, and will be diſabled to anſwer the Salaries of the ſeveral Officers, and the Contingences of the Government, as the ſame come due reſpectively, though he often advances of his own Money for that Pupoſe;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That all ſuch Merchants, and others, as have already been in arrear for Duties, as aforeſaid, and all others who ſhall be in arrear for Duties, above one Month after the Time allowed in, and by the ſaid Acts reſpectively, ſhall be ſued

ſued and proſecuted for the ſame to Effect, without any Manner of Favour or further Forbearance.

Ordered, That the ſaid Treaſurer do obſerve the Directions of this Reſolve, and that he put the ſame in Practice accordingly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve the ſaid Treaſurer with a Copy of this Reſolve, together with the Motives thereof, and of the Order thereupon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clerk do affix three ſeveral Copies of the ſame in the moſt public Places in the City of *New-York*, to the End, all Perſons who already owe, or hereafter ſhall owe any of the Duties aforeſaid, may not pretend Ignorance hereof.

The Speaker laid before this Houſe, the following Letters, which his Excellency had directed him to communicate to them, *viz.*

Three Letters from Major *Abraham Schuyler*, (who was ſent by the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, among the Five Nations) dated from *Onondago*, the 26th, and 29th Day of *May*, and firſt of this Inſtant *June*.

And, a Letter from the ſaid Commiſſioners, dated at *Albany*, the 8th Inſtant.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do humbly addreſs his Excellency, that he will be pleaſed to repreſent unto his Majeſty, or his Miniſters, that the building of two Veſſels in *Cadaraqui* Lake by the *French*, and their imploying them to tranſport Lime and other Materials, for erecting a Fortification at *Niagara*, is a manifeſt Infraction of the Treaties which ſubſiſt between the two Crowns: That the Conſequence thereof will not only tend to a Defection of the Five Nations, but alſo cut off the Path of all the far *Indians* from coming to trade with the Inhabitants of this Colony; which muſt on the one Hand, deprive us of all the Fur Trade; and on the other Hand, render the Frontiers of this Colony, as well as thoſe of the neighbouring *Britiſh* Colonies very much expoſed, both to the *Indians* and the *French*, in Caſe any Rupture might happen.

And that therefore his Excellency will be further pleaſed when he goes up, and arrives at *Albany*, to uſe ſuch Means as he may judge moſt proper and effectual, to prevent the erecting of the Fortifications above-mentioned, and to diſpoſe the Five Nations (as well for their own Safety, as of our own) that they do not now, nor at any Time hereafter, ſuffer or permit the *French* to build any Forts, Fortifications, or trading Houſes at *Niagara*, or at any Place or Places, to the Southward of the Lakes.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. *Bobine*, That his Excellency expected the immediate Attendance of this Houſe.

The Speaker and the Houſe went accordingly, and being returned, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That his Excellency in the Preſence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and of this Houſe, gave his Aſſent to the 20 following Acts, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, 1726, *to the firſt Day of* July, 1729.
2. *An* Act, *for diſcharging a Debt to the late Agents of this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for finiſhing and compleating the Buildings in his Majeſty's* Fort George; *for borrowing certain Sums for thoſe Purpoſes, out of the Funds therein-mentioned; and for laying a Tax to make good ſuch Parts thereof as ſtand appropriated to particular Uſes.*
3. *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years; and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted within this Act.*
4. *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728.
5. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying out, regulating, and better clearing publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, *for the Time therein-mentioned.*
6. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.*
7. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein-mentioned. And for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Tenants of all Kinds, from committing Waſte and Treſpaſſes on Lands in their Tenure or Poſſeſſion, and for puniſhing all ſuch other Perſons as by Water or Land, as ſhall aid and abet therein; and for preventing divers other Enormities, exceeding hurtful to the growing Settlements and Plantations, in the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulſter, *and for laying out and maintaining a High-road within the ſame.*
8. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling.*
9. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau.
10. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter De Lage, John Zinger, Paulus De Seer, Nicholas Jaboien, Abraham Rodriges Rivera, Abraham Carcao, Nicholas Van Taerlingh, Matthias Borrell, Johannis Roorbach, Johannis Laſhier, Lewis Sacombel, Marianne, *the Wife of* Daniel Bonticow, Pierre Elizee Gallaudet, John Dragaud, Michael Berthon, William Crolges, Jean Ballareaux, *the Wife of* John Ballareaux, *and* Garrit Corneliſſen.
11. *An* Act, *to prevent Damages done by Swine in the Neighbourhood of* Saraghtoga.
12. *An* Act, *for the more effectual Preſervation and Increaſe of Deer, on the Iſland of* Naſſau.
13. *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots at* Sandy-Hook, *and at the Port of* New-York.
14. *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *who reſide within the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *to build Stocks and Pounds; and for defraying ſome extraordinary Charges during the Time therein-mentioned.*
15. *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to pay for the Materials and Workmanſhip of two Block Houſes.*
16. *An* Act, *to prevent ſetting on Fire, or burning the old Graſs on* Hampſtead *Plains.*
17. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Slaves, and to ſubject ſuch Perſons as trade with them, to a Preſentment and Proſecution.*
18. *An* Act, *to entitle* Lewis Hector Piot De Langloiſerie, *to the ſole Fiſhery of Porpoiſes in the Province of* New-York, *during the Term of* 10 *Years.*
19. *An* Act, *to impower* Walter Dongan, *ſurviving Kinſman of* Thomas *late Earl of* Limerick, *and two Truſtees with him therein nominated, to ſell ſome Part of his Eſtate for the Payment of his Debts, and diſcharging ſome Incumbrances wherewith the ſame Eſtate now ſtands charged.*
20. *An* Act, *to veſt in* Thomas Hicks, *of* Fluſhing, *in* Queen's *County, Gentlemen, in Fee Simple, certain Lots of Land, whereof he ſtands ſeized, in the Townſhip of* Fluſhing, *in the ſame County, in Fee Tail, and to enable him the ſaid* Thomas *to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame.*

The Speaker alſo acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency had ſignified his Pleaſure, that the Houſe ſhould be adjourned until the laſt *Tueſday* in *September* next enſuing.

Then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe until the laſt *Tueſday* in *September* next; and the Houſe was adjourned to the laſt *Tueſday* in *September* next enſuing accordingly.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed by Proclamation, dated the 10th Day of *Auguſt*, 1726, to diſſolve the General Aſſembly.

VOTES

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Colony of *NEW-YORK*.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 27, 1726.

IN Pursuance of his Majesty's Writs, issued by Order of his Excellency in Council, the 11th Day of *August* last past, for the electing and choosing able and sufficient Freeholders throughout this Colony, to be the Representatives thereof, and to meet in General Assembly at *New-York*, the 21st Day of this Instant *September*, and by two several Proclamations, prorogued until the 27th Day of the same Month; the Persons here under-named were accordingly returned Representatives for the several Counties and Places here under-mentioned, as by the respective Indentures thereof may appear, *to wit*,

City and County of *New-York*.
Stephen De Lancey, Esq;
Adolph Philipse, Esq;
Capt. *Garret Van Horne*,
Capt. *Anthony Rutgers*.

City and County of *Albany*.
Col. *Myndert Schuyler*,
Ryer Garretsen. Esq;

County of *Westchester*.
Col. *William Willet*,
Major *Frederick Philipse*.

County of *Suffolk*.
Samuel Hutchinson, Esq;
Epenetus Plat, Esq;

Queen's County.
Col. *Isaac Hicks*.
Capt. *Benjamin Hicks*.

King's County.
Col. *Richard Stillwell*,
Samuel Garretsen, Esq;

County of *Ulster*.
Col. *Abraham Gaasbeck*,
Albert Pawling, Esq;

County of *Richmond*.
Richard Merril, Esq;
John Le Count, Esq;

County of *Orange*.
Capt. *Lancaster Symes*,
Capt. *Cornelius Haring*.

County of *Dutchess*.
Henry Beekman, Esq;
Johannis Van Kleck, Esq;

Borough of *Westchester*.
Col. *Lewis Morris*.

Manor of *Rensselaer*.
Capt. *Jeremiah Rensselaer*.

Manor of *Livingston*.
Robert Livingston, jun. Esq;

Township of *Schenectady*.
Capt. *Jacob Glen*.

TWenty-two of the said Members appearing this Day in the Assembly Chamber in *New-York*, they sent Mr. *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk to the General Assembly, to acquaint his Excellency what Number of Members were met, and that they attended his Directions.

Mr. *Ludlow* being returned, brought Word, That his Excellency was pleased to order the immediate Attendance of the said Members, at the Council Chamber in his Majesty's *Fort George*, who immediately repaired thither accordingly, where they took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

After which his Excellency directed them to return to the Assembly Chamber, and proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and when they had so done, to acquaint him therewith.

Being returned, they unanimously made choice of *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; to be their Speaker, and conducted him to and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Then the Clerk was ordered to acquaint his Excellency, that they had chose the said *Adolph Philipse*, for their Speaker; who returning, brought Word, that his Excellency would send a Message immediately by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

The said Mr. *Bobin* came accordingly, with the following Message from his Excellency, *viz.*

Gentlemen, His Excellency expects your immediate Attendance at the Fort, to present your Speaker to him for his Approbation.

The House attended on his Excellency accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, *viz.*

That the House had presented him as their Speaker to his Excellency, who was pleased to approve of their Choice.

That after a short Apology in Behalf of himself, he had desired of his Excellency in Behalf of the whole House, That their Words and Actions might always have a favourable Construction, that the Members might constantly have Access to his Excellency, and that they and their Servants might be privileged and protected as usual, and that his Excellency was pleased readily to promise, That all this should be observed.

And that his Excellency had made a favourable Speech to the House, of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy, and the same being ordered to be read; is as follows.

Gentlemen,

THE Choice which the People of this Province have so lately made of you to represent them, gives me a fresh Opportunity of knowing their Sentiments and Inclinations. I have always endeavoured to promote their Interest to the Utmost of my Ability, and it will add to my Pleasure to do it in the Manner, which they themselves desire.

When you inquire into the State of the present Revenue, I believe, you will find it insufficient to Answer the usual Expences for the Support of the Government. And considering the flourishing and increasing Condition of the Colony, it would be to its Dishonour, as well as Disadvantage, to lessen the Encouragement that has been given to the necessary Officers of the Government. I depend on your Readiness to supply this Deficiency, which will be the most solid and convincing Proof of your Gratitude to the best of Kings, who has shewn during the whole Course of his Reign, that the constant Employment of his Thoughts, and the most earnest Wishes of his Heart, tend wholly to the securing to his Subjects, their just Rights and Advantages. You need not fear that any of his Servants will dare to abuse the Confidence reposed in them, when they must expect, that their Neglect of Duty or Abuse of Trust, will draw upon them his just Displeasure.

You will find, that the Supply last provided for finishing the new Apartments in the Forts, has been employed with the utmost Frugality; and I hope, by the same Management, the Repairs of the Roof of the Chapel and the Barracks, which are in a Condition entirely ruinous, will require no very large Sum, though it is plain, that the Charge of doing it, will increase considerably, if it is delayed any longer than the next Spring, which obliges me to recommend it to your Care at present, that Provision may be made for so pressing and necessary a Work.

I must remind you, that your Agent continues his Diligence, in watching over the Interests of the Province, though he has remained a long Time without any Allowance; so generous a Conduct on his Part, will not fail of engaging you to take Care, that his past Services may not go unrewarded, and that so useful a Person may be fixed in your Service, and a settled Provision made for his Encouragement.

I lay before you my late Conferences with the six Nations, in which I flatter myself, that I have contributed, not a little to fix them in their Duty to his Majesty, their Affection to his Government, and their just Apprehensions of the ill Designs of the People of Canada, *in fortifying so near to them at* Niagara. *I have sent a fit Person to reside among the* Seneka's, *this Winter, who is not permitted to Trade, and will thereby have the more Weight and Credit with them. I doubt not of your joining with me in taking such further Measures, as are necessary to make the six Nations remain an effectual Security to our Frontier. The indefatigable Endeavours of the* French, *to employ all possible Methods, whether of Art or Force, to make themselves Masters of these Nations, shew what Opinion they have of their Importance. And their Diligence calls upon us to lose no Time and spare no Cost in disappointing such dangerous Attempts, and in doing every Thing that may conduce to our Safety on that Side.*

The Trade on the Onondago's River *has increased considerably, and by the best Inquiry I could make, more of the far Nation of* Indians *have been there this Summer, than ever before. But I must express to you my Concern at the disorderly and fraudulent Conduct of some of our own People at that Trading Place, who have used many of the* Indians *in an unjust and sometimes in a violent Manner. These Abuses if not remedied and prevented in Time, may give such a Disgust to the* Indians, *as to discourage them from continuing to come thither on Account of Trade, and thereby lose the good Effects of what has been so happily begun, and carried on with so much Success. I hope you will think of proper Expedients to cure this growing Evil, and among other Things, I am of Opinion, that if that Trade be confined to one certain Place, and a fit Person appointed to reside there during the Season, with Power to receive Complaints from the* Indians, *and redress their Grievances, and the Traders obliged to be determined by his Judgment, on pain of being fined in Case of Refusal, it might go a great Way to answer the End proposed. I shall gladly join with you in this or any other proper Measures, to preserve and increase our Interest with the far Nations, which this Trade will undoubtedly do, when duly regulated.*

You may depend on my Concurrence, to the Utmost of my Power, in any Laws that you shall frame for the publick Good, and in my hearty Endeavours to obtain his Majesty's Confirmation of them, and of as many of the Laws formerly enacted, as you shall desire, which will at the same Time, necessarily require the continual Solicitation of your Agent at Home.

And now, Gentlemen, that I have mentioned to you what Particulars I had to recommend for the publick Service, I have only to add in general, That I hope your present Meeting will be an eminent Instance, of the good Effects of an intire Confidence, between the several Branches of the Legislature; it will then appear in the clearest Light, that an Administration, is never strong and well supported, as by the general Voice of the People, nor the People ever so well secured in their Liberty and Property, as by the Governments being enabled to see the Laws duly executed.

W. BURNET.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, on his kind and obliging Speech.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, and the Members of *Queen's* County, do prepare and bring a Draught of an Address accordingly.

The Petition of *Nicholas Schuyler*, complaining of an undue Election and Return in the Township of *Schenectady*, in the County of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Samuel Garretsen*, and Col. *Gaasbeek*, be, and are appointed a Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that all Members that come to have Voices, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon to the House, from Time to Time; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Nicholas Schuyler*, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report their Opinions of the same to the House.

Ordered, That Capt. *Platt*, Mr. *Rensselaer*, Mr. *Livingston* and Major *Philipse*, be a Committee to examine what Laws are expiring, or near expiring, and which of them are necessary to be revived, and what other Laws are requisite to be made; and make report thereof to the House.

Lewis Morris, Esq; produced to the House, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Representative for the Borough of *Westchester*, in the County of *Westchester*; the same was read, and,

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Willet* and Capt. *Hicks*, do wait on his Excellency with the said *Lewis Morris*, Esq; and see him take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, and took the Oath of Abjuration, according to Law.

Resolved, That this House will take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this House be printed; and that the Speaker cause the same to be printed from Time to Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 28, 1726.

COL. *Willet* reported to this House, that (according to Order) he and Capt. *Hicks* had waited on his Excellency with Col. *Morris*, and saw him take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* take his Place as a Member of this House.

Mr. *Henry Beekman*, and Mr. *Johannis Van Kleck*, presented to the House, an Indenture, that they were duly elected to serve for *Dutchess* County.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaasbeck* and Mr. *Ryer Garretsen*, do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Beekman*, and Mr. *Van Kleck*, and see them take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

The Petition of *Edward Blagg* and *John Everet*, was presented to the House, and read, complaining of an undue Election and Return in the County of *Orange*.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report their Opinions of the same to this House.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same was read.

A Motion being made, that the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House; Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the said Address. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Address with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Gaasbeck* reported to this House, that (according to Order) he and Mr. *Ryer Garretsen* saw Mr. *Beekman* and Mr. *Van Kleck* take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman* and Mr. *Van Kleck* take their Places as Members of this House accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 28, 1726.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1726.

CAPT. *Lancaster Syms* presented to this House, an Indenture, that he and Capt. *Haring* were duly elected and returned for the County of *Orange*.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Pawling* wait on his Excellency with Capt. *Syms*, and desire he may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That they also desire his Excellency to appoint when he will be pleased to receive the Address of this House.

The engrossed Address of this House being read and approved of, is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency *William Burnet*, Esq; Capt. General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, and the Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE *his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of this his Colony of* New-York, *do, in the most respectful Manner, return our hearty Thanks to your Excellency, for your kind and obliging Speech; and take Leave to assure you, that the several Matters therein recommended to us, shall be maturely considered, and in the Course of our Deliberations have their due Weight.*

We likewise take Leave, in Behalf of the Freeholders and Freemen of this Colony, whom we have the Honour to represent, to return your Excellency their and our sincere Thanks, for your giving an Opportunity of a new Choice of Members to serve in General Assembly, which we do acknowledge was highly agreeable to the People, and it's owned by most, that the several Elections have been performed with as great Freedom, Ease and Impartiality as any within their Remembrance.

We also gratefully acknowledge the kind Assurances your Excellency is pleased to give us, of your ready Concurrence in any Laws which may be for the publick Welfare of the Colony, and of using your hearty Endeavours to obtain his Majesty's Confirmation of them. And we take Leave to assure you, on our Part, that in framing Bills, it shall be our constant Care to do the same in such Manner as may give no just Cause for your Disapprobation.

As we look upon ourselves bound in Duty to have equally at Heart, the Service of his Majesty, and the Interest of our Country; so we take Leave to assure your Excellency, that we are met together with a sincere Disposition to make these good Ends the Rules and Views of our Proceedings; and that all the Business to come before us, shall meet with such Dispatch as the Nature and Weight thereof will reasonably allow, to the End the Country may not be put to the Expence of longer Sessions, than what is absolutely necessary for the publick Service.

We are sensible, that a mutual Confidence between the several Branches of the Legislature, tend very much to the Benefit of the Public, and we shall therefore use our utmost Endeavour to promote and preserve the same, by all reasonable Measures on our Part,

Signed, by Order of the General Assembly,

ADOLPH PHILIPSE, *Speaker.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker sign the said Address in Behalf of this House.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by the whole House.

Col. *Hicks* reported to this House, that (according to Order) he and Mr. *Pawling* saw Capt. *Syms* take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Capt. *Syms* take his Place as a Member of this House accordingly.

Col. *Hicks* reported also, that his Excellency had been pleased to say, he would receive the Address of this House immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House waited upon his Excellency with their Address; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, That the House had attended on his Excellency with their Address, to which he was pleased to answer, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I *Am very glad to find by this affectionate Address, that what I have done has been so agreeable to you, and to the People whom you represent.*

I perfectly agree with you, in having equally at Heart his Majesty's Service and the Interest of the Country, which are inseperable; and in making these good Ends the Rules and Views of all my Actions.

W. BURNET.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1726.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1726.

COL. *Schuyler* laid before this House, a Letter, dated at *Albany*, the 24th of *September* last, from *Philip Livingston*, *Stephanus Groesbeck*, *Dirck Tenbroeck* and *John De Peyster*, four of the Farmers of the Duties imposed by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years; and for moderating and ascertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted in this Act*; setting forth that several Clauses are wanting to explain and enforce the said Act.

Ordered, That all the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, Col. *Hicks* and Major *Philipse*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly; and that they add such other Clauses thereto, as may make the same effectually to answer the true Intent and Meaning of the Legislature, at the Time of making and passing the said Act.

The Memorial of the Patentees and Proprietors at *Albany*, of a certain Tract of Land, commonly called *Westenbook*, for and in Behalf of themselves, and other the Patentees and Proprietors, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that several Persons made Encroachments upon them, under Colour of a Title from the Government of *New-England*; therefore prayed they might be relieved and preserved in their just Right and Title to the Lands granted to them by Patent, dated the 6th Day of *March*, 1705, under the annual Quit Rent of *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings*.

Ordered, That the said Memorial be referred to the further Consideration of this House.

The Petition of *Jacob Scherp* and *Herman Betzer*, in Behalf of themselves and other Freeholders of *Queen's* Borough, in the County of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the High-Sheriff of the said County refused to admit their Votes at *Albany*, for electing of Representatives for the said County, under Pretence, that they residing in *Queen's* Borough aforesaid, had only Right to give their Votes in the Manor of *Livingston*, wherein *Queen's* Borough is comprehended; and on their appearing at an Election of a Representative for the said Manor, their Votes were also denied, under

under Pretence, they ought to Vote in the County of *Albany*; therefore prayed Relief in the Premiſſes.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration, *Thurſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 4, 1726.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 5, 1726.

THE Treaſurer attending without, was called in, and (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, entitled, *An Abſtract of the ſeveral Branches of his Majeſty' Revenue, for Support of Government, in the Province of* New-York, *amounting*, viz.

From the 20th Day of *April*, until the 1ſt Day of *July* laſt. — —	£. 1591	16 1 ½
And from the ſaid firſt Day of *July*, until the 1ſt of this Inſtant. — —	£. 1233	10 9

Which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Major *Philipſe* repreſenting to the Houſe, a great many Bills of Credit ſtruck by and Current in this Colony, are ſo ragged, ſhattered and torn, that their real Value can ſcarcely be diſcovered, whereby Diſputes, Scruples and Difficulties frequently ariſe in receiving and paying the ſame. And therefore moved, that a ſufficient Number of new Bills, may be ſtruck to be exchanged for ſuch old Bills as aforeſaid. And to the End the ſtriking ſuch new Bills might not be attended with the uſual Charge to the Publick, Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr *Livingſton*, and the ſaid Major *Philipſe*, offered to ſign the ſame *Gratis*, by which means no other Charge will accrue, than for printing and exchanging them.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Mr. *Beekman* and Mr. *Le Count*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee, to examine what Number of Bills of Credit now current in this Colony and to what Value, are neceſſary to be renewed for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, and to report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1726.

THE Petition of *James Ranaudet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for granting him the ſame Liberty and Privileges as was granted to Col. *Hooper*, for refining Sugar in this Province, for ſuch Term of Years as this Houſe ſhall think fit, he alledging that the ſaid Col. *Hooper*, has reſided in the neighbouring Province for ſome Years paſt, and hath not carried on the Works of refining Sugar nor his Aſſigns, for about one Year paſt.

Ordered, That the Petitioner ſerve the ſaid Col. *Hooper*, with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and that Mr. *Hooper* lay before this Houſe, within eight Days thereafter, his Objection to the Prayer thereof, if any he has thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1726.

CAPT. *Van Horne* from the Committee, appointed to examine what Number of Bills of Credit, and to what Value are neceſſary to be renewed, reported, That they had made Enquiry therein, and were of Opinion, that new Bills to the Value of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, will be ſufficient to be exchanged for ſuch of the Bills ſtruck and iſſued in the Years 1714, 1717 and 1720, as are become ſo ſhattered and torn, as makes the Value for which they were ſtruck difficult to be known; which report being read; was approved of by the Houſe. And,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, and that Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Major *Philipſe* and Mr. *Livingſton*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 6, 1726.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1726.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Major *Philipſe* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had taken into Conſideration, that Part of the ſaid Speech, relating to the preſent Support of Government, and the Salaries of the neceſſary Officers thereof, and having examined what the Duties for the ſaid Support have amounted to from the 1ſt of *July*, until the 1ſt Inſtant, are of Opinion, that the ſaid Support will fully anſwer to diſcharge the Salaries and Contingences of this Government, as the ſame were reſolved to be provided for, by the late General Aſſembly the 12th Day of *May* laſt, and if any Deficiency might happen therein, it ought to be made good, and if any Surplus, it ought to go towards a future Support.

He alſo reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had maturely conſidered of the Reſolutions aforeſaid, and are of Opinion, that the Salaries and Contingences then reſolved to be paid out of Monies ariſen or to ariſe, by Virtue of the Act for ſupporting this Government during the Term of three Years, are ample and ſufficient, and therefore no Augmentation ought to be made thereto;

Which Report being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, and thereupon the Houſe came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That it's the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Salaries and Contingences mentioned in the aforeſaid Reſolutions, the 12th of *May* laſt, are ample and ſufficient, and that no Augmentation ought to be made thereto, nor any Alteration therein during the ſaid three Years.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That if the aforeſaid three Years Support, ſhould prove inſufficient to diſcharge Salaries and Contingences according to the Reſolutions aforeſaid, this Houſe will find Ways and Means, effectually to make good ſuch Deficiency, as of the other Hand a Surplus, ought to remain towards a future Support.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That this Houſe do by an humble Addreſs, repreſent theſe Matters to his Excellency, with a Requeſt therein, that no higher or other Warrants be iſſued in Council, on Account of Support of Government, from the 1ſt Day of *July* laſt, and during the ſaid three Years, than thoſe particularly expreſſed, in the Reſolutions abovementioned, to the End a mutual Confidence and good Underſtanding, may be preſerved among the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Rutgers* and Major *Philipſe*, or any 3 of them, prepare and bring in the Draught of ſuch an Addreſs accordingly.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee, of Privileges and Elections, the Matter as it appeared to them, concerning the Election of the Townſhip of *Schenectady* in the County of *Albany*, with the Reſolutions of the Committee thereupon, which report was read; and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That Captain *Jacob Glen*, is duly elected to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly for the Townſhip of *Schenectady*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1726.

CAPT. *Glen* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the 7th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York, *and making the ſame more beneficial for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Glen* alſo brought into this Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in or nigh the Town of Schenectady in the ſaid* County

County, to regulate the Streets and Highways in the said Town of Schenectady, *and to prevent Accidents by Fire*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 8, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the 7th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York, *and for making the same more beneficial for the Township of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in or nigh the Town of* Schenectaday, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways in the said Town of* Schenectady, *and to prevent Accidents by Fire*; was read the second Time, and ordered to be committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*.

Mr. *Livingston*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws were expired or near expiring, and which of them were necessary to be revived or continued, what further Laws may be beneficial and useful for the Colony; did report, that the following Laws were proper to be continued, revived and made; and thereupon the House came to the following Resolutions, *viz.*

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in, to continue an Act, for regulating and returning able and sufficient Jurors in Trials at Law, passed in the 5th Year of his Majesty's Reign, which will expire by its own Limitation in this present Year.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston*, Capt. *Platt* and Mr. *Le Count*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in, for the easier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy, or Tenancy in Common.

Ordered, That the Members of *Orange* County and *Dutchess* County, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in, to prevent the Removal of Actions under *Twenty Pounds*, from the Inferior Courts to the Supreme Court, and that no Actions under that Sum, shall be commenced in the Supreme Court, or removed to the same, on any Pretence whatever, saving only where Titles of Land are in Question; and to lay severe Penalties on Practioners of the Law, and all others, who shall presume to act to the contrary thereof; and likewise to regulate the giving especial Bail, for the Ease of Persons living in the remote Counties.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Samuel Garretsen* and Mr. *Rut Garretsen*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 ho. P. M. Oct. 10, 1726.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 11, 1726.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 11, 1726.

Resolved,

THAT this House will take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, *Thursday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 12, 1726.

COL. *Schuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of General Assembly of this Province, made in the 7th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences, for the several Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York, *and for making the same more beneficial for the Townships of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which were read, and other Amendments being made by the House, to the Bill and the Title, were also read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Schuyler* also reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in or nigh the Townships of* Schenectady *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways in the said Town of* Schenectady, *and to prevent Accidents by Fire*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; and other Amendments to the Bill and to the Title, being made by the House, being likewise read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee, appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; which they had directed him to report to the House, and the same being read, was unanimously agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Mr. *Livingston* (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating and returning able and sufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 12, 1726.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 13, 1726.

THE engrossed Address of this House to his Excellency, being read and appoved of, is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency William Burnet, *Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of* New-York, New-Jersey, *and the Territories thereon depending in* America, *and Vice-Admiral of the same*, &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE the General Assembly of this Colony, having taken into mature Consideration, the State of the present Revenue for Support of Government, and the Salaries of the necessary Officers thereof, did in the first Place inquire, how much is arisen by the Duties alone, which are imposed for the said Support, and finding the same to have amounted in the first three Months, ending the 1st of this Instant, to the Sum of *One Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty Three Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Nine-pence*, are humbly of Opinion, That the said Duties and the Taxes laid by the Act for Support of Government, during the Term of three Years, will fully answer to discharge all the Salaries of the necessary Officers, and all the contingent Charges and Services of the Government, as the same were resolved to be provided for, by the late General Assembly on the twelfth Day of *May* last.

And we humbly beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that if the said Duties and Taxes should happen to prove insufficient to discharge the Salaries and Services aforesaid, the General Assembly will chearfully find out Ways and Means, effectually to make good

ſuch Deficiency, and they conceive on the other Hand, That if it ſhould exceed, ſuch Surplus ought to remain in the Treaſury, towards Support of Government after the Expiration of the ſaid three Years.

We did in the next Place, examine what Proviſion was agreed and reſolved upon by the ſaid General Aſſembly for the Services abovementioned, on the 16th Day of *October* laſt, and comparing the ſame with what they reſolved, on the 11th Day of *May* following, found but very little Difference between them; and beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, That having deliberately conſidered the ſeveral Particulars thereof, we were unanimouſly of Opinion, that the ſeveral Salaries, Contingences and Services, reſolved upon on the ſaid 12th Day of *May*, are ample and ſufficient, and that no Augmentation ought to be made thereto, nor any Alteration therein during the aforeſaid three Years.

We therefore humbly Addreſs your Excellency, that no higher or other Warrants be iſſued in Council, on Account of Support of Government, from the 1ſt Day of *July* laſt, and during the three Years aforeſaid, Than thoſe particularly expreſſed in the Reſolution laſt mentioned, that on the one Hand no unexpected Deficiency may happen, and on the other a mutual Confidence be preſerved among the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature.

Signed by Order of the General Aſſembly,
Adolph Philipſe, *Speaker.*

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Rutgers* and Major *Philipſe*, or any 3 of them, do wait on his Excellency with the Addreſs of this Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, next *Saturday*, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Laws*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 13, 1726.

MAjor *Philipſe* reported to the Houſe that (according to Order) Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Rutgers* and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency with the Addreſs of this Houſe, and that his Excellency had been pleaſed to anſwer, *viz.*

This Addreſs being of an extraordinary Nature, I intend to lay it before the Council and take their Advice upon it.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the 7th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York, *for making the ſame more beneficial for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in or nigh the Townſhip of* Schenectady *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Glen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Memorial of *Theodorus Van Wyck* and *John Evert* of *Queen's* County, on the Iſland *Naſſau*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; that they and ſeveral other Inhabitants of the ſaid County have obſerved, that the Duties of Exciſe of the ſaid County, farmed from *November* 1723, till *November* 1725, did not amount to ſo large a Sum as formerly, although the Number of Perſons that publickly ſold ſtrong Liquors by Retail in the ſaid County, were conſiderably augmented, requeſted this Houſe to give Directions that Affair may be examined, and that a Liſt of Perſons returned as Retailers of ſtrong Drink, in the ſaid County to this Houſe, and a Liſt of thoſe that retailed there during the Time aforeſaid, be laid before the Houſe, to the End the true Cauſe of the ſaid Deficiency may be better known.

Ordered, The ſaid Memorial be committed to Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Willet*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr. *Beekman*, Col. *Gaaſbeck* and Col. *Stillwell*, or any five of them, and that they examine into that Matter, and report their Opinion thereof to this Houſe.

Col. *Hicks* (according to Order) brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving ſpecial Bail*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving a Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Capt. *Plat* have Leave to go Home till *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better ſettling and aſcertaining the South Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *and the North Bounds of the County of* Ulſter, *on the Weſt Side of* Hudſon's River; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Mayor of the City of *Albany*, and the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Albany*, be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Truſtees of *King's* Town, in the ſaid County of *Ulſter*, and the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County, be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, P. *M. Oct.* 17, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. *Bobin*, the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by his Excellency to lay before this Houſe, his late Conferences with the ſix Nations of Indians at Albany; which were read.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1726.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating and returning able and*

and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1726.

MAJOR *Syms* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenanly or in Common, and promoting the Settling and Improvement thereof*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Major *Philipſe* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the* 12*th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years*; *and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted within this Act*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, and promoting the Settling and Improvement thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the* 12*th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years*; *and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted in this Act*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1726.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1726.

MAjor *Syms* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, and promoting the Settlement and Improvement thereof*, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1726.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the* 12*th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, &c. That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1726.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, and promoting the Settlement and Improvement thereof*; and Major *Syms* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Proviſo to the Bill, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Memorial of *Theadorus Van Wyck* and *John Everet*, have heard and conſidered the Allegations of the ſaid *Van Wyck* and *Everet*, as well as thoſe of Col. *Hicks*, late Commiſſioner of the Exciſe for *Queen's* County, and do find, that by miſtranſcribing, one Omiſſion of *Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings*, and another of *Two Pounds Five Shillings*, has happened, amounting in the Whole to *Five Pounds Four Shillings*, which we believe proceeded rather from Forgetfulneſs than any Deſign in the ſaid Col. *Hicks*, of defrauding the Publick; which ſaid Sum of *Five Pounds Four Shillings*, we are of Opinion, the ſaid Col. *Hicks* is ſtill accountable for; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe; and the ſaid Col. *Hicks* then offered not only to pay to the Treaſurer the above-mentioned *Five Pounds Four Shillings*, but alſo to make good any other Omiſſion or Miſtake that might have happened whilſt he was Commiſſioner; which Offer was ſatisfactory to the Houſe.

But there being a Liſt of ſundry other Perſons alledged to have retailed ſtrong Liquors within the ſaid County, during the Time aforeſaid, and ſeveral Affidavits relating thereto;

Ordered, That the ſame be lodged with the Clerk, for the further Conſideration of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. *Bobin*, the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by his Excellency to lay before this Houſe, the Copy of a Letter from the Governor of Connecticut, *to his Excellency, relating to the Partition Lines between this Province and that Colony, which his Excellency deſires this Houſe will take into their ſerious Conſideration*; which was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the* 12*th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, &c. and Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1726.

THE Petition of *John Jorgen Puſchert*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be permitted to bring in a Bill, that he may be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Memorial of *James Renaudet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe would take his Petition of the 5th Inſtant into Conſideration, and grant him the Privileges

vileges as have been granted to Col. *Hooper*; or on hearing Evidence, that this Houſe will pleaſe to declare their Opinion, how far the Act made in Favour of Col. *Hooper*, is become void by its own Condition, by Reaſon of his Neglect to refine Sugar in this Province.

Ordered, That the Memorial lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1726.

MR. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they had heard the Allegations of both Parties, concerning the Election of the County of *Orange*, and came to the following Reſolution; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That Major *Syms* and Capt. *Haring*, are duly elected to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County of *Orange*.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the eaſier Partition of Lands in Joint Tenancy, or in Common, and promoting the Settling and Improvement thereof, and for confirming former Diviſions in the ſettled Townſhips of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Syms* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of* 3000 *Pounds, and putting the ſame into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn, and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of* 3000 *Pounds, and putting them into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn, and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* John Jorgen Puſchert; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for explaining an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, made in the 7th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An Act, for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York, *for making the ſame more Beneficial for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany; and *an Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; without an Amendment; and that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to impower the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; with an Addition thereto; which ſaid Addition being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Scuyler*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to impower the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *&c.* to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to their Addition made to the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, alſo laid before this Houſe, the Examination of the two *Cachwag Indians*, by the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs; which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman* have Leave to go home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1726.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1726.

COL. *Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving ſpecial Bail*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which were read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſes, be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the Deſtroying of Foxes and Wild-Cats, in the County of* Queen's *County, within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the Deſtroying of Foxes and Wild-Cats, in the County of* Queen's *County, within this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1726.

THE Deputy Clerk of the Council, laid before this Houſe, the Petition of *Anna Dorothy Barclay*, of the City of *Albany*, to his Excellency, the Council, and the General Aſſembly, ſetting forth, That by Order of the Lord *Cornbury*, the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, placed *Michael*, the Son of *Montour*, an *Indian*, (who was ſent to fetch and bring far *Indians* to *Albany*) at Mr. *Barclay's* Houſe, where he was maintained and provided for from the 15th of *Auguſt*, 1708, until the 11th of *March*, 1712-13, praying it may be taken into Conſideration, ſo as that ſhe may be ſatisfied for the ſame; which having been read in Council, was ordered to be carried to this Houſe, and acquaint them, that the Demand of the Petitioner appeared to his Excellency and Council, to be juſt, and therefore was recommended by his Excellency, to make Proviſion for ſatisfying the ſaid Demand; and the ſame being read, it was

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the Deſtroying of Foxes and Wild-Cats, in the County of* Queen's *County, within this Province*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſe, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of* 3000 *Pounds, and putting them into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn, and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for deſtroying of Wolves, in the Counties of* Albany, Dutcheſs *County, and* Orange *County*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1726.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for deſtroying of Wolves, in the Counties of* Albany, Dutcheſs *County, and* Orange *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for laying out, and clearing of the Highways, from the* Eaſt *Side of* Kaghnawage *Creek, where it falls in the* Mohawk *River, ſo far as the Chriſtian Settlements at preſent do extend*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of Special Bail*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* have Leave to go home, on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

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Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1726.

THE Bill entitled, *An* Act, *for the laying out, and clearing of the Highways, from the* East *Side of* Haghnage *Creek, where it falls into the* Mohawk's *River, so far as the Christian Settlements at present do extend*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, or any three of them.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Destroying of Foxes and Wild-Cats, in the County of* Queen's *County, within this Province*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1726.

MR. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for destroying Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutchess *County, and* Orange *County*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1726.

MAJOR *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the 12th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years, and for moderating and ascertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limited by this Act*; That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1726.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for striking Bills of Credit to the Value of* Three Thousand Pounds, *and putting them into the Treasury, to be exchanged for shattered, torn and defaced Bills, struck and issued by Virtue of the several Acts therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Plat* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for destroying of Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutchess *County and* Orange *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Captain *Van Kleck* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the 12th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade*, &c. That they had gone thro' the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments, and added several Clauses to the same; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, be engrossed.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the laying out and clearing of the Highways from the* West *Side of* Kaghnawage *Creek, where it falls in the* Mohawk's *River, so far as the Christian Settlements do extend*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments, and added a Clause to the same; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1726.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1726.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Clark*, that they have passed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Answer of *Robert Lettice Hooper*, to the Petition of *James Renaudet*, late exhibited to this House, was presented to the House, and read, hoping this House will not take from him the Right he has in the Term granted in an Act passed in his Favour, 1720, for refining Sugar in this Province, but prays the said Petition may be rejected.

Ordered, That the said Answer lie on the Table.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the laying-out and clearing of the Highways from the* East *Side of* Kaghnawage *Creek, where it falls in the* Mohawk's *River, so far as the Christian Settlements at present do extend, and for breaking up the Road in the Winter Time from* Skohare *to a Place called the* Verbeigh; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the easier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy*, &c. And the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law*, &c. with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the easier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy*, &c. were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do agree to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

The Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law*, &c. were read, and,

Ordered, The Consideration thereof be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1726.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Harrison*, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for striking Bills of Credit to the Value of* Three Thousand Pounds, *and putting them into the Treasury, to be exchanged for shattered, torn and defaced Bills, struck and issued by Virtue of the several Acts therein-mentioned*; without any Amendment. And that they had also agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Foxes and Wild-Cats, in the County of* Queen's *County, within this Province*; with Amendments, to which they

they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ryer Garretſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and enforcing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years, and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limited in this Act*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ryer Garretſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Major *Syms* reported from the Committee to whom was referred the engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, and added a Clauſe at the End of the Bill, to continue the ſame in Force for the Space of 5 Years, and no longer; which was read and agreed unto by the Houſe; and the Bill being read the third Time;

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Syms* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſame.

Ordered, That Capt. *Plat* have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1726.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 5, 1726.

THE Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Major *Philipſe*, reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Sum not exceeding *Three Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be appropriated (out of the double Duties and Forfeitures, mentioned in an Act, paſſed this Seſſion) to be imployed for and towards the Erecting ſuch Conveniences at the Trading Place to the Weſtward of *Albany*, as may both ſecure and regulate the Trade there, and for the Maintaining proper Perſons to reſide there for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That an Act be brought in accordingly, and that the Members of *Albany*, or any three of them, prepare and bring in the ſame, and that it be an Inſtruction to them, to add proper Clauſes therein, for regulating the *Indian* Trade at the Place where ſuch Conveniency as aforeſaid ſhall be erected, as alſo ſuch other Clauſes as may be neceſſary for the End and Purpoſes thereby intended.

Reſolved, That *Peter Le Heup*, Eſq; ſhall be appointed the Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, for the Term of one Year, to commence the firſt Day of *January* next enſuing, and that he be allowed the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, for his Salary, and the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, to be employed and diſburſed for Fees, Solicitations and other neceſſary Charges, for the Service of this Colony.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Major *Philipſe*, prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, and that the Inſtructions to be given to the ſaid Agent in Behalf of this Houſe, ſhall be ſigned in their Behalf, by the Speaker thereof, for the Time being.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1726.

COL. *Schuyler* (according to Order) brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and ſecuring the* Indian *Trade to the Weſtward of* Albany, *and for defraying the Charge thereof*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Major *Philipſe* (according to Order) brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent for the Colony of* New-York, *at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutcheſs *County and* Orange County, with an Amendment; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Glen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to their Amendment, made to the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Clark*, That they have agreed to the Amendment made by this Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and ſecuring the* Indian *Trade to the Weſtward of* Albany, *and for defraying the Charge thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent, for the Colony of* New-York, *at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing an Agent*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which were read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and ſecuring the* Indian *Trade to the Weſtward of* Albany, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint an Agent for the Colony of* New-York, *at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 4 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 8, 1726.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1726.

A Meſſage from the Council by Doctor *Colden*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and enforcing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years, and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limited in this Act*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Reſolved,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That this House, disagrees to the Amendments made by the Council to the said Bill.

Ordered, That Capt. *Glen*, return the said Bill, and the said Amendments, as also the Resolution above-mentioned, to the Council.

Dr. *Colden* also acquainted this House, that the Council had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the laying-out and clearing of Highways, from the* East *Side of* Khagnawagh *Creek, where it falls into the* Mohawk *River, so far as the* Christian *Settlements at present do extend, and for breaking up the Roads in the Winter Time*; without any Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and securing the* Indian *Trade to the Westward of* Albany, *and for defraying the Charges thereof*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Samuel Garretsen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House taking into Consideration, the Conveniency and Accommodation, which the Members of this House have every Sessions, as well at the Meeting of Committees as otherwise, at the House of the Widow *Post*, and that the Trouble and Expence, which is occasioned to her upon those Occasions, far exceeds her Gains. It is the Opinion of this House, that she ought to be exempted from paying any Excise, from this Time, until the first Day of *November* next.

Ordered, That the Commissioners for letting to Farm the Excise in the City and County of *New-York*, do take Notice thereof accordingly.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint an Agent for the Colony of* New-York, *at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for the Time therein-mentioned*; without any Amendments. And,

Mr. *Clark* also acquainted this House, That the Council had receeded from their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and enforcing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years, and for moderating and ascertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted in this Act.*

The House adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1726.

THE House taking into serious Consideration, the Letter of the Governor of *Connecticut* to his Excellency, dated at *New-Haven*, the 20th of last Month, concerning the Partition Lines, between the two Colonies, are unanimously of Opinion, That in Case this Government had provided a Fund sufficient to defray the Charge and Expence requisite on their Part for perfecting the said Lines, yet the Season of the Year would not allow to do the same. And the House cannot but look upon their Request, of finishing those Lines by themselves only, to be more extraordinary, because they cannot but remember, that our Commissioners at two several Meetings, declined to do it *Ex parte*, although they had a Law (approved and confirmed by his Majesty) which impowered them so to do, but rather chose all friendly Means to dispose them, that it might be done in Conjunction. And for as much, as (besides the Encroachments aledged to be made by them at *Westenkook*) five of their People, *to wit*, *Joseph Keeler*, *Joseph Lees*, *James Northrup* and *Jabish Smith*, together with *Edmond Lewis*, Surveyor, have been in the Manor of *Cortlandt*, at or near a Point, called *Manack* (in the Occupation of *Samuel Brower*) and being discovered there, about break of Day so lately as the 14th *ultimo*, and pretending they came to run and measure the Distance from *Hudson's* River to *Ridge* Field. This House is of Opinion, That those of that Colony have often practised and still will practise, by such private Ways and Means, to try how and in what Manner these Lines could be fixed most for their Advantage.

Wherefore this House, humbly desires his Excellency, not to consent or permit them to run, much less to fix the said Lines *Ex parte*, and that he will be pleased to signify the Sentiments of this House to the Governor of *Connecticut*.

The House took into Consideration, the Petition of *Anna Dorothy Barcklay*, recommended to them by his Excellency, on the 27th of last Month, and being informed that the Demand thereof, was disallowed by the General Assembly, at their passing the two long Bills, as also at other Times since. Are of Opinion, that what may be justly due upon that Score, ought to have been paid by the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, out of the Sums they annually received from the Treasury. And that the same ought still to be referred and recommended to the said Commissioners.

Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, That they had come to the following Resolutions, upon the Remainder of his Excellency's Speech; which being read, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows *(to wit.)*

Resolved, That Capt. *Rutgers* and Capt. *Van Horne*, shall and hereby are impowered to have the Direction and Inspection of buying Materials and imploying able Workmen, to new Shingle the Chapel and such Part of the Barracks in his Majesty's *Fort George*, as may require the same, and that they Cause the same to be done the next Spring or Summer in the best and cheapest Manner.

Resolved, That the Charge thereof, be defrayed out of the double Duties, Fines and Forfeitures, arisen or to arise by Virtue of an Act passed this Session, and by Virtue of the Act which is thereby explained and enforced.

Resolved, That in Case Money might not come soon enough into the Treasury by the Means above-mentioned, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer to borrow what may be wanting for the said Shingling, out of the Money in his Hands, by Virtue of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, passed in the 12th Year of her late Majesty's Reign*; to be made good again out of the said double Duties, Fines and Forfeitures; and in Case of a Deficiency, by such other Ways and Means as shall hereafter be provided by this House.

Resolved, That the other Repairs of the said Barracks be referred to the Consideration of this House at their next meeting.

Then the House adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 10, 1726.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Harrison*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and securing the* Indian *Trade to the* Westward *of* Albany, *and for defraying the Charge thereof*; without any Amendments.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 11, 1726.

THE House taking into Consideration, that *Dirck Egbert*, their Door-keeper, has been at some Charge and Expence in scrubbing and cleaning the Assembly Room and Lobby, do humbly address his Excellency to issue his Warrant in Council on the Treasurer, for paying the Sum of *Twenty Four Shillings*, to the said *Dirck Egbert*, or Order.

A Message

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker and the Houſe waited on his Excellency accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency gave his Aſſent to the 12 following Acts, and that the ſame were publiſhed at the City Hall accordingly, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town.*
2. *An* Act, *explaining an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, made and paſſed in the 7th Year of his Majeſty's Reign,* entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York, *and for making the ſame more beneficial for the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany.
3. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act,* entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law.*
4. *An* Act, *for the eaſier Partition of Lands in joint Tenancy or in Common, and promoting the ſettling and Improvement thereof, and for confirming former Diviſions in the ſettled Townſhips in this Colony.*
5. *An* Act, *for deſtroying of Foxes and Wild-Cats in the County of* Queen's *County, within this Province.*
6. *An* Act, *for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *and putting them into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned.*
7. *An* Act, *for deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutcheſs *and* Orange *County.*
8. *An* Act, *for laying out and clearing of the Highways from the* Eaſt *Side of* Kaghnawage *Creek, where it falls into the* Mohawk's *River, ſo far as the Chriſtian Settlements do at preſent extend, and for breaking up the Road in the Winter Time from* Skohare, *to a Place called the* Verbeigh.
9. *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York.
10. *An* Act, *explaining and enforcing an Act,* entitled, *An* Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years, and for moderating and aſcertaining the Fines incurred by former Acts, if paid within the Time limitted in this Act.*
11. *An* Act, *to appoint an Agent for the Colony of* New-York *at the Court of* Great-Britain, *for the Time therein-mentioned.*
12. *An* Act, *for regulating and ſecuring the* Indian *Trade to the* Weſtward *of* Albany, *and for defraying the Charge thereof.*

The Speaker alſo acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency had ſignified his Pleaſure, that the Houſe ſhould be adjourned until the third *Tueſday* in *March* next.

Then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe until the third *Tueſday* in *March* next; and the Houſe was adjourned to the ſaid third *Tueſday* in *March* next enſuing.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

Die Sabatii, 6 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 30, 1727.

THE late General Assembly having on the 11th of *November*, 1726, adjourned themselves to the third *Tuesday* of *March*, then next ensuing, the same was by several Proclamations of his Excellency, further adjourned to the respective Days hereunder-mentioned, *viz.*

On the 11th of *March*, until the 3d *Tuesday* in *April.*
On the 14th of *April*, until the 2d *Tuesday* in *May.*
On the 8th of *May*, until the 2d *Tuesday* in *June.*
On the 12th of *June*, until the 2d *Tuesday* in *July.*
On the 10th of *July*, until the 2d *Tuesday* in *August*; and
On the 7th of *August*, until the 1st *Tuesday* in *September.*

And his sacred Majesty *George* the IId. being proclaimed here King of *Great-Britain, &c.* on the 21st of *August* last, Writs were issued the same Day, for electing and chusing able and sufficient Freeholders of this Colony, to assist his Majesty's Captain General, and Governor in Chief of this Province, in a General Assembly thereof, and to be and appear in *New-York* this Day, being the 30th of *Sept.* 1727.

By Virtue of which, the following Persons are returned as Representatives for the several Places hereunder-mentioned, as by the representative Indentures thereof may appear, *to wit.*

City and County of *New-York.*
Stephen De Lancey, Esq;
Adolph Philipse, Esq;
Garret Van Horne, Esq;
Anthony Rutgers, Esq;

City and County of *Albany.*
Johannis Cuyler, Esq;
Peter Van Burgh, Esq;

County of *Westchester.*
Col. *William Willet*,
Major *Frederick Philipse.*

County of *Suffolk.*
Samuel Hutchinson, Esq;
Epenetus Platt, Esq;

Queen's County.
Col. *Isaac Hicks.*
Capt. *Benjamin Hicks.*

King's County.
Samuel Garretsen, Esq;
Johannis Lot, Esq;

County of *Ulster.*
Col. *Abraham Gaasbeck*,
Albert Pawling, Esq;

County of *Richmond.*
Richard Merril, Esq;
John Le Count, Esq;

County of *Orange.*
Major *Syms*,
Capt. *Cornelius Haring.*

County of *Dutchess.*
Henry Beekman, Esq;
Johannis Van Kleeck, Esq;

Borough of *Westchester.*
The Honourable *Lewis Morris*, Esq;

Manor of *Rensselaer.*
Capt. *Jeremiah Rensselaer.*

Manor of *Livingston.*
Robert Livingston, jun. Esq;

Township of *Schenectady.*
Nicholas Schuyler. Esq;

SUCH of the Members as met, in pursuance of the said Indentures, desired Major *Syms* and Major *Philipse*, to wait on his Excellency, and to acquaint him, that Fourteen of them were met; that they then expected not one more by Reason it was *Saturday*, and that they attended his Directions.

Major *Syms* and Major *Philipse* returning, Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy

puty Clerk of the Council came with them, and acquainted the ſaid Members, that his Excellency expected their immediate Attendance at the Council Chamber in *Fort George*; whither they repaired, and took the Oaths and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

After which his Excellency directed them to return to the Houſe, and chuſe a Speaker, and when they had ſo done, to preſent him unto his ſaid Excellency for his Approbation, recommending them to be expeditious therein, for that he intended to make his Speech, and that the Council would continue ſitting for that Purpoſe.

They being returned to the Aſſembly Chamber, unanimouſly choſe *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; their Speaker, and conducted him to, and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Then the Houſe went back to the Council Chamber, to preſent their Speaker to his ſaid Excellency, as he had recommended them to do.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, *viz.* That they having preſented him as their Speaker, his Excellency was pleaſed to approve of their Choice. That after a ſhort Apology for himſelf, he had deſired his Excellency in Behalf of the Houſe, that their Words and Actions might always have favourable Conſtructions, That the Members might at all Times have acceſs to his Excellency, and that they and their Servants, might have the ſame Privileges and Protections as uſual; all which his Excellency was pleaſed readily to promiſe, and that after this his Excellency had been pleaſed to make a Speech, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy, and the ſame being read; is as follows.

Gentlemen,

THE Death of our late Sovereign of ever glorious Memory, and the happy Acceſſion of his moſt excellent Majeſty, have already filled your Hearts, with all that dutiful Subjects muſt feel upon ſo great an Occaſion, and the Choice which People have at this Time made of you to repreſent them, gives you an early Opportunity of expreſſing their loyal Sentiments upon it.

You find that I have loſt no Time, nor ſpared any Expence, in Order to ſecure the ſix Nations for ever to the Britiſh *Intereſt, by making a Settlement of ſome Strength among them, convenient for Trade with the far* Indians, *as well as themſelves, and by ſupporting it in ſuch a Manner, as I hope with your Aſſiſtance, will prevent any Attempts againſt it. The Conſequence of this Undertaking cannot appear better than by the great Uneaſineſs which it has given to the* French, *who, I am apprehenſive, that their unjuſtifiable Pretenſions and Incroachments upon our* Indians, *and their Endeavours to ingroſs the Trade with all the far* Indians, *will be defeated by it, that they are under ſo much Concern, you will plainly ſee by the Governor of* Canada's *Summons, to my Officer at* Oſwego, *to abandon it, and by his Letter delivered to me, by the Governor of* Trois-Riveres, *wherein he complains of the Enterprize in the ſtrongeſt Terms; which Papers, together with my Anſwer, I ſhall lay before you.*

I cannot avoid obſerving to you, that the Fund provided by the late Aſſembly for this Service, has not in any Sort anſwered the Greatneſs of the Charge, nor even any Part worth mentioning of what it was intended to produce, ſo that the whole has been performed at my own Expence, or upon my private Credit, and this Burden, I choſe to take intirely on myſelf, rather than ſuffer the Deſign to run the Riſk of being loſt, as it probably would by the leaſt Delay. I have thus engaged myſelf upon a full Confidence, that you would not fail to provide for the immediate Diſcharge of a Debt contracted for the Province, when its Safety required it in the moſt preſſing Manner. The Particulars ſhall be laid before you, as far as the Accounts are compleated, and I hope you will make a large Allowance for what is not yet brought to Account, and make full Proviſion of what ſhall be requiſite for the next Year, to ſupport and maintain this important Poſt.

I muſt remind you of the Inconveniences which ariſe from the Limits of the Province being undetermined. This is not only a great Diſcouragement to its being well peopled and improved, but likewiſe a conſtant Occaſion of Diſorders and Quarrels with our Neighbours: Our late Agreement with the Government of Connecticut, *has indeed put a ſtop to them for the preſent on that Side; but unleſs you make Proviſion for the compleating the Lines to be run in Conſequence of it, which that Province has made repeated Application to have done, the Miſchiefs intended to be prevented by that Agreement may poſſibly happen; you are no Strangers to the Differences which have ſubſiſted for ſome Years, between the Patentees of* Weſtenhook, *and the Inhabitants of the Province of* Maſſachuſets-Bay; *upon the Application of thoſe Patentees, I have made an Agreement with that Government, to abſtain on both Sides from any new Attempts, till the Lines between that Province and this ſhall be run; and their Aſſembly has made a Propoſal to treat with this Government, about thoſe Limits, and have named Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe; I ſhall lay their Reſolves before you, that you may take ſuch Meaſures on that Head, as you ſhall think moſt expedient.*

I have lately been informed of a Diſturbance, that happened between the Inhabitants of Orange *County, in this Province, and* Hunterdon *County, in* New-Jerſey; *which I know of no Expedient to put an End to, but by compleating the Diviſion Line on that Side, which will require a ſufficient Proviſion from you.*

There has been ſo much already done, to beautify and repair the Buildings in the Fort, that I am perſuaded you will not Leave that work imperfect. The Soldiers Barracks are in a very ruinous Condition, and will require a much greater Charge if what is neceſſary to keep them from falling, be not done without Delay.

I have the Satisfaction to inform you, that your Agent has been very active in ſoliciting the Affairs of this Province, and particularly, that he has ſucceeded in obtaining that preſſing Inſtantes might be made at the Court of France, *againſt the Stone Houſe built at* Niagara. *You cannot but be ſenſible that, his Vigilance will be very requiſite to prevent any Miſrepreſentation which the* French *may make of our Building at* Oſwego, *as well as to bring the other Matters committed to his Care to a happy Concluſion, and therefore I make no Queſtion of your continuing to give him all ſuitable Encouragement.*

The Seaſon of the Year being ſo far advanced, I hope you will proceed with all poſſible Diſpatch, that you may finiſh what I have recommended to you; and if you have any Thing to propoſe for the Benefit of the Country, I ſhall very readily join with you in it, to the Utmoſt of my Power.

W. BURNET.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech and the Votes of this Houſe be printed.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 2, 1727.

MR. *Hutchinſon* preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he and Capt. *Platt* were duly elected and returned to ſerve for the County of *Suffolk.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* and Capt. *Renſſelaer* do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Hutchinſon* and Capt. *Platt*, and deſire they may take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Mr. *Livingſton*, reported, that they had ſeen Mr. *Hutchinſon* and Capt. *Platt* take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hutchinſon* and Capt. *Platt*, take their Places accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 2, 1727.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 3, 1726.

COL. *William Willet* preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he and Major *Philipſe* were duly elected and returned to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for the County of *Weſtcheſter.*

Col. *Hicks* preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he and Capt. *Hicks* were duly elected and returned to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for *Queen's* County.

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe* and Mr. *Schuyler*, do wait on his Excellency with Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks* and Capt. *Hicks*, and deſire they may take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Major *Philipſe* reported, That they had ſeen Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks* and Capt. *Hicks*, take the Oaths, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks* and Capt. *Hicks*, take their Places accordingly.

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Col. *Abraham Gaasbeck* presented to this House, an Indenture, that he and *Albert Pawling*, Esq; were duly elected and returned to serve in this present Assembly for the County of *Ulster*.

And *John Le Count*, Esq; presented to this House, an Indenture, that he and *Richard Merril*, Esq; were duly elected and returned to serve in this present Assembly, for the County of *Richmond*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rensselaer* and Mr. *Lot* do wait on his Excellency with Col. *Gaasbeck*, Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Le Count*, and desire they may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1727.

CAPT. *Rensselaer* reported, That he and Mr. *Lot* had seen Col. *Gaasbeck*, Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Le Count*, take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaasbeck*, Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Le Count*, take their Places accordingly.

The House (according to Order) proceeded to take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the same. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1727.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had come to several Resolutions, which they directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House, being as follows; *viz.*

Resolved, That an humble Address of this House be made to his Majesty, on the Death of our late Sovereign, of ever-glorious Memory; and to congratulate his Majesty on his Accession to the imperial Crown of *Great-Britain*, *&c.*

Resolved, That an humble Address be made to his Excellency, on his kind Speech to this House, and that he be desired to appoint a Committee of his Majesty's Council, to join a Committee to be appointed by this House, to form the said Address to his Majesty.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, and the Members of the County of *Westchester*, do prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency, to be laid before this House.

Resolved, That this House will, *Friday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Mr. *Bobin*, by his Excellency's Order, laid before this House, a Copy of Monsieur *De Beauharnois*, the Governor of *Canada*'s Summons to the Garrison of *Oswego*, dated the 15th of *July*, 1727.

A Copy of an *English* Translation of Monsieur *De Beauharnois*, the Governor of *Canada*'s Letter to his Excellency, dated the 20th of *July*, 1727.

A Copy of an *English* Translation of a Letter writ by his Excellency, in Answer to the Governor of *Canada*'s Letter, dated the 8th of *August*, 1727. And,

A Copy of the Resolves of the Assembly of the Colony of the *Massachusets-Bay*, concerning the Division Line between the Province of *New-York* and that Colony; dated the 23d of *November* 1726, which were read.

Ordered, That the said Copies be referred to the Committee of the whole House, when those Matters of his Excellency's Speech, are by them taken into Consideration.

The Speaker from the Chair communicated to this House, two Letters, wrote by him on the 24th of *December*, and 21st of *January*, last past, to Mr. *Le Heup*, Agent for this Province at the Court of *Great-Britain*, concerning the Acts and Bills pass'd by this House, and other Matters of public Nature, recommended by him to the Care and Application of the said Agent.

Resolved, *That the Thanks of this House be given to the Speaker, for the said Letters, in which he hits in a handsome Manner, and with cogent Reasons fully expressed the Sentiments of this House, and for his Care and Diligence in writing and transmitting the same.*

The Speaker also communicated to this House, several Letters which he had received from the said Agent; *to wit*,

One dated the 9th of *August*,
One dated the 26th of *January*,
One dated the 20th of *February*,
One dated the 13th of *March*,
} 1726,
And, One dated the 9th of *June*, 1727.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 4, 1727.

Ordered,

THAT the Treasurer of this Colony do lay before this House, on or before the 7th of this Month, an Account of the Money received and paid by him for supporting his Majesty's Government in the said Colony, from the Time he delivered in his last Account thereof, until the first of *July*, 1726, and from the said first Day of *July*, until the first Day of *July* last past, and the gross Amount of the same from thence until the first Instant.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do at the same Time lay before this House, Accounts of his Receipts and Payments of the several publick Taxes, raised and laid by several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer do likewise lay before this House, on or before the Time above-mentioned, Accounts of the Monies paid into the Treasury by the several Commissioners appointed throughout this Colony to let to Farm the Excise, and to distinguish therein, the Names of the several Commissioners who have paid the respective Sums, and for what City or County, from the Time he delivered in his last Account thereof, until the first Day of *May* last past.

Ordered, That the Vendue Master lay before this House, on or before the 7th Day of this Instant, an Account of the Duties arisen by Goods sold at publick Vendue, from the 20th of *April*, 1726, until the first Day of *July*, in the same Year.

Ordered, That the Weigh Master do lay before this House, on or before the said 7th Instant, an Account of the Duties arisen by the Weigh House in the City of *New-York*, from the Time he delivered in his last Account, until the 29th of *September* last past.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House deliver Copies of the several Orders above-mentioned, to the respective Officers therein-mentioned.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 5, 1727.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought into this House to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act, appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; and that Mr. *Garretsen* and Major *Syms* do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1727.

CAPT. *Hicks* reported, That he and Mr. *Pawling* had seen Mr. *Merril* take the Oaths, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merril* take his Place accordingly.

Mr. *Garretsen* (according to Order) brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1727.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Petition of Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, complaining of an undue Election and Return in the City and County of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read; as also the Petition of several of the Freemen and Freeholders of the said City and County, complaining of the said undue Election and Return.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Col. *Gansbeck*, Capt. *Platt* and Mr. *Merril*, be, and are

are appointed a Committee of Privileges and Elections, and all Members that come to have Voices, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to this House, from Time to Time; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That the Petition of Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, and the Petition of several Freemen and Freeholders, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and that they report their Opinion of the same to the House.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 6, 1727.

COL. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address of this House to his Excellency, laid before this House, the Draught of an Address accordingly; which being read, was agreed unto by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That this House will, *Monday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1727.

THE engrossed Address of this House to his Excellency, being read, was agreed unto by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency *William Burnet*, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, and the Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same, *&c.*

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*.

May it please your Excellency,

WE *his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of this his Colony, being deeply sensible of the Death of our late Sovereign, of ever-glorious Memory, and equally transported with the rightful and peaceable Accession of his present Majesty to the imperial Crown of* Great-Britain, *and all the Dominions thereunto belonging, think it our Duty in the Beginning of this Session, humbly to address his Majesty on these two great Occasions, and to assure him of the Loyalty and Affection of the People whom we have the Honour to represent; and therefore desire that your Excellency and the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council of this Colony, will be pleased to join therein.*

We embrace this Opportunity to thank your Excellency in the most respectful Manner for your obliging Speech to this House, and to assure you, that the several Matters therein recommended to us, shall, in the Course of our Proceedings, be as maturely considered as the Season will allow; and such Provisions made, as the Nature of Things and Circumstances of the Colony will admit. And we do in a more particular Manner own, that we esteem the engaging your private Credit for compleating the trading House at Oswego, *(over and above the Provision made for it by Act of Assembly) as a Mark of your Zeal for encouraging the* Indian *Trade, and securing the Six Nations in the* British *Interest; for which we give you our hearty Thanks, and shall endeavour to find out Ways and Means to defray the reasonable Charge thereof.*

Upon this Head we cannot but observe with the greatest Surprize, the imperious Manner in which the Governor of Canada *summoned and demanded that we should demolish and abandon that trading House, and the Letter in which he pretends to give a Colour for that Proceedure: We persuade ourselves, that the true Light in which your Excellency's Answer has put that Matter, will convince him, that his Pretensions are unjust and without Foundation.*

We humbly hope his Majesty will represent this unwarrantable Proceeding to the French *King, as we are glad to find our Ambassador at that Court had Orders to do about the Stone House built by the* French *at* Niagara, *on Ground belonging to the five Nations, allowed by the Treaty of* Utrecht *as Subjects of the Crown of* Great-Britain.

By Order of the General Assembly,
ADOLPH PHILIPSE, *Speaker.*

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker sign the same in behalf of the whole House.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Merril*, do wait on his Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The Treasurer attending without, was called in, and laid before this House, General Accounts of his Majesty's Revenue in the Province of *New-York*, from the 20th of *April*, 1726, to the first of *July*, 1726; as also from the first Day of *July*, 1726, to the first Day of *July*, 1727. And likewise,

An Account of the gross Amount of the Duties of the several Branches of his Majesty's Revenue in this Province, from the first Day of *July* last, to the first Day of *October* Instant, amounting to *One Thousand and Forty Six Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable them to raise a Sum sufficient for the building of a new Goal, or enlarging the Old one, as to the Corporation shall seem most necessary and convenient; and that they may be enabled to raise such annual Sums, as may defray the extraordinary Charges of the said City and County, as is usual in all other Parts of this Province.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Col. *Hicks*, reported to this House, that he and Mr. *Merril*, had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say, he should be at leisure in an Hour's Time, to receive them at the Council Chamber with their Address, and the House waited on his Excellency accordingly.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that they had attended on his Excellency, with their Address, and that after the same was presented, and read, his Excellency was pleased to thank them for their kind Address, and to acquaint them, that he would communicate what they had desired therein, to the Council, who were then sitting.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1727.

CAPT. *Rutgers* (according to Leave) brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of* New-York, *to raise* Six Hundred Pounds, *upon the Freeholders, Inhabitants and Residents thereof, to build a convenient Goal and Prisons within the said City, and also for raising an annual Sum, not exceeding* Two Hundred Pounds, *to defray their publick and necessary Charge*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *De Lancey* brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Vendue Master (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *An* Account, *of Goods sold by Vendue, paying three* per Cent. *Duty, from the 20th of* April *to the 1st of* July 1726, *amounting to* Five Pounds, Fifteen Shillings *and* Three-pence.

Ordered, That the said Account lie upon the Table for the Members to peruse.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, That, that Board had appointed Capt. *Walter*, Mr. *Van Dam*, Mr. *Barbarie*, Mr. *Harrison* and Mr. *Alexander*, or any three of them, to be a Committee, to join a Committee to be appointed by this House, to prepare the Draught of an Address, to be presented to his Majesty, from the Governor, Council and Assembly of this Province, and in Order thereto, the said Committee will meet on *Tuesday* next, at the Hour of Five in the Afternoon, at the House of *John De Honneur*, in this City.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, the Members of the County of *Westchester*, Mr. *Beekman*, Major *Syms* and Mr. *Garretsen*, or any 7 of them, be a Committee of this House, to join and meet a Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed by them, and that the Clerk of this House, do acquaint the Council with this Order.

Resolved, That this House will, *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1727.

THE Treasurer attending without, and being called in, laid before this House, an Account, entitled, *Accounts relating what have received and paid on Account of several Taxes, and an Account of what have received for Excise, from the 28th of* April 1726, *to the 6th of* October 1727; and the Titles being read,

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

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The Petitions of *James Fauiere* and *Charlotte*, his Wife, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill into this House, that they may be naturalized.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Treasurer informing this House, that none of the Distillers of Rum or other Spirits, distilled in Part or wholly from Molasses, have hitherto entered into such Recognizance, as they were directed to do by the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majesty, the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the 1st Day of* July 1726, *to the 1st Day of* July 1729. It is the Opinion of this House, that such Omission is a manifest Contempt of the said Law, and a fraudulent Intent to elude the Payment of the Duty laid by the same; and therefore,

Ordered, That all the Distillers within the City of *New-York*, by summoned by the Door-keeper to attend this House, between the Hours of 9 and 10, on *Thursday* Morning next, and that the Clerk sign a Copy of this Minute and Order for that Purpose.

Mr. *Jason Vaughan* presented to this House, a Petition and Proposal, setting forth; That as he has set up a School in the City of *New-York*, to teach the *Greek* and *Latin* Languages, he is willing to instruct a certain Number of Poor Children therein, in Case this House will be pleased to allow him a Consideration for the same, during such a Term of Years, as to them shall seem meet; which being read,

Ordered, That the Petition and Proposal be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1727.

MR. *Hutchinson* brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Suffolk, *to build a County House and Prison*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise* Six Hundred Pounds, *upon the Freeholders, Inhabitants and Residents thereof, to build a convenient Goal and Prisons within the said City, and also for raising an annual Sum, not exceeding* Two Hundred Pounds, *to defray their publick and necessary Charge*; was read the second Time, and committed to the four Members of *New-York*, Major *Philipse*, Mr. *Livingston* and Mr. *Beekman*, or any 5 of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Mr. *Lot*, Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Hicks*, Major *Hutchinson*, and Col. *Willet*, or any 7 of them.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1727.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* James Fauiere *and* Charlotte, *his Wife* (according to Leave) was bro't into this House; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Suffolk, *to build a County House and Prison*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the Island *Nassau*, or any 5 of them.

Resolved, That this House will, *Friday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 11, 1727.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1727.

MR. *Garret De Graw* and Mr. *Garret Onkelbag*, two Distillers in the City and County of *New-York*, attending without, and being called in, the Speaker acquainted them, with what the Treasurer informed this House, on the 10th Day of this Month, and that if they did not forthwith comply, with what they were directed to do by the Act, for Support of this Goverment, passed in the Year 1726, this House would by another Act compel them thereto; whereupon they pretended to have been ignorant of what the said Act required of them, and promising to comply with the same in four days Time, they were dismissed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* James Fauiere *and* Charlotte, *his Wife*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Major *Philipse* and Mr. *Le Count*, or any 3 of them.

A Motion was made, That a Committee of Grievances be appointed by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Willet*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Mr. *Beekman*, Major *Hutchinson*, Mr. *Merril*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Major *Philipse*, Capt. *Rensselaer*, Col. *Gaasbeck* and Mr. *Livingston*, or any 7 of them, be a Committee of Grievances, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Major *Syms* brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County House and Goal, and for making an Addition to the Goal in the County of* Orange; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Gaasbeck* brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ascertaining the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *and the* North *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Ulster, *on the* West *Side of* Hudson's River; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time, and that the Mayor and Justices of the Peace of *Albany*, and the Trustees of *King*'s Town, and the Justices of the Peace of *Ulster*, be respectively served with a Copy thereof, if required.

Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1727.

THE Petition of *Hester Besty*, the Wife of *Thauvet Besty*, was presented to the House, and read, praying her Name may be inserted in a Bill now before this House, for naturalizing *James Fauiere*, and *Charlotte*, his Wife.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Mr. *Garretsen* reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Suffolk, *to build a County House and Prison*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments, and added a Clause to the Bill; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County House and Goal, and for making an Addition to the Goal in the County*

of Orange; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the two Members of *Orange* County, Major *Philipſe*, Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Lot*.

Mr. *Van Brugh* brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying out and clearing publick Highways in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 13, 1727.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beekman* have Leave to be abſent for 10 Days, upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1727.

MAJOR *Syms* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repairing the County Houſe and Goal, and for making an Addition to the Goal in the County of* Orange; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the ſaid Bill, and added ſundry Clauſes to the ſame; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying out and clearing publick Highways in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*.

The Petition of *John Sybrandt*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that his Name may be inſerted in the Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1727.

THE Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency had delivered to him the following Accounts of the Coſt, Charge and Expence of the trading Houſe built at *Oſwego*, and deſired him to lay the ſame before this Houſe, *to wit*,

A general Account of the ſaid Charges done in the City and County of *Albany*, amounting to the Sum of *Eight Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, Nine Shillings and Two-pence*, referring to the reſpective Accounts thereof, being 101 in Number.

And a general Account of the Charges done in the City of *New-York*, amounting to the Sum of *Eight Hundred and Twenty Nine Pounds, Two Shillings and Nine-pence Half-penny*, referring to the reſpective Accounts thereof, being 26 in Number.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts being read;

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe; and be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take into Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech which relates to the ſaid trading Houſe at *Oſwego*.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to prepare the Draft of an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty from the Governor, Council and Aſſembly of this Colony; That they had prepared the Draft of an Addreſs accordingly; which he delivered in, and being read, was agreed to and approved of by the whole Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Suffolk, *to build a County Houſe and Priſon*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Hutchinſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repair the County Houſe, and to amend and enlarge the Goal or Priſon in the County of* Orange; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Syms* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the ſeveral Cities and Counties in this Colony*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1727.

CAPT. *Rutgers*, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Addreſs to his Majeſty, reported, That they had met a Committee of the Council, appointed by that Board for the ſame Purpoſe, and that both Committees had agreed to and approved of the Draft read Yeſterday in this Houſe, as a proper Addreſs from the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly to his Majeſty.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* and Mr. *Merril*, acquaint his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council, That when the ſaid Addreſs is engroſſed and ſigned by them, the Members of this Houſe will be ready to ſign the ſame likewiſe, as ſoon as it is ſent to them for that Purpoſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1727.

COL *Willet* reported, That Mr. *Merril* and himſelf had delivered to his Excellency, the Meſſage of this Houſe, relating to an Addreſs from the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly to his Majeſty, and that his Excellency had been pleaſed to ſay, that the ſame ſhould be communicated to the Council.

Col. *Willet*, at his Excellency's Requeſt, laid before this Houſe, Propoſitions made the 25th of *Auguſt* laſt, in *Onondaga*, to the Six Nations, by *Lawrence Claſſen*, their Interpreter, and their Anſwer thereto; as alſo, a Journal of the ſaid *Lawrence* to the ſaid Six Nations, dated the 12th of *October*; and a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs to his Excellency, of the ſame Date; which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, An *Act*, for continuing an Act, *entitled*, An *Act*, appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, *&c. and Major* Philipſe *reported from the ſaid Committee, That it appeared to them by the Treaſurer's Accounts of what he had received from ſeveral Commiſſioners appointed by Acts of the General Aſſembly for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, many of them had omitted for ſome Years paſt to deliver Accounts or Liſts for how much, and to whom the ſame was let; and others had not delivered in ſuch Liſts or Accounts for the preſent Year: And that ſeveral of the Commiſſioners retained in their Hands great Part of the Money they had let the ſaid Exciſe at, which being directly contrary to the Acts whereby they were appointed Commiſſioners, and very prejudicial to the Publick; and thereupon it is,*

Ordered, *That all and every Perſon or Perſons, who are now, or have been at any Time before Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe, not having hitherto delivered an exact Liſt or Account for how much, and to whom it was farmed by them, that they deliver the ſame to the Treaſurer of this Colony, and pay unto him the Money ariſing thereby, with all convenient Speed.*

Reſolved,

Reſolved, *That ſuch as are in Default thereof, be compelled thereto, either by the Laws which appointed them Commiſſioners, or by an Act to be made for that Purpoſe; and in the mean-while it is,*

Ordered, *That the Executors of Col.* David Provooſt, *Mr.* Johannis Janſen, *and Mr.* John Cruger, *and likewiſe the ſaid Mr.* Cruger, *and Col.* Robert Lurting, *attend this Houſe on* Thurſday *Morning next, upon the ſubject Matter of the Exciſe; and that the Clerk ſerve them with a Copy of this Order for that Purpoſe.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1727.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1727.

Ordered,

THAT the Committee of Grievances meet every *Tueſday* and *Friday* during this Seſſions, at 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of *John De Honeur*, in this City; and that their firſt Meeting be on *Friday* next.

The Petition of *Suſanna Merceir*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying her Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs, and deſired Leave to ſit again; and that in the mean-while, it would be much to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, if they were informed how, and in what Manner the following Sums and Taxes, raiſed, levied and appropriated for promoting and encouraging the *Indian* Trade, and ſecuring the Six Nations of *Indians* in the *Britiſh* Intereſt, *&c.* have been diſpoſed of; *to wit*,

What Forfeitures aroſe by the Act, paſſed *Anno* 1720, and how diſpoſed of.

What Warrants are iſſued on the *Five Hundred Pounds*, raiſed and levied by an Act, paſſed *Anno* 1721.

What Warrants are iſſued on the Forfeitures and Fines, laid by an Act, *Anno* 1722, and the ſubſequent Acts confirming and enforcing the ſame.

What Warrants are iſſued on the *Five Hundred Pounds* Tax, raiſed by an Act, paſſed in the Year 1722.

What Warrants are drawn on the *Five Hundred Pounds* Tax, raiſed by an Act, paſſed *Anno* 1723.

What Warrants are iſſued on the *Two Hundred Pounds*, applied by an Act paſſed in the Year 1724.

What Warrants are drawn on the *Three Hundred Pounds*, *per Ann.* applied by an Act, paſſed in *June*, *Anno* 1726, and on the Fines and Forfeitures laid by that Act, and the Act which enforced the ſame, paſſed in *November* following.

And what Warrants are iſſued on the *Three Hundred Pounds*, applied to build the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*.

Which being read, was approved of by the Houſe; and therefore,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, lay before this Houſe, an Account of the reſpective Warrants iſſued on the ſeveral Funds above-mentioned, and that the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve him with a Copy of this Minute and Order for that Purpoſe.

Mr. *Bobin* by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, further Accounts relating to Services done in the *Indian* Country, amounting to *Eighty Five Pounds*, *Seven Shillings* and *Two-pence Halfpenny*, refering to 19 Accounts thereof.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe, and be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take into Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relate to the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1727.

A Motion was made, That whereas Flour is the ſtaple Commodity of this Colony, and has of late (as its ſaid) loſt much of its Reputation abroad, Care ſhould therefore be taken to regain its Credit.

And the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, are of Opinion, that the ſame is in a great Meaſure occaſioned by the Want of a due Regulation and Inſpection of the Flour tranſported from this Colony; and it is therefore,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and that the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Executor of Col. *David Provooſt*, Mr. *Cruger* and Col. *Lurting*, attending without (according to Order) and being called in, Mr. *Cruger*, produced an Account of what Money remained in his Hand of the Exciſe, from *primo November* 1720, to the firſt of *November* 1725, amounting to *Three Hundred Sixteen Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and acquainted the Houſe, that ſome Money and Recognizances of the Exciſe during the ſaid Time, remained in the Hands of Mr. *Janſen*, who was much indiſpoſed, but that no Part of that Exciſe was received by Col. *Provooſt*.

Mr. *Cruger* and Col. *Lurting*, alſo informed, that the Reaſon why no Liſt of the Exciſe, for the laſt Year was not delivered in, becauſe Retailers frequently agreed for a ſhort Time, but they could now compleat the Year, and would deliver an Account thereof accordingly, and then withdrew; being called in again, the Speaker by Order of the Houſe directed them, not only to compleat the ſaid Account, but to pay into the Treaſury, all the Monies in their or either of their Hands, upon Account of the Exciſe, and to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to do the like of what was ſtill ſtanding out, which they promiſed to do, and then were diſmiſſed.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants and Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Liberty may be granted by an Act, to ſome Perſon for refining Sugar.

The Petition of *James Renaudet*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may bring in a Bill, for granting ſuch Privileges to the Petitioner, as was granted to Mr. *Robert Lettice Hooper*, by an Act of General Aſſembly, for ſuch Term as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

The Copy of an Act, prohibiting all Perſons but *Robert Lettice Hooper*, and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein-mentioned; was read, and

Several Depoſitions being produced to this Houſe, that neither the ſaid Mr. *Hooper*, nor any Perſon for him, had refined any Sugar in this City ſince *January* laſt, it appears to this Houſe, the ſaid Mr. *Hooper* hath by ſuch Neglect, relinquiſhed or given over the refining Sugar.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to repeal the ſaid Act, and that Capt. *Rutgers* and Capt. *Van Horne*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1727.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Barbarie*, That they have agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repair the County Houſe, and to amend and enlarge the Goal and Priſon in the County of* Orange; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Suffolk, *to build a County Houſe and Priſon.*

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying-out and clearing publick Highways, in*

in the Precinct of Skohare, *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and amended the Body of the Bill, and added a Clauſe to the ſaid Bill, which were read; and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſe, be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excelleney's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe*, &c.

Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought the engroſſed Addreſs, from the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, to his Majeſty, and a Duplicate thereof, ſigned by his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council, which being read; was likewiſe ſigned by all the Members of this Houſe now in Town.

Ordered, That the Clerk return the ſame to his Excellency, which Addreſs is as follows, *viz.*

To the KING's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly of the Province of New-York.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, of this remote Part of your Dominions, beg Leave to approach the Throne, with Hearts deeply affected with the Loſs of your late royal Father of ever glorious Memory, but filled with Joy and Comfort upon your moſt excellent Majeſty's happy Acceſſion to the Crown.

The Bleſſings we now enjoy under your Majeſty, naturally leads us to look back, to that ſignal Revolution under our great Deliverer King *William* the Third, who began his Reign with aboliſhing *Popery* and Slavery among us, and cloſed it with preventing their being ever again impoſed and entailed upon us, by eſtabliſhing the *Proteſtant* Succeſſion for the perpetual Security of our Laws, Liberties and Religion.

We have obſerved with Delight and Admiration, that as ſoon as that happy Settlement took Place in his late Majeſty, the Glory of the *Britiſh* Nation, received a new Luſtre from his ſhining Virtues. His juſt and mild Government endeared him to his Subjects, and his wiſe and ſteady Conduct effectually placed the Balance of *Europe* in his Hands, and what above all demands our unbounded Gratitude to his Memory, the Peace, Safety, Strength and Happineſs, in which he left his Kingdoms, prepared the Way for thoſe univerſal Acclamations, with which your Majeſty's Acceſſion has been ſo joyfully celebrated.

Your Majeſty's early Zeal and undaunted Courage, in Defence of the Liberties of *Europe* and the reformed Intereſt, your long Experience and entire Knowledge of the *Britiſh* Conſtitution, joined with all inherent Virtues that can adorn a Prince, gives us ſure Preſages of the Glories that will attend your auſpicious Reign, and that we might have nothing left to wiſh, but the Continuance of our Happineſs, we ſee the Throne graced with a royal Conſort, who by diſdaining a temporal Crown, when ſet in Competition with a Heavenly one, has the juſteſt Title to both, and with a numerous royal Iſſue, formed by Nature, Education and Example, to continue the Felicity of the Times to Poſterity for Ages to come.

Though we are not bleſſed with the nearer Influence of your royal Preſence, yet we yield to none of your Majeſty's Subjects in Fidelity and Loyalty, and in ardent Wiſhes, that your Majeſty's Reign may exceed all your Predeceſſors, in Length, Proſperity and Glory, and that the *Britiſh* Scepter may for ever be eſtabliſhed in your Majeſty's moſt illuſtrious Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1727.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for laying-out and clearing publick Highways, in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany, *and for exchanging ſome of the Commiſſioners*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Order) brought into this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1727.

THE Petition of *Daniel Nunes da Coſta*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Capt. *Renſſelaer*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame without an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Living ſton* reported from the Committee, That they made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1727.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *prohibiting all Perſons, but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Renſſelaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Living ſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1727.

MR. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of Warrants drawn on the Treaſurer of *New-York*, payable out of Monies ariſen by Acts of Aſſembly, for promoting and encouraging the *Indian* Trade, from *Anno* 1721, ſecuring the *Indians* to the *Britiſh* Intereſt, as alſo of thoſe out of Fines and Forfeitures, by Virtue of an Act paſſed 1726.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe, and be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take into Conſideration, that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Living ſton* reported from the Committee, That they made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Living ſton*, reported from the Committee, They they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties of this Colony*; and Major *Syms* (Major *Philipſe* being indiſpoſed) reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe*, &c. and Major *Syms* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and amended the Body of the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſes, be engroſſed.

The Petition of *John George Puſchart*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee on the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1727.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1727.

Ordered,

THAT Capt. *Haring* have Leave to go Home for eight Days, to hold the Court of Common Pleas, in the County of *Orange*.

The Petition of *Elizabeth Jordain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth her extream Poverty, and praying to be relieved from the Penalties of four Recognizances, entered into by her for Payment of the Exciſe; which Petition being taken into Conſideration, and the Houſe finding that two of the Recognizances were entered into, in the Year 1720, for the Sum of *Eleven Pounds, Six Shillings*, and the other two in the Year 1721, for the Sum of *Six Pounds*;

It is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Commiſſioners for letting to Farm the Exciſe, having neglected their Duty, in not putting the ſaid Recognizances in Suit, againſt the

Sureties of the ſaid *Jordain*, immediately after they became due, and were not paid, that the Commiſſioners are anſwerable for the ſame, and that the granting the Prayer of the Petitioner, would be giving too great an Encouragement to the Commiſſioners, to neglect the Performance of their Duty for the future; therefore it is,

Ordered, The ſaid Petition be diſmiſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony, and for changing ſome Commiſſioners, and for recovering the Arrears of the Exciſe*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; *Monday* next being his Majeſty's Birth Day.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Tueſday* Morning next.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1727.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1727.

MR. *Bobin*, by his Excellency's Order, laid before this Houſe, an Account of Freight of Sundries, carried up to *Albany*, for his Excellency *William Burnet*'s Company there, *Auguſt* 23, 1727; amounting to *Three Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Six-pence*; and a Computation of what will be required for the Support of the Garriſon at *Oſwego*, for this enſuing Year, ſix Men hired to ſtay there till *April* next, amounting to *Five Hundred* and *Sixty Two Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Eight-pence*; which were read.

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take into Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1727.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they had agreed to the following Bills, without an Amendment, *viz.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for laying out and clearing publick Highways in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany, *and for exchanging ſome of the Commiſſioners*; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act *prohibiting all Perſons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns to refine Sugar, during the Term therein-mentioned.*

Mr. *Livingſton* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Manor of* Livingſton, *in the County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of Grievances, That by Complaints and Informations laid before them by ſeveral Perſons, and likewiſe from ſome of their own Knowledge, many of his Majeſty's leige Subjects have of late been proſecuted in their reſpective Counties, upon Informations filed againſt them by the Attorney General, or his Deputies, and others compelled to defend the ſame, in the Supream Court at the City of *New-York*, tho' the Matters charged upon them, have often been trivial, and that Numbers of the Juſtices of the Peace of ſeveral Counties, ſtill Labour under the like Proſecutions. It is their Opinion, that ſuch Proceedings are chiefly carried on, either to ſerve ſome extravagant Fees and Charges from the People, or to frighten them into unreaſonable Compoſitions, and that ſuch illegal Practices ought to be prevented for the future; which Report being read, was approved of by the Houſe; and it was thereupon,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That all Proſecutions in this Colony for any Crime or Offence whatever, except upon Preſentments or Indictments of a Grand Inqueſt, are contrary to the known Laws and Practice of this Province, and a grievous Oppreſſion to the Subjects.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That a Law be made to prevent Oppreſſions of that Kind for the future, and to quaſh all Proceſs upon Information, now depending in any Courts in this Colony.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly; and that Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Gaaſbeck* and Mr. *Livingſton*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Petition of *Jacob Bemper*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the aſcertaining the Rents due and payble to his Majeſty, for ſome of the Lands formerly granted in this Province, for which no certain Rent hath been reſerved in the Grants made of the ſaid Lands*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The ſaid Bill, was read the firſt Tme, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1727.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1727.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Dr. *Colden*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an*

an Act, entitled, *An Act appointing Commissioners to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony, and for changing some Commissioners, and for recovering the Arrears of the Excise*; without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the ascertaining the* South *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Albany, *and the* North *Bounds and Limits of the County of* Ulster, *on the* West *Side of* Hudson's River; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *Albany*, *Ulster*, *Orange* and *Dutchess* Counties; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 3, 1727.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1727.

MR. *Bobin* laid before this House, by his Excellency's Order, an Account of *Two Pounds Seven Shillings*, for the Passages of eleven Soldiers, *&c.* by *Peter Winne*.

Ordered, That the said Account be refered to the Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, when they take that Part thereof, relating to the Trading House at *Oswego*, into Consideration.

The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to raise by Taxes yearly for five Years, a Sum not exceeding *Forty Pounds*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of* Livingston, *in the County of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed.

Mr. *Livingston* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for preventing malicious Prosecutions by Informations*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had considered that Part of it relating to the trading House erected at *Oswego*, and although they find the Charges and Contingences for that Service, has far exceeded the Sum appropriated for that Undertaking by an Act passed in *November* last, they are nevertheless of Opinion, that all the reasonable Charge thereof ought to be paid and provided for, because the said Building is esteemed formidable and defencible, and to tend very much to secure the Six Nations in the *British* Interest, and to promote the Trade with the more remote Nations.

That having examined all the Accounts brought in, of the Workmanship, Materials and contingent Charges that have already happened, and will arise till *April* next, and made a Computation of the further Charges and Provisions necessary to subsist 25 Men for 30 Weeks after that Time; they find the whole Charge thereof will amount to the Sum of *One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Two Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Four-pence*, as by a List of the Particulars thereof may appear more at large.

And that for the Discharge thereof, they had come to the following Resolutions, which being read, were agreed to and approved of by the House, and are as follows:

Resolved, That the *Three Hundred Pounds* appropriated to build Conveniences for promoting and encouraging the *Indian* Trade, by an Act passed in *November*, 1726, shall be Part of the Sum above-mentioned.

Resolved, That the Residue of all the several Taxes raised for securing the *Indians* to the *British* Interest, and promoting the *Indian* Trade, which remain or ought to be in the Treasury, shall be employed towards discharging the said first-mentioned Sum.

Resolved, That the *Six Hundred Pounds* arisen and to arise by the Act which lays different Duties on *Indian* Goods, until the 8th Day of *July* next, and which was appropriated for maintaining proper Persons among the Five Nations, *&c.* shall likewise be employed towards the Discharge of the Sum first-mentioned.

Resolved, That the Residue of all the Fines and Forfeitures, which are already paid into the Treasury, by Persons trading with the *French*, contrary to Law; shall also be employed towards discharging the Sum first mentioned.

Resolved, That the *Two Hundred Pounds* offered to be paid by *Nicholas Schuyler* and *Jacob Wendell*, for having contraven'd the said Laws, shall likewise be employed towards discharging the Sum above-mentioned; and that the said *Schuyler* and *Wendell*, paying the said *Two Hundred Pounds* into the Treasury, within Days after the Publication of an Act to be passed pursuant to these Resolutions, shall thereupon be released and discharged of the Bonds and Recognizances entered into by them, and of all further Forfeitures or Prosecutions for their said Transgressions.

Resolved, That of Monies now in the Treasury upon Account of the Excise, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Seven Hundred Pounds* shall be borrowed, and employed to discharge such Part of the Sum first-mentioned, as may require immediate Payment.

Resolved, That all the Fines and Forfeitures not yet paid in, for trading with the *French*, contrary to the several Laws of this Colony, shall be recovered from those that have transgressed the same, according to the Intent and Tenor of the said Laws, and that strong Clauses shall be made for the effectual Recovery thereof.

Resolved, That the different Duties laid on *Indian* Goods, by an Act passed in *June*, 1726, and enforced by an Act passed in *November* following, shall be continued for one Year and an Half, from and after the 8th of *July*, which will be in the Year 1728.

Resolved, That all the Monies to arise by Means of the Fines and Forfeitures aforesaid, as also by Means of the double Duties on *Indian* Goods, between the 17th of *June* and 8th of *July*, 1726; and likewise the Duties now intended to be continued, shall be employed in the first Place to repay the abovementioned Sum of *Seven Hundred Pounds*, which is then to be replaced to the Account of the Excise, for the Ends and Purposes intended by former Acts of the General Assembly; and that all the Surplus of the said Funds shall be employed and disposed of in such Manner, as by Act or Acts hereafter to be made for that Purpose, shall be directed.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in according to the several Resolutions above-mentioned; and that the Members for the City of *New-York*, and Mr. Chief Justice, do prepare and bring the same.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1727.

MR. *Van Brugh* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to defray the publick and necessary Charge of the said City*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 6, 1727.

MR. *Garretsen* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they have examined the Petition of Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, as also another of a great Number of Freeholders and Freemen of the City and County of *Albany*, complaining of

of an undue Election and Return in the ſaid City and County; and likewiſe ſeveral Witneſſes, Affidavits and Certificates to ſupport the ſaid Complaint. That they have on the other Hand heard the returned Members, Mr. *Johannis Cuyler* and Capt. *Peter Van Brugh*, and examined ſeveral Witneſſes, Affidavits and Certificates in Defence of the ſaid Complaint; and do find, there have been many ill Practices in the ſaid Election, and that it was carried on by Ways and Means very different from what had been the conſtant Practice there until that Time. And although the Committee (having maturely conſidered the whole Matter) are not of Opinion, that the ſame are ſufficient to make void the Return, or to diſcharge the ſitting Members, they are nevertheleſs humbly of Opinion, that the Election for the ſaid City and County ought to be put under ſuch Regulations, as may diſcourage and prevent the like indirect Practices for the future, leaſt Corruptions of that Kind ſhould prevail there. And your Committee do in the mean-while crave Leave to obſerve, that by a Memorial offered in Anſwer to Col. *Schuyler's* Petition, he has (in our Opinion) been unjuſtly and undeſervedly treated, becauſe by moſt of their own Experience for many Years in former Aſſemblies, and in his private Dealings, they always found him a good and worthy Member, and fair Trader; which Report being read, was approved of by the Houſe; and it was thereupon

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr. *Cuyler* and Capt. *Van Brugh*, be continued Members of this Houſe, for the City and County of *Albany*, during the Continuance of this preſent General Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will conſider of proper Methods and Directions to regulate the Elections of Members for the ſaid City and County of *Albany*, for the future, ſo as to prevent ſuch Irregularities and Complaints as have happened concerning the laſt Election there.

Mr. *Beekman* reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of* Livingſton, *in the County of* Albany; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which being reported and read,

A Motion was made, that the Bill be recommitted; which being carried in the Affirmative;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed, and Mr. *Cuyler* being gone Home by Leave, that the Members of *Ulſter* and Mr. *Schuyler*, be added to the Committee, or any 5 of them.

Mr. *Bobin*, laid before this Houſe, an Account of Sums ordered to be paid by Warrants in Council, the firſt Day of *November*, 1727, *viz.*

	£.	s.	d.
To *Philip Livingſton*, for Sundries delivered to Capt. *Philip Schuyler*, for Preſents to the *Indians* at *Onondaga*, out of the Duties ariſing on *Indian* Goods, by Virtue of an Act paſſed in *June*, 1726,	42	0	0
To *Stephanus Groeſbeck*, out of ditto, for the like,	30	0	0
To *Lawrence Claſſen*, out of ditto, for his Service in the *Indian* Country,	31	19	0
To ditto, for his Service with Meſſrs. *Philip* and *Peter Schuyler*, out of ditto,	15	0	0
To *Jooſt Van Size*, for his Service as Smith in the *Seneka's* Country, out of the Money appropriated for *Indian* Services,	20	0	0
To *Joſeph Clement*, for repairing the Fort at *Fort Hunter*, out of the Monies ariſing by Fines and Forfeitures,	138	19	0
	22	2	6
	£. 161	1	6

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing malicious Proſecutions by Informations*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1727.

MR. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body, and added ſome Clauſes to the Bill; which were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes be engroſſed.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* James Fauiere, *and* Charlotte, *his Wife*; That they had gone thro' the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and amended the Body of the ſame; which were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Beekman* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of* Livingſton, *in the County of* Albany, was re-committed, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome other Amendments; which were read, and diſagreed unto by the Houſe; and,

Ordered, That the Bill do lie on the Table, till the Inhabitants of *Dutcheſs* County are ſerved with a Copy thereof.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1727.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* Albany, *to defray the public and neceſſary Charge of the ſaid City*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* James Fauiere, *and* Charlotte, *his Wife*, Heſter Beſty, *the Wife of* Thauvet Beſty, John Sybrandt, Suſanna Merceir, *Widow*, Daniel Nunes da Coſta, John George Puſchart *and* Jacob Bemper; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Captain *Renſſelaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing malicious Proſecutions by Information*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1727.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1727.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Proſecutions by Informations*; being read the third Time, a Clauſe was added thereto on the Table; which being likewiſe read,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Nassau, *and for moderating some Rates of the former Ferriage*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Syms* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Van Horne* (according to Order) brought in a Bill to this House, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *the maintaining it during the Time therein mentioned*; *for applying several Funds, and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Excise for that Purpose*; *for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures*; *for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods, during the Time therein mentioned*; *and for making good the Money so to be borrowed of the Excise*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 11, 1727.

THE Petition of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and County of *Albany*, in Behalf of themselves and the Rest of the Justices of the said City and County, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That *Richard Bradley*, Esq; Attorney General of this Province, hath lately caused about 40 Justices of the said County to be summoned in the Supreme Court, to answer to an Information exhibited in the said Court, for the Insufficiency of the County Goal, each of the former Justices having been compelled to pay *Four Pounds Five Shillings*, to the said Attorney General, on Account of the said Goal; after which Time, the said Goal hath been repaired, and no Complaint made of the Insufficiency thereof, either by the Sheriff or the Grand Jury; and they having nevertheless been put to Trouble and Charges concerning the Premises, pray to be relieved, and their Grievance redressed. And forasmuch as the Hardship complained of in the said Petition, have already been provided against by the Act for preventing Prosecutions by Information, passed this Session;

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members of this House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein mentioned*; *for applying several Funds, and for borrowing a certain Sum out of the Excise for that Purpose*; *for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures*; *for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods, during the Time therein mentioned*; *and for making good the Money so to be borrowed of the Excise*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 13, 1727.

MR. *Bobin* laid before this House, a further Account of Sums ordered to be paid by Warrants in Council on the 11th of this Instant *November*, out of the Duties arising on *Indian* Goods, by Virtue of an Act passed in *June*, 1726, amounting to *Ninety Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings*; which was read, and,

Ordered, To lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Then the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein mentioned*; *for applying several Funds, and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Excise for that Purpose*; *for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures*; *for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods, during the Time therein mentioned*; *and for making good the Money so to be borrowed of the Excise*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

The Speaker communicated to this House, a Letter which he had received Yesterday from Mr. *Le Heup*, Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated the 23d of *August* last, in which among other Matters, he says, *viz.* If the Governor and Council will please to pass such an Act, as the Law Act you sent over, I can undertake to assure them, that there is not the least Probability of its not being entirely approved of here, since it meets no Objection any where.

Resolved, That as this Session draws towards a Close, this House will at their next Meeting, take in Hand again, and pass the said Act, the Title whereof was, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving Special Bail.*

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 14, 1727.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 14, 1727.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned, for applying several Funds and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Excise for that Purpose*; *for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures, for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods, during the Time therein-mentioned, and for making good the Money so to be borrowed of the Excise*; and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 15, 1727.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 15, 1727.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the Island* Nassau, *and for moderating some Rates of the former Ferriage*, without any Amendment; and that they had also agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* James Fauiere *and* Charlotte, *his Wife*, Hester Besty *the Wife of* Thauvet Besty, John Sybrandt, Susanna Mercier, *Widow*, Daniel Nunes da Costa, John George Puschart *and* Jacob Bemper; with an additional Clause thereto, and desired the Concurrence of this House to the same; which being read, was agreed unto by this House. And,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the agreeing thereof accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill and the ſaid additional Clauſe to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree thereto.

And Mr. *Morris* brought likewiſe a Meſſage, That the Council had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Proſecutions by Informations*, with two additional Clauſes, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which being read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid additional Clauſes be taken into Conſideration a *Saturday* next.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *&c.* and Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 16, 1727.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 16, 1727.

MR. Speaker communicated to this Houſe, a Letter to him, from *Richard Bradley*, Eſq; Attorney General of this Colony, ſetting forth, that he had been unjuſtly charged in the Petition of the *Albany* Juſtices, that the Proſecution mentioned by them, was ordered by the Court, and founded (as he had heard) upon Preſentments of Grand Juries, and that without ſuch Order (or the regular Complaints of the Perſons injured, and firſt taking the Examinations of the Witneſſes to the particular Facts) he had never once proſecuted any Body; and as to the Coſts paid to him, he did not compel them thereto, but that it was on their own Motion and preſſing Solicitations, he accepted of *Forty Five Pounds*, and that the ſame was not two thirds of the Fees then juſtly due, there being twenty-ſix Defendants; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned, for applying ſeveral Funds and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Exciſe for that Purpoſe*, &c.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 17, 1727.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 17, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned*, &c. and Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 18, 1727.

THE Houſe in purſuance of their Order of the 15th Inſtant, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the two additional Clauſes, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Proſecutions by Informations*; and Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, That they had, *Nemine Contradicente*, diſagreed to the ſaid two Clauſes, and that they had made another Amendment in Lieu thereof, to be inſerted after the 24th Line of the ſaid Bill; which being read, was agreed unto by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe diſagree to their Amendment thereto, and that this Houſe has made another Amendment inſtead thereof, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Kennedy*, That they do recede from their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Proſecution by Informations*, and accept of the Amendment made by this Houſe, in Lieu thereof.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *&c.* and Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 20, 1727.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committe of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *&c.* and Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 21, 1727.

THE Speaker communicated to this Houſe, a Letter from Mr. *Le Heup*, Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated the 29th of *September* laſt, wherein he confirms, that no Fault was found with the Act, for amending the Practice of the Law, *&c.* but that the Act, for the eaſier Partition of Lands, had met with Objections at the Board of Trade, and that their Secretary was to tranſmit thoſe Objections hither, and that the Act ſhould in the mean while lie

lie by; and that he had expended *Eleven Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, in Solicitations about the said two Bills; which being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *&c.*

Then the House adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, 4 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 22, 1727.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *&c.*

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 23, 1727.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *&c.* and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments, and added some Clauses to the same; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 23, 1727.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 24, 1727.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned, for applying several Funds and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Excise, for that Purpose; for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures, for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods, during the Time therein-mentioned; and for making good the Money so to be borrowed of the Excise*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* and Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Rutgers* and Capt. *Van Horne*, laid before this House, an Account of the Cost and Charges of the Materials and Workmenship, employed in new Shingling the Chapel and such Part of the Barracks in his Majesty's *Fort George*, as required the same, pursuant to the Resolutions of the General Assembly on the 10th Day of *November* 1726, amounting to the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Twelve Pounds*, *One Shilling* and *Six-pence Three-farthings*; towards which it appears, they have received from the Treasurer, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*.

The House, taking the same into Consideration, are of Opinion, that the said Treasurer, ought to pay the remaining *Twelve Pounds*, *One Shilling* and *Six-pence Three-farthings*, to them, by Virtue and Pursuance of the Resolutions abovementioned.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 24, 1727.

MR. *Livingston*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech, reported, that they had come to the following Resolutions and Opinions upon the remaining Part thereof; which being read, were agreed unto by the House, and are as follows, *to wit*.

As to the settling of the Partition and Division Limits, between this and the neighbouring Colonies; Resolved, *That the same shall be taken into Consideration, at the next Meeting of this House, though they are in the mean while of Opinion, that particular Directions and Instructions, ought to be had from his Majesty, before we adventure to settle the Partition Line, betwixt this Colony and that of the* Massachusets, *because the Concessions made to* Connecticut, *cannot be held as a Rule, for as much as* Massachusets, *is vastly broader where they border upon us.*

As to the Repair of the Barracks, it is the Opinion of this House, that for as much as the Sum of Two Thousand, Six Hundred *and* Twelve Pounds, One Shilling *and* Six-pence Three-farthings, *has been raised and paid by them, for repairing and beautifying the Buildings, and shingling the Chapel and Barracks in his Majesty's* Fort George, *the Repairs still required to be done to the said Barracks, ought to be defrayed out of the* Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann. *which this Colony has allowed for many Years past, for repairing the Fortifications.*

As to Mr. Le Heup, *Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, Resolved, *This House will, at their next Meeting, take effectual Care to discharge the* Two Hundred Pounds, *which will become due to him in* January *next, for his Salary and Solicitations. And that the House, will at the same Time, consider further about the Agency at the Court aforesaid; both the Season of the Year and the Session being upon the Close, not permitting the same to be done at present.*

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 25, 1727.

COL. *Hicks* from the Committee of Grievances, reported, that as well by the Complaints of several People, as by the general Cry of his Majesty's Subjects inhabiting this Colony, they find, that the Court of Chancery as lately assumed to be set up here, renders the Liberties and Properties of the said Subjects extremely precarious; and that by the violent Measures taken in and allowed by it, some have been ruined, others obliged to abandon the Colony, and many restrained in it, either by Imprisonment, or by excessive Bail exacted from them, not to depart even when no Manner of Suits are depending against them; and therefore are of Opinion, that the extraordinary Proceedings of that Court, and the exorbitant Fees and Charges countenanced to be exacted by the Officers and Practitioners thereof, are the greatest Grievance and Oppression this Colony has ever felt; and that for Removal of the fatal Consequences thereof, they had come to several Resolutions; which being read, were approved of by the House, and are as follows, *to wit*,

Resolved, That the erecting or exercising in this Colony a Court of Equity or Chancery, (however it may be termed) without Consent in General Assembly, is unwarrantable, and contrary to the Laws of *England*, a manifest Oppression and Grievance to the Subjects, and of pernicious Consequence to their Liberties and Properties.

Resolved, That this House will, at their next Meeting, prepare and pass an Act, to declare and adjudge all Orders, Ordinances, Decrees and Proceedings of the Court so assumed to be erected and exercised as abovementioned, to be illegal, null and void, as by Law and of Right they ought to be.

Resolved, That this House at the same Time will take into Consideration, whether it be

be neceſſary to eſtabliſh a Court of Equity or Chancery in this Colony, in whom the Juriſdiction thereof ought to be veſted, and how far the Powers of it ſhall be preſcribed and limitted.

Dirck Egberts, Door-keeper of this Houſe, delivered in an Account for white-waſhing and cleaning the Aſſembly Chamber and Lobby, and for mending the Glaſs Windows thereof; for the Demand of which, the Houſe are of Opinion, he ought to be paid the Sum of *Fifty Shillings*.

Ordered, That this Houſe do addreſs his Excellency to iſſue his Warrant in Council on the Treaſurer, for the Sum of *Fifty Shillings*, payable to the ſaid *Dirck Egberts*, or his Order.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Kennedy*, that they have agreed unto the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned*, &c.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker and the Houſe went thither accordingly; and it appears in the Council Books, that his Excellency gave his Aſſent to the following Acts, and the ſame were publiſhed at the City-Hall, *to wit*,

1. *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned; for applying ſeveral Funds, and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Exciſe for that Purpoſe; for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures; for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods during the Time therein-mentioned; and for making good the Money ſo to be borrowed of the Exciſe.*
2. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors in the Cities and Counties in this Colony, and for changing ſome Commiſſioners, and for recovering the Arrears of the Exciſe.*
3. *An* Act, *for preventing Proſecutions by Informations.*
4. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau; *and for moderating ſome Rates of the former Ferriages.*
5. *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in the* County of Suffolk, *to build a County Houſe and Priſon.*
6. *An* Act, *to repair the County Houſe, and to amend and enlarge the Goal or Priſon in the County of* Orange.
7. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for laying out and clearing publick Highways, in the Precinct of* Skohare, *in the County of* Albany, *and for exchanging ſome of the Commiſſioners.*
8. *An* Act, *to repeal an Act of General Aſſembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *prohibiting all Perſons but* Robert Lettice Hooper, *and his Aſſigns, to refine Sugar, during the Term therein-mentioned.*
9. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* James Fauiere, *and* Charlotte, *his Wife*, Heſter Beſty, *the Wife of* Thauvet Beſty, John Sybrandt, Suſanna Merceir, *Widow*, Daniel Nunes da Coſta, John George Puſchart *and* Jacob Bemper.

And then his Excellency was pleaſed to diſſolve the General Aſſembly.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

MEMORANDUM.

THE General Assembly having been dissolved on *Saturday* the 25th of *November*, 1727, Writs were issued on the 12th of *February* following, for chusing a new One, returnable the 25th Day of *March* last past; in Consequence whereof, the following Persons were returned Representatives for the several Places here-under-mentioned, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York.*
Stephen De Lancey, Esq;
Adolph Philipse, Esq;
Garrit Van Horne, Esq;
Anthony Rutgers, Esq;

City and County of *Albany.*
Col. *Philip Schuyler*,
Dirck Ten Broeck, Esq;

County of *Westchester.*
Col. *William Willet*,
Major *Frederick Philipse.*

King's County.
Samuel Garretsen, Esq;
Johannis Lot, Esq;

Queen's County.
Col. *Isaac Hicks*,
Capt. *Benjamin Hicks.*

County of *Suffolk.*
Major *Samuel Hutchinson*,
Capt. *Epenetus Plat.*

County of *Ulster.*
Col. *Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers*,
Capt. *Albert Pawling*,

County of *Richmond.*
Richard Merril, Esq;
John Le Count, Esq;

County of *Orange.*
Major *Lancaster Syms*,
Capt. *Cornelius Haring.*

County of *Dutchess.*
Col. *Henry Beekman*,
Johannis Van Kleck, Esq;

Borough of *Westchester.*
Lewis Morris, Esq;

Manor of *Rensselaer's Wyck.*
Capt. *Jeremiah Rensselaer.*

Township of *Schenectady.*
Capt. *Jacob Glen.*

Manor of *Livingston.*
Gilbert Livingston, Esq;

ON the 22d of *March*, the said General Assembly was, by a Proclamation of the then Governor, prorogued until *Monday* the 8th Day of *April.*

On the aforesaid 25th of *March*, all the above-named Members (except Mr. *Hutchinson* and Mr. *Van Kleck*) appearing at *New-York*, found the Assembly prorogued; and the said Governor declaring he intended to continue the Prorogations until his Successor arrived, the said Members returned to their respective Habitations.

On the 6th Day of *April*, the General Assembly was, by another Proclamation, further prorogued until *Monday* the 22d Day of the same Month.

On *Monday* the 15th of the said Month of *April*, his present Excellency *John Montgomerie*, Esq; arriving at *New-York*, with his Majesty's Letters Patents, constituting him Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Colony, did, by his Proclamation, on the 20th following, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, publish and declare the said Assembly dissolved; and signified that another should be called with all convenient Speed.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Colony of *NEW-YORK*.

ON the 30th of *May*, 1728, Writs were accordingly iſſued for chuſing and electing able and ſufficient Freeholders of this Colony, to aſſiſt his Majeſty's Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province in General Aſſembly thereof, and to be and appear in *New-York*, on the 22d Day of this Inſtant *July*; by Virtue whereof the following Perſons are returned Repreſentatives for the ſeveral Places here-under-mentioned, as by the reſpective Indentures thereof may appear, *to wit*,

City and County of *New-York*.
Stephen De Lancey, Eſq;
Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;
Gerrit Van Horne, Eſq;
Anthony Rutgers, Eſq;

City and County of *Albany*.
Col. *Myndert Schuyler*,
Col. *Philip Schuyler*.

County of *Weſtcheſter*.
Col. *William Willet*,
Major *Frederick Philipſe*.

King's County.
Samuel Garretſen, Eſq;
Johannis Lot, Eſq;

Queen's County.
Col. *Iſaac Hicks*,
Capt. *Benjamin Hicks*.

Suffolk County.
Major *Samuel Hutchinſon*,
Capt. *Epenetus Plat*.

Ulſter County.
Col. *Abraham Gaaſbeck Chambers*,
Capt. *Albert Pawling*.

Richmond County.
Richard Merril, Eſq;
John Le Count, Eſq;

Orange County.
Major *Lancaſter Syms*,
Capt. *Cornelius Haring*.

Dutcheſs County.
Col. *Henry Beekman*,
Johannis Van Kleck, Eſq;

Borough of *Weſtcheſter*.
Gilbert Willet, Eſq;

Manor of *Renſſelaer*'s *Wyck*.
Capt. *Jeremiah Van Renſſelaer*.

Townſhip of *Schenectady*.
Capt. *Jacob Glen*.

Manor of *Livingſton*.
Gilbert Livingſton, Eſq;

ON *Monday* the 22d of *July*, the General Aſſembly was prorogued by Proclamation until the next Day.

Die Martis, A. M. July 23, 1728.

TWENTY Two of the above-named Members appearing in the Aſſembly-Chamber at *New-York*, deſired Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Willet* to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him of their Number, and that they attended his Direction.

Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Willet* returning, reported to the ſaid Members, That his Excellency had been pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend a Meſſage to them.

Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought the following Meſſage from his Excellency.

Gentlemen, I am commanded by his Excellency to acquaint you, that he expects your Attendance at the Council Chamber immediately, if you are a ſufficient Number, otherwiſe to let him know as ſoon as ſuch a Number is met.

The ſaid 22 Members repaired to the Council Chamber accordingly, and there took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, &c. as the Laws direct, before his Excellency in Council.

After which, his Excellency directed them to return to the Houſe and chuſe their Speaker, and preſent him to his Excellency at 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon, for his Approbation; being returned to the Aſſembly Chamber, they unanimouſly choſe *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; their Speaker, and conducted him to, and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Martis, 4 *ho. P. M. July* 23, 1728.

THE House waited on his Excellency, to present their said Speaker to him; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported to the House, That they having presented him as their Speaker, his Excellency was pleased to approve of their Choice: That after a short Apology in Behalf of himself, he had desired of his Excellency in Behalf of the House, that their Words and Actions might always have a favourable Construction; that the Members might from Time to Time have free Access to his Excellency; and that they and their Servants might have the same Privileges and Protections as usual; and that his Excellency had been pleased readily to promise all that had been desired in Behalf of the House; and that then his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to the House, of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of special Bail*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be read; which being read accordingly, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

'WHEN his Majesty did me the Honour to appoint me Governor of this Province, I was 'very sensible of my Insufficiency for so great a Trust, yet 'I willingly undertook it, thinking it my Duty to serve 'my King and Country, in whatever Station his Majesty 'was pleased to employ me.

'It was no small Encouragement to me, to hear before 'I left *England*, a general good Character of the Inhabi-'tants of this Province, and I hope after being some 'Time longer with you, I shall be able to vouch it by 'Experience.

'You who are the free Choice and Representatives of 'the People, who I have so much Reason to believe are 'well principled, I hope are met together, determined to 'support his Majesty's Government; by settling upon 'him a Revenue, in as ample a Manner, and at as least 'for as long a Time, as former Assemblies have given it 'to his Predecessors. By so doing you will express your 'Loyalty and Gratitude to the best of Kings, who is able 'and willing to secure to you your Religion, Laws, Li-'berties and Properties; is ready to protect the Trade you 'are at present possessed of, and is graciously resolved to 'encourage the Increase of your Commerce, and the 'Flourishing of your Manufactures.

'I am fully instructed to concur with you in every 'Thing, that is for the real Good and Interest of the 'Province, and to take particular Care that you enjoy your 'Rights and Privileges in their full Extent. At the same 'Time, I am commanded to support his Majesty's royal 'Prerogative, which I will do with the greatest Zeal, 'and if any factious and presumptuous Attempt be made 'against so essential a Part of the Constitution, I expect 'that you will oppose it.

'*Gentlemen*, I confide so much in the good Intentions 'of this Assembly, that I shall not propose to you any 'particular Method of supporting the Government or se-'curing the Province and its Frontier, where all the Gar-'risons are in a ruinous Condition. The Things I re-'commend to you, are for your Honour and Safety, and 'and your doing them effectually, will confirm his Ma-'jesty in the good Opinion he has of his Subjects here.'

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and other Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That this House address his Excellency on his Arrival in this Colony, and on his kind and favourable Speech to the House.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York* and the Members of the County of *Westchester*, do prepare and bring in a Draught of such an Address accordingly.

Resolved, That this House will *Friday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony, do lay before this House, on or before *Saturday* next, the following Accounts, *viz.* An Account of the Monies received and paid by him, for supporting his Majesty's Government in the said Colony, from the Time he delivered in his last Account, to the 1st Instant. An Account of the Receipts and Payments of the several publick Taxes, raised and laid by several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony; and an Account of the Monies paid into the Treasury by the several Commissioners, appointed throughout this Colony to let to Farm the Excise, and to distinguish therein the Names of the several Comissioners, who have paid the respective Sums, and for what City or County, from the Time he delivered in his last Account, until the 1st Day of *July* instant.

Ordered, That the Weigh Master, do lay before this House, on or before *Saturday* the 3d of *August* next, an Account of the Duties arisen by the Weigh House in the City of *New-York*, from the Time he delivered in his last Account, until the 1st Day of this instant *July*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, deliver Copies of the several Orders to the respective Officers above-mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Major *Syms*, Capt. *Plat*, Mr. *Merril* and Mr. *Garretsen*, be and are appointed a Committee of Privileges and Elections, and all Members that come to have Voices, and to report their Proceedings to this House, from Time to Time, and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Willet*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Major *Hutchinson*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Capt. *Van Rensselaer*, Major *Philipse* and Major *Syms*, or any 7 of them, be a Committee of Grievances, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, and to meet every *Thursday*, at 5 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. *John d'Honeur*'s, in the City of *New-York*.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 24, 1728.

MR. *De Lancey*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address of this House to his Excellency, laid before this House, the Draught thereof accordingly; which being read, was agreed unto by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That Major *Syms* and Major *Philipse*, do wait on his Excellency, to know when he will be attended by this House, with their Address.

Mr. Speaker from the Chair, communicated to this House, three Letters from *Peter Le Heup*, Esq; late Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated the 27th of *October* 1727, 27th of *February* 1727, and 1st of *April* 1728.

Major *Syms* reported that he and Major *Philipse*, having waited on his Excellency to know when he would be attended on, with the Address of this House, his Excellency was pleased to say, he would be ready to receive the same, whenever the House thought fit.

The engrossed Address of this House to his Excellency, being read, was agreed unto by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as follows, *viz.*

To his Excellency *John Montgomerie*, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, and the Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the same, *&c.*

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of this Colony, do in the first Place, humbly beg Leave, in Behalf of our selves and those we represent, sincerely and heartily to congratulate your Excellency's safe Arrival among us, which we assure you, was to the general Satisfation of the People, as it had been their ardent Wishes long before.

And in the next Place, to return our hearty Thanks to your Excellency, for your favourable and obliging Speech, and to assure you that the several Matters therein recommended to us, shall be maturely considered, and in the Course of our Proceedings have their due Weight, so far as the Circumstances of the Colony will reasonably allow; for we are met together with a real Disposition, to have equally at Heart the Service of his Majesty and the Interest of our Country.

As we had, from your long Seat in the British *Parliaments, from your long and near Attendance on his Majesty, and from the publick Declarations, you have been pleased to make upon several Occasions; promised our selves under your Administration, the full Enjoyment of our Liberties and Properties,*

perties, ſo it was the higheſt Satisfaction to us, That your Excellency has aſſured this Houſe, that theſe ineſtimable Bleſſings (the peculiar Rights of Britiſh *Subjects) ſhall be ſecured and preſerved to the People of this Colony.*

And as among the many eminent Virtues of his ſacred Majeſty, he is known to be equally tender of the Prerogative of the Crown, and the juſt Rights and Liberties of his People, ſo we aſſure your Excellency, that we ſhall not preſume to encroach upon the one, and we conceive it our indiſpenſible Duty to preſerve the other.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſame in the behalf of the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will wait on his Execllency with their Addreſs, at 2 o'Clock this Afternoon, as they did accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. July 25, 1728.

MR. Speaker reported that he and the Houſe, had Yeſterday, preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency, that he received it very kindly, and thanked them for the ſame, adding that he would ſend a proper Anſwer to it this Morning.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by his Excellency, to preſent you with his Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe to him; which being read is as followeth:

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for your Addreſs, in which you expreſs great Loyalty to the King, a dutiful Regard to his Prerogative, and a laudable Zeal for the Intereſt of your Country.

I take this Opportunity of telling you again, that his Majeſty has ordered me to preſerve to you your juſt Rights and Liberties, in a grateful Return, I expect that you will comply with what I have demanded, for the Support of his Majeſty's Government, your own Honour and Safety.

J. Montgomerie.

The Petition of *Wouter Vroman,* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of an undue Return for the Townſhip of *Schenectady,* in the County of *Albany.*

Ordered, That the ſubject Matter thereof, be heard before this Houſe, at 3 o'Clock this Afternoon, and that the Petitioner and Mr. *Glen,* do then attend together, with ſuch Witneſſes, Affidavits and Certificates, as they or either of them ſhall think proper to produce.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks,* Major *Philipſe,* Capt. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *Willet,* or any three of them, be a Committee, to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued; and likewiſe what new Acts they judge proper to be made, for the Benefit of the Colony or the Inhabitants thereof.

The Houſe (according to Order) proceeded upon the ſubject Matter of *Wouter Vroman*'s Petition, and the ſaid *Vroman,* as well as the ſitting Member Capt. *Glen,* were fully heard and ſeveral Witneſſes examined and Affidavits read on both Sides, after which both Parties withdrew according to Order; and the Houſe taking the whole Matter into Conſideration, it appeared to them, that the ſaid *Glen,* and the ſaid *Vroman,* had an equal Number of Votes, and therefore are of Opinion, that the Return of the Sheriff in behalf of Capt. *Glen,* is void.

Ordered, That the ſaid Capt. *Glen* be diſcharged his further Attendance as a Member of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the Electing a Repreſentative to ſerve for the Townſhip of *Schenectady,* in this preſent General Aſſembly, in the Room of Capt. *Jacob Glen,* diſcharged from his Attendance, as is above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. July 26, 1728.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe, will take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. July 26, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. July 27, 1728.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a general Account of what he has received and paid, for Support of his Majeſty's Government in the Colony of *New-York,* from the 1ſt Day of *July* 1727, to the 1ſt Day of *July* 1728, and an Account of Taxes, laid by ſeveral Acts of General Aſſembly.

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. July 29, 1728.

COL. *Gaaſbeck Chambers* and *Albert Pawling,* Eſq; preſented to this Houſe an Indenture, that they were duly elected and returned to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for the County of *Ulſter.*

Col. *Beekman* preſented to this Houſe an Indenture, that he and *Johannis Van Kleeck,* Eſq; were duly elected and returned to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for *Dutcheſs* County.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* and Capt. *Renſſelaer,* do wait on his Excellency with Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers,* Mr. *Pawling* and Col. *Beekman,* and deſire they may take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. July 29, 1728.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* reported, That he and Capt. *Renſſenlaer,* had ſeen Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers,* Mr. *Pawling* and Col. *Beekman,* take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers,* Mr. *Pawling* and Col. *Beekman,* take their Places accordingly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of all the Warrants drawn in Council, from the 1ſt Day of *July* 1726, to the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *July,* on Account of the Duties and Taxes, laid for the Support of this Government, by an Act paſſed in the 12th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty, the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the 1ſt Day of* July 1726, *to the 1ſt Day of* July 1729, and that the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve the Clerk of the Council with a Copy of this Order.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. July 30, 1728.

UPON a Motion made, That of the General Aſſembly, which was abruptly diſſolved in *November* laſt, the Members thereof were at the ſame Time very ruffly uſed, and

and that afterwards, ſeveral of the ſaid Members were called by an high Hand, to give an Account of the Proceedings of that Houſe, and one of them kept under Confinement, for inſiſting that he conceived himſelf accountable to the Houſe, only for any Act done in it; and the ſame having been duly conſidered, It is the unanimous Opinion of this Houſe, That ſuch Attempts are the higheſt Violation of the Privileges of General Aſſemblies, and that the Liberties and Properties of the People would be rendered extream precarious, if even thoſe who repreſent them ſhould be called to an Account, for what they do when they are convened in General Aſſembly, and therefore, came to the following Reſolutions.

Reſolved, That for any Act, Matter or Thing, done in the General Aſſembly, the Members thereof are accountable and anſwerable to the Houſe only, and to no other Perſon or Perſons whatever.

Reſolved, That the calling or preſuming to call, Members of the General Aſſembly to an Account for any Act, Matter or Thing, done in the Houſe, as an Act thereof (except by the Houſe itſelf) is the higheſt Violation and Breach of the Privileges due, and of right belonging to General Aſſemblies, and of pernicious and dangerous Conſequence to the Liberties of the People.

Reſolved, That this Houſe take proper and effectual Meaſures, as well to have Reparation for ſuch unprecedented and unwarrantable Infractions of the undoubted Privileges of General Aſſemblies, as to prevent the Infringement thereof for the future.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, deliver to this Houſe, all the Proceedings had againſt ſome of the Members of that Aſſembly, which was diſſolved in *November* laſt, or a Copy thereof, and that the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve him with a Copy of this Order for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Grievances, examine into the ſaid Proceedings, what Members were ſo uſed and called to an Account as aforeſaid, by whom, in what Manner, and upon what Colour, Pretence or Motive; and that they ſtate the ſame, and make Report thereof to this Houſe, together with their Opinion thereon, as ſoon as they have fully examined and conſidered the whole Matter; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

The Petition of ſeveral Coopers inhabiting in the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that ſince the Act for laying a Duty on empty Caſks, imported from the neighbouring Colonies into the ſaid City has been expired, ſundry empty Caſks have been imported, as well to the great Damage of the Merchants as to the maniſeſt Prejudice of the Coopers, inhabiting the ſaid City, who are thereby put to great Difficulties to ſupport their Families, and therefore prayed Relief therein.

Ordered, That an Act be brought in, to prevent the Inconveniences above-mentioned, and that the Members of the City of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 30, 1728.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of what Money has been paid into the Treaſury by ſeveral Perſons on Account of the Exciſe, ſince the laſt Account thereof was delivered to the General Aſſembly on the 6th of *October*, 1727, to the 30th of *July*, 1728, amounting to *One Thouſand One Hundred and Five Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Eleven-pence*; and the Title thereof being read;

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

A Motion was made, That whereas Flour is the ſtaple Commodity of this Colony, and has of late (as 'tis ſaid) loſt much of its Reputation abroad; it's the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſame is, in a great Meaſure, occaſioned by the Want of a due Regulation and Inſpection of the Flour tranſported from this Colony; and it is therefore,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour; and that the Members of the City of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 31, 1728.

MR. *De Lancey* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on empty Caſks imported into this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had come to the two following Reſolutions; which he read in his Place, and were approved by the whole Houſe, and are as follows, *to wit*,

Reſolved, That an Act paſſed in the 12th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July, 1726, *to the firſt Day of* July, 1729; be repealed, and determine on the firſt Day of *September* next enſuing.

Reſolved, That there ſhall be given and granted to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, an ample and honourable Support for his Government of this Colony, from the firſt Day of *September*, in this preſent Year 1728, until the firſt Day of *September*, which will be in the Year 1733.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 31, 1728.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Auguſt* 1, 1728.

THE Deputy Clerk of the Council laid before this Houſe, by his Excellency's Command, the following Papers and Accounts, *viz.*

Copy of his Excellency's Letter to the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, dated the 28th of *June*, 1728.

Copy of a Letter from the ſaid Commiſſioners to his Excellency, dated the 22d of *July* laſt; and a Liſt of 50 Accounts relating to *Oſwego*, together with the original Accounts and Vouchers thereof, amounting to (beſides 2 blank Demands) the Sum of *Four Hundred and Forty Nine Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Five-pence Three Farthings*; and the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe; and be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, when they ſhall take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration which relates to the Frontier.

The Bill, *for laying a Duty on empty Caſks imported into this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Auguſt 1, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report which they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and what new Acts they judge proper to be made for the Benefit of the Colony, or the Inhabitants thereof; That they having made ſome Progreſs therein, had ordered him to report the ſame with their Opinion to the Houſe; which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Either to make a new Militia Act, or to revive the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame.*

Either to continue the Act, *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe*; or to fall on other Methods for improving the Income thereof.

Either to continue an Act paſſed in the 12th Year of the late King *George*, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate*; until the firſt Day of *July*, which will be in the Year 1728, or to make Proviſion for ſinking the ſame.

That an Act, for the more eaſy acknowledging Deeds, be prepared and brought in.

That the two Acts regulating Elections of Repreſentatives in the General Aſſembly, be repealed, and a new one made, better adapted to the preſent Circumſtances of the Colony. And,

That a Bill be prepared and brought in, for the frequent calling and meeting of General Aſſemblies of this Colony.

Which Report being conſidered, the Houſe came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, That an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; *and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; paſſed in the 10th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, expired by its own Limitation, be revived, and to continue in Force for the Term of 2 Years.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks* and Capt. *Rutgers*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of the ſeveral Commiſſioners for letting to Farm the Exciſe, to whom they reſpectively let the ſame for this preſent Year, and for how much in each City and County; and that the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve him with a Copy of this Order.

Reſolved, That an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728; paſſed in the 12th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, and expired by its Limitation, be revived, and continued in Force until the firſt Day of *July*, which will be in the Year 1729.

Ordered, That Mr. *Plat*, Mr. *Livingſton* and Capt. *Renſſelaer*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for rendering the Acknowledgments of Deeds more eaſy to the Inhabitants of this Colony; and that Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Major *Hutchinſon* and Mr. *Willet*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Act, entitled, *A Bill, for the regulating Elections of Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly, in each reſpective City and County within this Province*; paſſed in the 7th Year of King *William* and Queen *Mary*. And the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more regular Proceedings in the Elections of Repreſentatives for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; paſſed in the 13th Year of King *William* the Third, be repealed, and in Lieu thereof a new Bill be brought in for the regulating Elections of Repreſentatives, better adapted to the preſent Circumſtances of the Colony.

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Gaaſbeck* and Major *Syms*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for the frequent calling and meeting of Aſſemblies in this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck*, Major *Syms*, Col. *Beekman* and Major *Philipſe*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Auguſt 2, 1728.

THE Deputy Clerk of the Council (by his Excellency's Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account, bought with ready Money by Order of the late Governor *William Burnet*, Eſq; for the Uſe of the Detachments ſent to *Oſwego*, ſince the Accounts ordered to be paid by Act of Aſſembly for that Service, and ſworn to by Mr. *John Haſkol*, amounting to *Fifty Six Pounds, Six Shillings and Nine-pence Half-penny*.

Mr. *Chriſtopher Banker* laid before this Houſe, an Account of Sundries, charged for the Uſe of *Oſwego*, by his Father, Captain *Evert Banker*, ſworn to by him, amounting to the Sum of *Forty Pounds* and *Four Pence*.

Ordered, The ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration which relates to the Frontier.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Auguſt 3, 1728.

COL. *Willet* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof*; *and repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Jan De Wit Peteriz*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Leave to bring in a Bill for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Clerk of the Council (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of Warrants drawn in Council, payable out of the Revenue of the Province of *New-York*, ſince the Act for the Support of this Government, paſſed in the 12th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty, the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the 1ſt Day of* July 1726, *to the 1ſt Day of* July 1729; *amounting to* Eight Thouſand, Three Hundred *and* Forty Three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings *and* Six-pence Three-farthings.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 5, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame more uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Myndert Schuyler* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on empty Caſks imported into this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body thereof, which they directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jan de Wit Peteriz; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Aug. 5, 1728.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia*, &c. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on*

in empty Casks imported into the City of New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Livingston* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the* 1st *Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728, *until the* 1st *Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1729; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 6, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the* 1st *Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1728, *until the first Day of* July, *which will be in the Year* 1729; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jan de Wit Peteriz; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Major *Philipse* and Mr. *Le Count*, or any three of them.

Then the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate*, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 6, 1728.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 7, 1728.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the* 1st *Day of* July, 1729; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Mary Reneau*, the Wife of *Andre Reneau*, was presented to the House, and read, praying her Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee, appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 7, 1728.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, They they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 8, 1728.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House, An Account of what Lists have hitherto been transmitted into the Treasury, by the Commissioners appointed to let the Excise for the Places here-under-mentioned, from *primo November* 1727, to *primo November* 1728; amounting as follows.

For the City and County of *New-York*,	£.	509	0 6
For the City and County of *Albany*,		58	0 0
For *Suffolk* County,		71	12 4
For *King's* County,		14	8 6
For *Ulster* County,		13	4 0
For *Richmond* County,		18	3 0
Total,	£.	684	8 4

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The Treasurer laid likewise before this House, a Computation of Duties on the following Commodities, imported from the first Day of *July*, until the seventh Day of *August*, amounting to, *viz.*

Wine,	£.	575	4 0
Rum and other distilled Liquors,		461	15 3
Negro Slaves,		24	0 0
Dry Goods,		29	5 •
Cocoa,		36	16 0
Total,	£.	1127	0 3

Ordered, That the said Computation lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 8, 1728.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Major *Hutchinson* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy acknowledgment of Deeds and other Conveyances of Land*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 9, 1728.

CAPT. *Rensselaer* brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaer's Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy acknowledgement of Deeds and other Conveyances of Land*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Willet*, Chairman of the Committee of Grievances, moved by Order of that Committee, That they may have Leave to meet at any other Place or Time, than at the Place and Time appointed for their Meeting.

Ordered, That the said Committee, have Power to adjourn to, and meet at such other Times and Places, as they shall judge necessary, and that they nevertheless meet every *Thursday* Evening at the House of *John d' Honur*.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 9, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipse*, presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Post Road, from* New-York, *to* Kingsbridge; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And after some Time spent therein, Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they having been upon Ways and Means, for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, for the Term of five Years, from the 1st Day of *September*

September in this preſent Year 1728, until the 1ſt Day of *September* 1733, purſuant to the Reſolution of this Houſe, on the 31ſt of *July* laſt paſt, had come to ſeveral Reſolutions for making good and raiſing the ſaid Support; which being read, were approved of by the Houſe, and are as follow, *to wit*,

Reſolved, That of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July 1726, *to the firſt Day of* July 1729; and, *Reſolved* on the ſaid 31ſt of *July* laſt, ſhould be repealed, and determine on the firſt Day of *September* next enſuing, that Part which relates to the laſt *Twelve Hundred Pounds* Tax thereinmentioned, ſhall be continued and enforced, and that the ſaid Sum be aſſeſſed, levied and collected and paid into the Treaſury, as likewiſe all Arrearages of the two former Taxes thereinmentioned; and that the reſpective Collectors be enjoined to pay the ſame to the Treaſurer, at the Time appointed in the ſaid Act, and that all other Matters, Clauſes and Things, contained in the ſame Act, do determine on the ſaid 1ſt Day of *September* next.

Reſolved, That there be given and granted to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, for and towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, during the ſaid Term of five Years, the following Duties and Impoſitions, on the ſeveral Goods and Merchandizes here-under-mentioned; which ſhall be imported and manufactured in this Colony, from the 1ſt Day of *September*, in this preſent Year 1728, until the firſt Day of *September*, which will be in the Year 1733; *That is to ſay*,

For every *Negro* or other Slave of four Years old and upwards, imported directly from *Africa*, five Ounces of *Seville*, Pillar or *Mexico* Plate, or *Forty Shillings* in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony.

For every *Negro*, *Mulatto* or *Indian* Slave, of four Years old and upwards, from all other Places; *Four Pounds* in like Money.

For every Pipe of Wine imported, the Sum of *Two Pounds Five Shillings*, in like Money, and in that Proportion for a greater or leſſer Quantity, and that no Abatement be made for pricked Wine, nor any other Allowance than 10 *per Cent.* for leakage, in Caſe the ſame are not filled up either on Board or a Shore; and that no Perſons be exempted from paying the ſaid Duties on any Pretence whatſoever, except his Excellency, of Wines for his own Uſe.

For every Gallon of Rum and other diſtilled Liquors imported, the Sum of *Two-pence Halfpenny*, in like Money.

For every Gallon of Rum or other diſtilled Liquors, diſtilled wholly or in Part of Molaſſes, within this Colony; the Sum of *Two-pence Halfpenny*, in like Money.

For all Dry Goods, imported from the *Britiſh* Iſlands in the *Weſt-Indies*, *Five Pounds* in like Money, for every *Hundred Pounds* Value prime Coſt, and after that Rate for a greater or leſſer Quantity.

For every Hundred Weight of Cocoa imported, reckoning 112℔. to the Hundred, the Sum of *Four Shillings*, in like Money, and after that Rate for a greater or leſſer Quantity.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Duties and Impoſitions abovementioned, ſhall be paid directly to the Treaſurer of this Colony.

Reſolved, That the before-mentioned Taxes and the aforeſaid Duties be imployed and iſſued to and for the Support of his Majeſty's Government, in and over this Colony, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to theſe Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York* and County of *Weſtcheſter*, prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow Morning, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 10, 1728.

CAPT. *Renſſelaer* preſented to this Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutcheſs *County, and* Orange *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a further Reſolution therein, which being read, was agreed unto by the whole Houſe; and is as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Monies to ariſe by Virtue of the Bill, ordered Yeſterday to be brought in, for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, during the Term of five Years, be employed and iſſued to and for the ſeveral Salaries, Contingences and other Services following; *that is to ſay*,

To his Excellency the Governor for his Salary, *per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years, *One Thouſand, Five Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds.*

For Firewood and Candles for the Garriſon of *New-York*, during the ſaid five Years, *Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

For repairing Fortifications, *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

For Preſents to the *Indians*, *Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

For the Governor's Voyage to *Albany*, *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

For Firewood and Candles, for the Garriſons in the City and County of *Albany*, *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To the Chief Juſtice for his Salary and going the Circuits, when any civil, Criminal or mixed Matters ſtand at iſſue, or for Trial in the reſpective Counties, at the Times appointed or to be appointed for holding the circuit Courts there, *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid Five Years.

To the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, during the ſaid five Years, *per Ann. One Hundred* and *Ninety Pounds.*

To the *Indian* Interpreter for his Salary *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

And for all ſuch Meſſages and other Services, as he ſhall be directed to do by the Governor or the Commiſſioner of *Indian* Affairs, *Forty Pounds*, more *per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To the Secretary for enroling and engroſſing the Acts of Aſſembly of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To the Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To the Printer for printing the Acts, Votes, Proclamations, and what ſhall be ordered more for the Government, *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To a Seacher of the Colony Duties, *Forty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To a Land and Tide Waiter, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To a Gauger, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Twenty Pounds, per Ann.* during the ſaid five Years.

To the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, for his Service as Clerk, for engroſſing all publick Acts, and for all other Incidents of his Office, *Twelve Shillings per Diem*, upon a Certificate from the General Aſſembly, ſigned by the Speaker, for the Number of Days he ſerved in each Seſſion.

To the Door-keeper of the General Aſſembly, *Five Shillings, per Diem*, upon a like Certificate, for the Number of Days he ſerved in each Seſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on *Tueſday* next, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 12, 1728.

CAPT. *Jacob Glen*, preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture, that he was duly elected and returned to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* and Capt. *Renſſelaer*, do wait on his Excellency with Capt. *Glen*, and deſire he may take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* Kingſbridge, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York* and County of *Weſtcheſter*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for deſtroying Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutcheſs *County and* Orange *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the County of *Albany, Dutcheſs* County and *Orange* County.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaerwyck, *called* Clavarack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany, Dutcheſs* County, and County of *Weſtcheſter*.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 12, 1728.

CAPT. *Rensselaer*, acquainted this House, That he and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, had seen Capt. *Glen*, take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Capt. *Glen*, take his Place accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 13, 1728.

MR. *Willet* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Post Road from* New-York *to* Kingsbridge, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House,

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Petition of several Cord-wainers, inhabiting in the City of *New-York*, was prefented to the House, and read, praying an Act may pass, to prohibit the Exportation of raw Hides, or to restrain the Exportation by imposing such Duties thereon, as this House shall judge reasonable.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table, for the Consideration of the Members.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 13, 1728.

CAPT. *Rensselaer* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaer's Wyck, *called Claverack*, in the County of *Albany*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which were read; and,

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Bill be re-committed? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Syms* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for destroying of Wolves, in the County of* Albany, Dutchess *County, and* Orange *County*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made several Amendments to the Body, and added a Clause to the Bill, which were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clause be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for mending and keeping in Repair the Post Road from* New-York *to* Kingsbridge; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Resolved, That this House will, *Thursday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 14, 1728.

MR. *Samuel Heath* Deputy Weigh Master (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account of Cocoa weighed, from the 1st of *July* 1726, to the 1st of *July* 1728, amounting to *Six Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Five-pence Farthing*.

Ordered, That the said Account lie on the Table, for the Consideration of the Members.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevemt Swine running at large, in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaer's Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for destroying Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutchess *County and* Orange *County, and for giving a further Reward for killing of Wolves, in the said Counties*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 14, 1728.

THE Petition of *Ezekiel Barbauld*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill, for naturalizing *Jan De Wit Peteriz*, now before this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee, appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 15, 1728.

THE House, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds and other Conveyances of Land*; and Mr. *Willet*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 15, 1728.

THE Petition of Lieutenant *Andrew Nicolls*, in Behalf of himself, as well as of Lieutenant *James Banks*, two Serjeants, two Corporals, two Drums and fifty-five private Men, sent under [illegible] Command to *Oswego*, by his late Excellency *William* [illegible] Esq; was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, their great Fatigue and Hardships in their Journey thither, and likewise their Labour in assisting to build a House there, and of their necessary Expence till their Return to *Schenectady*; praying they may be allowed for their extraordinary Charges and their Care and Labour. He also laid before this House, an Account of sundry Disbursements at *Oswego*, sworn to by him, before Alderman *Philipse*, amounting to *Six Pounds, Eighteen Shillings* and *Four-pence Halfpenny*.

Ordered, That the said Petition and Account be refered to the Consideration of this House, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, which relate to the Frontier.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willet* have Leave to be absent about ten Days, upon extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 16, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipse* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the encouraging of Navigation*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Plat* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merril* have Leave to be absent on extraordinary Business for ten Days.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 16, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the encouraging Navigation*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 17, 1728.

AN Account of *Garrit Simesen*, was laid before this House, of *One Pound One Shilling*, for riding one Wag-

gon Load, and for four Skipples of Wheat Flour for the Uſe of *Oſwego*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be refered, to the Conſideration of this Houſe, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, relating to the Frontier.

The Petition of *Jaques Gabriel Buvelot*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the Encouragement of Navigation*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 19, 1728.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the encouraging Navigation*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 19, 1728.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 20, 1728.

MR. *De Lancey* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part and continuing other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and granting ſeveral Duties to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the 1ſt Day of* September 1728, *until the 1ſt Day of* September, *that will be in the Year* 1733; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 20, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying-out publick High Roads, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Account of *Lawrence Claſſen*, for a Journey to the *Onondaga* Country, *&c.* was laid before this Houſe, amounting to *Nineteen Pounds*; and alſo,

An Account of *Hendrick Vroman*, for riding a Load from *Albany* to *Schenectady*, for the Service of *Oſwego*, amounting to *Nine Shillings*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be refered to the Conſideration of this Houſe, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration relating to the Frontier.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Thurſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 21, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part and continuing other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and granting ſeveral Duties to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* September 1728, *until the firſt Day of* September, *that will be in the Year* 1733; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, the Members of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, and the Members of *Dutcheſs* County, or any five of them.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame without Amendment; and the ſaid Bill being read,

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente, That the Bill be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 22, 1728.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 22, 1728.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Kennedy*, that they have agreed to the following Bills without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the Currency of Bills of Credit ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, 1729.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on empty Caſks imported into the City of* New-York.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 23, 1728.

A Meſſage by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by his Excellency to lay before this Houſe, his Majeſty's Diſallowance in Council of an Act, intitled, An *Act*, for the eaſier Partition of Lands held in Common, and promoting the Settlement and Improvement thereof, and for confirming former Diviſions in the ſettled Townſhips in this Colony; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be entered at large in the Journal of this Houſe, being in the Words following, *to wit*,

At the Court at St. James's, *the* 15*th Day of* February, 1727.

PRESENT.

The KING's Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

Lord Preſident,	Earl of *Scarborough*,
Lord Privy Seal,	Earl of *Loudoun*,
Lord Steward,	Earl of *Uxbridge*,
Lord Chamberlain,	Earl of *Suſſex*,
Duke of *Ancaſter*,	Viſcount *Cobham*,
Duke of *Newcaſtle*,	Viſcount *Torrington*,
Earl of *Lincoln*,	Lord *Berkely*, of *Stratton*,
Earl of *Weſtmoreland*,	Lieutenant General *Wills*,
Earl of *Berkeley*,	Sir *Robert Sutton*.

WHEREAS by Commiſſion under the Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, the Governor, Council and Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, are authorized and impowered to make, conſtitute and ordain Laws, Statutes and Ordinances for the publick Peace, Welfare and good Government of the ſaid Province; which Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, are to be, as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, and are to be tranſmitted to his Majeſty, for his royal Approbation or Diſallowance.

And whereas in purſuance of the ſaid Powers, an Act hath been paſſed in the ſaid Province, in *November*, 1726, and accordingly tranſmitted, entitled as follows, *viz. An Act, for the eaſier Partition of Lands held in Common, and promoting the Settling and Improvement thereof; and for confirming former Di-*

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visions in the settled Townships of this Colony. His Majesty was pleased to refer the Consideration thereof, together with a Representation from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations thereupon, to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council; and the said Lords of the Committee having presented the said Act to his Majesty at this Board, with their Opinion, that the same ought to receive his Majesty's Disallowance. His Majesty in Council this Day took the same into Consideration, and is hereby pleased to declare his Disallowance and Disapprobation of the said Act; whereof the Governor, or Commander in Chief for his Majesty's Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

TEMPLE STANYAN.

Ordered, That as soon as the said Disallowance is entered in the Journal, the Clerk of this House return the same to his Excellency.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council brought likewise, the following written Message from his Excellency, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

AT *the Opening of this Session, I acquainted you with the ruinous Condition of the frontier Garrisons; I do not doubt your repairing, and also supporting them, for without doing so, no Part of the Province will be in Safety; your Trade with the* Indians *will be lost, and your Treaties and Alliances with the Six Nations, will become despicable.*

I take this Opportunity of telling you, that I have carefully inspected the Fort here, where the Fortifications, the Carriages of the Cannon, the Barracks and the Magazines are all in a bad Condition; that the ordinary Allowance for supporting them, will be far from being sufficient to put them in good Order; but if they are once thoroughly repaired, I hope by good Management to keep them so, without exceeding the Sum annually given for that Service.

J. MONTGOMERIE.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Capt. *Rutgers* and Major *Philipse*, inspect what Repairs may be necessary in his Majesty's *Fort George*, taking to their Assistance some able Workmen, to make an Estimate thereof, and report the same to the House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 23, 1728.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committe of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 24, 1728.

AN Account of *Martin Beekman*, for the Freight of Capt. *Bagly* and 13 Men to *Albany*, *&c.* amounting to *Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings* and *Nine-pence*, was laid before this House.

Ordered, That the said Account be referred to the Consideration of this House, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, relating to the Frontier.

Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part, and continuing other Parts of the Act thereinmentioned; and granting several Duties to his Majesty for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* September, 1728, *until the first Day of* September, *that will be in the Year* 1733; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That Capt. *Plat* have Leave to go Home for 10 Days upon extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 26, 1728.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 26, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipse* reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick high Roads in the County of Westchester*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 27, 1728.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal some Parts, and to continue and enforce other Parts of the Act thereinmentioned; and for granting several Duties to his Majesty for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* September, 1728, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Philipse* and Major *Syms* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 27, 1728.

THE Petition of *Gilbert Livingston*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that as he has sustained great Losses by farming the Excise of this Colony, an Act was passed, that if in Lieu of *One Thousand One Hundred Pounds*, which he was in Arrear on Account of that Farming, he paid the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, he and his Securities should be discharged, provided the Royal Assent to the said Act was obtained, and signified here, by a certain Time limited in the said Act. And forasmuch as the said Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, has been since paid, he conceived himself within the Meaning and Equity of the said Act, although his Majesty's Approbation was not returned here until 12 Months after the Time limited in the said Act; and therefore prayed Leave to bring in a Bill, that the Bond should be delivered up, which was entered into for the said Excise.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. *De Lancey*, Major *Philipse*, Major *Hutchinson*, Col. *Willet*, and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, or any 3 of them, and that they examine into the Allegation thereof, and report the same, together with their Opinion thereon, to this House.

Ordered, That Major *Philipse*, Capt. *Rensselaer* and Mr. *Willet*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for letting to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors in this Colony, for one Year, from the first Day of *November* next ensuing.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 28, 1728.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 28, 1728.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Abraham Van Horne*, that they have agreed to the three following Bills without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for destroying of Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutchess *County and* Orange *County*; *and for giving a further Reward for killing of Wolves in the said* Counties.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Post Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge. And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaer's Wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany.

Col. *Beekman* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick High Roads in* Dutchess *County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Petition of *Thomas Wildman*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may have such an Allowance for his 12 Months Service and Expences at *Oswego*, in such Manner as this House shall think proper.

Ordered,

Ordered, The Petition be refered to the Conſideration of this Houſe, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, relating to the Frontier.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 29, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public High Roads in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Dutcheſs* County, County of *Weſtcheſter*, and the County of *Albany*, or any three of them.

A Meſſage from the Council by Capt. *Walter*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal ſome Parts, and to continue and enforce other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned, and for granting ſeveral Duties to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* September, 1728, *until the firſt Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733; without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Auguſt* 29, 1728.

THE Houſe being deſirous to be informed, by what Means that Part of an Act paſſed in *November* laſt, which relates to the Recovery of the Fines and Forfeitures therein-mentioned, has not been complied with, *Rutger Bleeker*, Eſq; Mayor of the City of *Albany*, was ordered to attend; who attending accordingly, produced the following Papers to the Houſe, *viz.*

A Copy of the Minutes of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the ſaid City of the 5th of *March* laſt, of their Proceedings on an Act, for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at *Oſwego*, &c.

A Copy of Ditto, the 7th of the ſaid Month.

A Copy of the Reſervations of *Philip Livingſton*, Eſq; Town Clerk of the ſaid City, inſiſted on by him to be allowed in taking the Oaths mentioned in ſaid Act.

Copy of a Letter from the ſaid Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, to the late Governor Mr. *Burnet*, giving an Account of their Proceedings, dated the 7th of *March*.

Copy of the Affidavit of *John De Peyſter*, *Hendrick Rooſeboom*, *Barent Sanderſe*, and *Ryer Garretſen*, ſworn to the 26th Inſtant.

The Depoſition of *Harman Wendell*, Eſq; dated the 26th Inſtant. And,

The Depoſition of *Johannis Vander Heyden*, both ſworn to the ſaid 26th Inſtant.

Philip Livingſton, Eſq; Town Clerk of the ſaid City, being preſent, and hearing the ſaid Papers read, produced two Affidavits to the Houſe; which were likewiſe read, *viz.*

One by the ſaid *Livingſton*, the other by *Thomas Williams*, High-Sheriff of the City and County of *Albany*, ſworn to in Behalf of his Majeſty.

After which both Parties withdrew.

And the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, are of Opinion, that proper Meaſures ought to be taken for the effectual Recovery of the ſaid Fines and Forfeitures, for the Ends and Purpoſes intended by the Act above-mentioned; and therefore,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for enforcing the ſaid Act, and to appoint therein proper Perſons for putting the ſame in Execution; and that the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 30, 1728.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick High Roads in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Willet* reported from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick High Roads in* Dutcheſs *County*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Petition of *Gilbert Livingſton*, That they had examined into the Allegations thereof, and find them to be true; and that they alſo find he is not entitled by the Act, to the *Three Hundred Pounds* therein-mentioned; becauſe the royal Aſſent was not ſignified here by the Time limitted in the ſaid Act.

And a Motion being made, that in as much as Mr. *Livingſton* was within the Equity of the ſaid Act, Leave ought to be given to bring in a Bill, for delivering up the Bond given by him and his Sureties for the Exciſe farmed by him.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 30, 1728.

MR. *Le Count*, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lewis Morris*, jun. that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging Navigation*; without any Amendments.

Major *Philipſe* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent calling, meeting and ſitting of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Beekman* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and direct the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being, to deliver up a certain Bond, entered into by* Gilbert Livingſton, *for his Contract upon the Farm of the Exciſe in this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Le Count* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jan De Wit Peteriz; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 31, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent calling, meeting and ſitting, of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties, within this Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker and the Houſe went accordingly;

The Houſe being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency had, in the Preſence of his Majeſty's Council and the General Aſſembly, given his Aſſent in the uſual Manner, to the following eight Acts, and the ſame were accordingly publiſhed at the City-Hall; the Titles whereof, are as follows.

1. *An* Act, *reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame.*
2. *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on empty Caſks imported into the City of* New-York.
3. *An* Act *to continue the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July 1729.
4. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* Kingsbridge.
5. *An* Act *for deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutcheſs *County, and* Orange *County, and for giving a further Reward, for Killing of Wolves in the ſaid Counties.*
6. *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large, in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in the Precincts of*

of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, *called* Clavarack, *in the County of* Albany.

7. *An* Act, *to repeal some Parts, and to continue and enforce other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and for granting several Duties to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* September 1728, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733.

8. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the encouraging Navigation.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and direct the Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, to deliver up a certain Bond, entered into by* Gilbert Livingston; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Upon a Motion of Major *Philipse*, to go into the *Jersey*'s for some Days, it was conceived he could not be spared, by Reason he is Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 2, 1728.

MR. *Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent calling, meeting and sitting, of the General Assembly of this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and direct the Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, to deliver up a certain Bond, entered into by* Gilbert Livingston, *for his Contract upon the Farm of the Excise in this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1728.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick high Roads in* Dutchess *County*; was read the [illegible] Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and direct the Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, to deliver up a certain Bond, entered into by* Gilbert Livingston, *for his Contract upon the Farm of the Excise in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 3, 1728.

CAPT. *Van Horne*, desired Leave to bring in a Bill, for paying him and the Widow of *Jacobus Kipp*, and Mr. *Johannis Jansen*, for their Services in General Assembly, as Representatives for the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *William Dugdale*, Esq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, and *Richard Nicholls*, Esq; Coroner of the same, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the former had expended in the Years 1726 and 1727, the Sum of *Twenty Two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings* and *Eleven-pence*, for Maintenance and Execution of Criminals; and the latter for Inquests on dead Bodies of poor Persons, *Twenty Eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Six-pence Halfpenny*, and that both were allowed by the Justices at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace; but alledged they were not impowered to raise Money, for defraying the publick and necessary Charges of this City and County. Wherefore the Petitioners humbly pray this House, would either enable the said City, by an Act to raise Money, or to grant such other Relief to the Petitioners, as to this House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into Consideration on *Saturday* Morning next.

Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of Excellency's Speech, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, lay before this House, an Account how much Money, of the Duties on *Indian* Goods is come to his Hands, and how much thereof has been paid by him, and what Warrants are more drawn upon that Fund, and that the Clerk of this House, serve him with a Copy of this Order.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 4, 1728.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jan de Wit Peteriz, Mary Reneau, *the Wife of* Andrew Reneau, Ezekiel Barbauld *and* Jaques Gabriel Bavelot; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent calling and holding General Assemblies in the Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Van Horne* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Capt. Garrit Van Horne, Johannis Jansen *and* Cathalina, *the Widow and Relict of* Jacobus Kipp, *for serving in General Assembly*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Le Count* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Richmond, *to build a County House and a new Goal, in the said County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 4, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of his Excellency's Speech. That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act; *for paying Capt.* Garrit Van Horne, Johannis Jansen, *and* Cathalina, *the Widow and Relict of* Jacobus Kipp, *for serving in General Assembly*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and the Members of *Westchester*, or any three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Richmond, *to build a County House and a new Goal*, was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Richmond*, *King's* and *Orange* Counties; or any three of them.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 5, 1728.

MAJOR *Syms* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and some other Parts of the County of* Orange, *contiguous thereto*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Willet* (according to Order) presented to this House, a

Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of what Money he had received from the Farmers of the Duties on *Indian* Goods, to the Weſtward and Northward of the City of *Albany*, and what Warrants have been drawn by his late Excellency *William Burnet*, Eſq; in Council, and paid on Account of the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech: That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1728.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more eaſy Acknowledgement of Deeds*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and the ſaid Amendments being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendments, be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 6, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 7, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and ſome other Parts in the County of* Orange, *contiguous thereto*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the County of *Orange*, *Richmond* and *Dutcheſs*; or any three of them.

The Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take the Petition of *William Dugdale*, Eſq; High Sheriff, and *Richard Nicholls*, Eſq; Coroner of the City and County of *New-York*, into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ſame be refered to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* Garrit Van Horne, Johannis Janſen, *and* Cathalina, *the Widow and Relict of* Jacobus Kipp, *for ſerving in General Aſſembly*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Haring* have Leave to go Home being indiſpoſed.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying Capt.* Garrit Van Horne, Johannis Janſen *and* Cathalina, *the Widow and Relict of* Jacobus Kipp, *for ſerving in General Aſſembly*; and to whom was likewiſe refered, the Petition of *William Dugdale* and *Richard Nicholls*, That they had duly conſidered of both, and that they had altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which being read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech: They they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 9, 1728.

THE Petition of *Thomas Timmer*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Leave to bring in a Bill, for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Major *Syms* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and ſome other Parts in the County of* Orange, *contiguous thereto*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Mr. *Garretſen* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to build a County Houſe and a new Goal, in the ſaid County*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1728.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe the Sum of* One Hundred, Sixty Eight Pounds, Sixteen Shillings *and* Five-pence Halfpenny, *in the City and County of* New-York, *for diſcharging the Debts and Demands therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Richmond, *to build a County Houſe and a new Goal in the ſaid County*; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merril* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and ſome other Parts contiguous thereto in the County of* Orange; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Syms* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better perfecting and compleating a publick common Highway through the County of* Ulſter; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Thomas Timmer, was (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 10, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 11, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Thomas Timmer; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to

to Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Major *Philipse* and Mr. *Le Count*, or any 3 of them.

The Petition of *John* and *Joseph Reade*, Executors of their Father Mr. *Lawrence Reade*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that their ſaid Father had ſerved as a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*, 530 Days, for which he had received no Reward, and therefore prayed that Proviſion might be made for the Payment thereof, in a Bill now before this Houſe, for paying Capt. *Garrit Van Horne*, *Johannis Janſen* and *Jacobus Kip*, for the like Services, or in ſuch other Manner as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

And the ſaid Act being paſſed this Houſe, and the Seſſion drawing to a Concluſion;

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be refered to the next Seſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, after this Day, will not receive any Petition on private Affairs, that they may not interrupt the publick Buſineſs now depending before this Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better perfecting and compleating a publick common Highway through the County of* Ulſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulſter*, *Albany* and *Orange*, or any 5 of them.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. that they had agreed to the four following Bills without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick High-ways in the County of* Weſtcheſter.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower and direct the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being, to deliver up a certain Bond, entered into by* Gilbert Livingſton, *for his Contract upon the Farm of the Exciſe in this Colony.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick high Roads in* Dutcheſs *County.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jan De Wit Peteriz, Mary Reneau, *the Wife of* Andrew Reneau, Ezekiel Barbauld, *and* Jaques Gabriel Buvelot. And that they had likewiſe agreed to

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent calling and holding General Aſſemblies in the Colony of* New-York; with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Amendment being read, this Houſe cannot agree thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 11, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 12, 1728.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And the ſame were read, and agreed unto, with an Amendment of this Houſe to the Amendment made thereto by the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willet* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments, with an Amendment made thereto by this Houſe, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better perfecting and compleating a publick common Highway through the County of* Ulſter; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Thomas Timmer; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, that they have agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

An Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and ſome other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange. And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Richmond, *to build a County Houſe and a new Goal in the ſaid County.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. that they do adhere to their Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent calling and holding General Aſſemblies in the Colony of* New-York.

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendment be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee of the Whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 12, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 13, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, reported, That they had carefully examined and conſidered the State of the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, as well of what was formerly allowed for the ſame, as the Demands now thereon, and of what is requiſite to ſubſiſt it for a longer Time; do find, that the four laſt Articles allowed in the Act paſſed in *November* laſt, are not paid to the Perſons therein-named, amounting to the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*; and therefore are of Opinion, Proviſion now ought to be made for the Payment thereof.

That they had carefully examined all the Accounts and Demands now laid before this Houſe, for Things already furniſhed and Services done; and likewiſe computed what the Proviſions and incidental Charges to ſubſiſt 25 Men, for the Space of 52 Weeks, will amount to, do find, that the whole Coſt thereof doth, and will amount to, the Sum of £. 804 2 6 ½

They likewiſe find, that of the ſeveral Perſons for whom Proviſion was made in the Act paſſed in *November* laſt, there remains ſtill unpaid, the Sum of 398 18 3 ½

In all, £. 1203 0 10

And thereupon came to the following Reſolutions, *to wit*,

Reſolved, That the four Articles above-mentioned, amounting to *Two Hundred Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, ſhall be repealed, and no Part thereof paid to the Perſons in the ſaid Act named.

Reſolved, That for diſcharging the Demands already due, and what may ſubſiſt and maintain the ſaid Houſe and Troops for the Time above-mentioned, there ſhall be borrowed out of the Money now in the Treaſury on Account of the Exciſe, the aforeſaid Sum of *One Thouſand, Two Hundred* and *Three Pounds*, and *Ten-pence.*

Reſolved, That for the effectual Re-payment thereof into the Treaſury, the Duties laid on *Indian* Goods, and all the Fines and Forfeitures, to which Tranſgreſſors of former Laws are ſtill ſubject and liable, ſhall be applied and appropriated for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That if by that Means the ſaid Sum be not fully Repaid into the Treaſury, on or before the firſt Day of *March* next, that there ſhall be given and granted unto his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, from the Time above-mentioned, and until the Sum of *One Thouſand, Two Hundred* and *Three Pounds* and *Ten Pence*, ſhall be fully re-paid into the Treaſury, as aforeſaid, and no longer, nor to no other Purpoſe, a Duty of *Two-pence*, on every Gallon of Rum that ſhall, during that Time, be tranſported to *Oſwego*; *Provided*, That ſuch Rum ſhall not be ſubject to the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony.

Reſolved, That proper Perſons be appointed to recover the Fines and Forfeitures above-mentioned.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned; and for applying ſeveral Funds, and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Exciſe for that Purpoſe; for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures; for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods, during the Time therein-mentioned; and for making good the Money ſo to be borrowed of the Exciſe*; paſſed in the firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, be continued and enforced; and that in it the four Articles before-mentioned be repealed; and that proper Alterations, Explanations and Additions be made therein, ſo as to anſwer the Ends and Purpoſes thereby intended.

And the ſaid Report having been read by him in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in purſuant to the foregoing Reſolutions; and that the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, do (according to an Order of the 29th of *Auguſt* laſt) prepare and bring in the ſame.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better perfecting and compleating a publick common Highway through the County of* Ulſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Hutchinſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Thomas Timmer; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garretſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Van Dam*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Sixty Eight Pounds, Sixteen Shillings *and* Five-pence Half-penny, *in the City and County of* New-York, *for diſcharging the Debts and Demands therein-mentioned*; without any Amendments.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler* (according to Order) reported, That they had inſpected what Repairs may be neceſſary in his Majeſty's *Fort George*; and do find, that for repairing the Soldiers Barracks, the Timber, Nails, Boards, and other Materials belonging to Carpenters Work (his Labour included) will amount to the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Forty Six Pounds, Sixteen Shillings* and *Nine-pence*; but that they have not enquired what the Maſons, Smiths nor Glaziers Work will amount to, for compleating the ſaid Barracks.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 13, 1728.

MAJOR *Philipſe*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom his Excellency's Meſſage of the 23d of *Auguſt* laſt was refered, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution thereon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there ſhall be raiſed and levied on all the Eſtates real and perſonal within this Colony, to and for the repairing the Barracks in his Majeſty's *Fort George*, and to and for no other Uſe and Purpoſe, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, current Money of the ſaid Colony, the Charge of Collection and the Treaſurer's Salary included.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Plat* and Mr. *Livingſton*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Le Count* have Leave to go Home, being indiſpoſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, that they do not agree to the Amendments of this Houſe made to the Amendments of that Board, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail.*

And the Houſe having taken the ſame into Conſideration,

Ordered, That Major *Syms* do acquaint the Council, that this Houſe do receed from their Amendments made to the Amendments of that Board to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail.*

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 14, 1728.

A Motion being made, that a Debt of *Two Hundred Pounds*, owing to *Peter Le Heup*, Eſq; late Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, by Virtue of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the 13th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, ought to be diſcharged.

Another Motion being made, that the following Debts ought to be diſcharged, for Services done among the five Nations;

Reſolved, That there ſhall be allowed and paid to the Perſons hereunder-named, the Sums following, *that is to ſay*,

To *Jooſt Van Scyſe*, for himſelf and *Hendrick Wemp*, in full for a Demand of *Thirty Pounds*, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*.

To *Evert Wendel*, jun. in full for his Demand of *Ten Pounds*, the Sum of *Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Four-pence*.

And, to *Jacob Glen*, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.

Reſolved, That the above-mentioned *Two Hundred* and *Thirty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Four-pence*, ſhall be raiſed by an additional Duty on *Negroes* imported into this Colony, *that is to ſay*,

For every *Negro* of 4 Years and upwards, directly from *Africa*, *Ten Shillings*.

For every *Negro* and other Slave of 4 Years old and upwards, from all other Places, *One Pound*.

Ordered, That Major *Hutchinſon*, Capt. *Glen* and Mr. *Garretſen*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 17, 1728.

CAPT. *Plat* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for repairing the Barracks in his Majeſty's* Fort George, *in the City of* New-York, *in this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Garretſen* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a Debt to the late Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great Britain; *and other Debts due for Services done among the five Nations, by Perſons mentioned in this Act*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 17, 1728.

CAPT. *Van Horne* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming the Act therein-mentioned, with ſome Alterations and Additions; for paying Proviſions, and other Stores and Services already furniſhed and done, for the Uſe of the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *and for ſubſiſting it during the Time therein-mentioned; for borrowing Money for thoſe Purpoſes, and providing Funds for the Re-payment thereof*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Meſſrs. *Philip Livingſton*, *Dirck Ten Broeck* and *John De Peyſter*, three of the Farmers of the Duty on *Indian* Goods, made Oath in the Houſe, That they, and the other Farmers had received no more on the Account of the ſaid Duties than *Six Hundred* and *Fifteen Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Seven-Pence*, ariſing by the Particulars in an Account laid before this Houſe; and in the ſame was included, what they had received by Means of the Double Duties; and that on the firſt-mentioned Duties, there was ſtill ſtanding out, *One Hundred* and *Twenty Three Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Eight-pence Half-penny*; but they did not know what Goods may be returned unſold, and that they had uſed their utmoſt Endeavours to make the moſt of the Duties farmed by them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 18, 1728.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming the Act therein-mentioned, with ſome Alterations and Additions; for paying Proviſions, and other Stores and Services already furniſhed and done for the Uſe of the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *and for ſubſiſting it during the Time therein-mentioned; for borrowing Money for thoſe Purpoſes, and providing Funds for the Re-payment thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of*

of Two Hundred Pounds, *for repairing the Barracks in his Majesty's* Fort George, *in the City of* New-York, *in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* have Leave to go Home, on extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 18, 1728.

MR. *Le Count* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within the Colony of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Willet* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 19, 1728.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock; in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 19, 1728.

THE engrossed, Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merril* do carry the Bill to the Council; and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Harrison*, That they have agreed to the two following Bills, *viz.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better perfecting and compleating a publick common Highway, through the County of* Ulster; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Thomas Timmer; without any Amendments.

Capt. *Plat* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming the Act therein-mentioned, with some Alterations and Additions, for paying Provisions, and other Stores, and Services already furnished and done for the Use of the Trading House at* Oswego, *and for subsisting it during the Time therein-mentioned; for borrowing Money for those Purposes, and providing Funds for the Re-payment thereof*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clause be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1728.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming the Act therein-mentioned, with some Alterations and Additions, for paying Provisions, and other Stores, and Services already furnished and done, for the Use of the Trading House at* Oswego, *and for Subsisting it during the Time therein-mentioned; and borrowing Money for those Purposes, and providing Funds for the Re-Payment thereof*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising and levying the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for Repairing the Barracks in his Majesty's* Fort George, *in the City of* New-York, *in the Colony of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they d directed him to report to the House; which were read, and ed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 20, 1728.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising and levying the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for repairing the Barracks in his Majesty's* Fort George, *in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Harrison*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York, with some Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House. And,

That they also had agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming the Act therein-mentioned, with some Alterations and Additions, for paying Provisions, and other Stores, and Services already furnished and done, for the Use of the Trading House at* Oswego, *&c.*

The Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York, being read;

Resolved, That this House agree to the Amendments made to the said Bill.

Ordered, The Mr. *Le Count* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the Amendments made to the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 21, 1728.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising and levying the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for repairing the Barracks in his Majesty's* Fort George, *in the City of* New-York; without any Amendments.

Ordered, That this House, do address his Excellency, to issue his Warrant in Council on the Treasury, for the Sum of *Fifty Shillings*, payable to *Dirck Egbert*, Door-keeper of this House, for glazing and cleansing the Assembly Chamber and Lobby.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker; His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. Speaker and the House went accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and reported to this House, that his Excellency had, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council and of this House, been pleased to give his Assent to the fourteen following Acts; and that the same were published at the City-Hall, in the usual Manner; the Titles of which are, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick High Roads in the County of* Westchester.
2. *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in* Dutchess *County.*
3. *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of special Bail.*
4. *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to build a County House and a new Goal, in the said County.*
5. *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and some other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange.
6. *An* Act, *to raise the Sum of* One Hundred Sixty Eight Pounds, Sixteen Shillings *and* Five-pence, *in the City and*

County of New-York, *for diſcharging the Debts and Demands therein-mentioned.*

7. *An* Act, *for the better perfecting and compleating a publick Highway, throughout the County of* Ulſter.
8. *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*
9. *An* Act, *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony.*
10. *An Act, for confirming the Act therein-mentioned, with ſome Alterations and Additions, for paying Proviſions, and other Stores, and Services already furniſhed and done, for the Uſe of the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *and for ſubſiſting it during the Time therein-mentioned, for borrowing Money for thoſe Purpoſes, and providing Funds for the Re-payment thereof.*
11. *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Two Hundred Pounds, *for repairing the Barracks in his Majeſty's* Fort George, *in the City of* New-York.
12. *An* Act, *to impower and direct the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being, to deliver up a certain Bond, entered into by* Gilbert Livingſton, *for his Contract upon the Farm of the Exciſe in this Colony.*
13. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jan De Wit Peteriz, Mary Reneau, *the Wife of* Andrew Reneau, Ezekiel Barbauld *and* Jaques Gabriel Buvelot.
14. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Thomas Timmer.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe alſo, That his Excellency had recommended to the Houſe, to adjourn itſelf, until the firſt *Tueſday* in *April* next enſuing.

Then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe, until the firſt *Tueſday* in *April* next; and the Houſe was adjourned accordingly.

MEMORANDUM.

THE General Aſſembly having adjourned themſelves on the 21ſt of *September* laſt, until the firſt *Tueſday* in *April*, then next enſuing; the ſame was by his Excellency's Proclamation, dated the 28th of *March*, further adjourned to the ſecond *Tueſday* of *May* following.

Die Martis, 5 ho. P. M. May 13, 1729.

TWENTY of the Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Houſe adjourned until 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. May 14, 1729.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended accordingly; being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and informed the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech to them, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Have called you together, to concert and concur with you in advancing the Intereſt and Proſperity of this Province; and I take this Occaſion of acquainting you, that ſince your Adjournment, I met the ſix Nations of Indians, *at* Albany, *and I do aſſure you, with great Pleaſure and Satisfaction, that I find them thoroughly attached to our Intereſt; you will ſee this confirmed by their publick Conferences with me, which, if you deſire, ſhall be laid before you.*

They think the Houſe at Oſwego, *which has been built, and hitherto ſupported by you, of ſo great Conſequence to themſelves and us, that they expect you will keep a Garriſon there; and we ſhall appear very contemptable in the Eyes of the World, if you do not ſeaſonably and amply provide for the Maintenance and Support of it, which I earneſtly and heartily recommend to you. The* Indians, *on their Part, promiſe to aſſiſt us againſt any Power that dares to attack it.*

I am ſorry that the Expences of that Place has been ſo burthenſome to the Province; but I believe there will be Methods propoſed to you, of doing it at far leſs Charge than what it has hitherto coſt you: I leave that entirely to your Conſideration, not doubting but you will provide for it effectually; and the leſs Expence the Province is at, it will be the more pleaſing to me.

I have one Thing more to recommend to you, which is, appointing an Agent to ſollicit your Affairs at the Court of Great-Britain; *and I muſt take this Occaſion of doing Juſtice to the Gentleman you laſt employed, by telling you, that to my certain Knowledge, he ſerved you diligently and honeſtly, and very well deſerves the Continuance of the Truſt you repoſed in him.*

J. MONTGOMERIE.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and other Proceedings of this Houſe be printed, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will *Friday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony lay before this Houſe, on *Tueſday* next, the following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account of the Monies received and paid by him, for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account, until the firſt Day of *September* laſt paſt.

An Account how much the Duties laid and impoſed for ſupporting the ſaid Government, by an Act paſſed in *Auguſt* laſt, from the ſaid firſt Day of *September*, until the firſt Day of this Inſtant *May*.

An Account how much has been paid into the Treaſury on Account of the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, from the ending of his laſt Account, until the firſt Day of *November* laſt, mentioning the Names of the Commiſſioners by whom the ſame is paid.

A Liſt for how much, and to whom the aforeſaid Exciſe is let to Farm, from the ſaid firſt Day of *November*, until the firſt Day of *November* next enſuing.

And, an Account of his Receipts and Payments of the ſeveral Taxes, raiſed and laid by ſeveral Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter do lay before this Houſe, on or before the 29th Day of this Inſtant, an Account of what Money has ariſen for weighing in the ſaid Weigh Houſe, within the City of *New-York*, from his laſt Account, until the firſt Day of this Inſtant *May*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council lay before this Houſe, on or before *Tueſday* next, a Liſt of the Warrants drawn in Council, for Support of Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *September* laſt, until the firſt of this Inſtant *May*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe deliver Copies of the aforeſaid Orders to the reſpective Officers above-mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Member to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for *Orange* County, in the Room of Major *Lancaſter Syms*, deceaſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 4 ho. P. M. May 14, 1729.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Hicks*, Major *Philipſe*, Major *Renſſelaer*, and Mr. *Willet*, or any 3 of them, be a Committee to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued; and likewiſe what new Acts they judge proper to be made for the Benefit of the Colony, or the Inhabitants thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Friday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 16, 1729.

MR. Speaker communicated to this Houſe, two Letters from *Peter Le Heup*, Eſq; late Agent of this Province at the Court of *Great-Britain*,, dated the 29th of *July*, and 27th of *January* laſt; which were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe; and at the Cloſe of the Seſſion to be lodged with the Speaker.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. May 16, 1729.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, *Monday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. May 19, 1729.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Bobin*.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded to lay before this Houſe, Accounts relating to Oſwego, *and a State of the frontier Garriſons*; which are as follows.

A Liſt of ſundry Accounts of Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, furniſhed at *Albany*, for the Uſe of the ſaid Troops, from No. 1 to No. 64, amounting to *Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Two-pence Half-penny*.

A Liſt of Accounts of Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, furniſhed at *New-York*, for the Uſe of the Troops at *Oſwego*, from No. 1 to No. 6, amounting to *Eighty Seven Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Four-pence*.

An Account of Services for mending and repairing the Road on the *Oneida* Carrying Place, amounting to *Twenty Four Pounds, Fourteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*.

And a State of his Majeſty's frontier Garriſons at *Albany*, *Schenectady* and *Fort Hunter*.

And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members, until that Part of his Excellency's Speech is taken into Conſideration, which relates to *Oſwego* and the Frontiers.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. May 19, 1729.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* and Major *Renſſelaer*, wait on his Excellency, to deſire that his Treaty with the ſix Nations of *Indians* at *Albany*, laſt Summer, may be laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer lay before this Houſe on *Wedneſday* next, an Account how much has been paid to him by the late Farmers of the Duties on *Indian* Goods in the County of *Albany*, ſince he delivered in his laſt Account thereof; and likewiſe an Account of what has been paid to him by the preſent Commiſſioners of the ſaid Duty.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe enquire at the Secretary's Office, whether the Commiſſioners appointed to recover the Fines and Forfeitures in the County of *Albany*, purſuant to an Act paſſed in *September* laſt, have tranſmitted to the ſaid Office, a Book or Account of their Proceedings therein; and if they have, to lay the ſame before this Houſe on *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 20, 1729.

MAJOR *Renſſelaer* informed this Houſe, that Col. *Philip Schuyler* and he, had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, to deſire his Treaty with the ſix Nations of *Indians* at *Albany*, laſt Summer, might be laid before this Houſe, and that his Excellency had been pleaſed to ſay, he would order the ſame ſhould be done To-morrow.

Mr. *Bobin* (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, a Liſt of Warrants drawn in Council for Support of Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *September* laſt, until the firſt Day of this Inſtant *May*, 1729, amounting to, *viz.* From the firſt of *September*, to the firſt of *December*, *Five Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds, Four Shillings*; and from the firſt of *December*, to the firſt of *March*, *Five Hundred* and *Ninety Pounds*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 20, 1729.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, the following Accounts, *viz.*

A General Account of his Receipts and Payments for Support of this Government, from the firſt Day of *July*, 1728, to the firſt Day of *September* following, the Debt amounting to *Two Thouſand, Nine Hundred* and *Ninety Two Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Five-pence*; and the Credit to *Four Thouſand, Seven Hundred* and *Fifty Seven Pounds, Five Shillings* and *One Penny Farthing*.

An Account of the Amount of Duties from the ſaid firſt Day of *September*, until the firſt Day of this Inſtant *May*, amounting, with the Surplus of the above-mentioned Account, to the Sum of *Five Thouſand* and *Eighty Seven Pounds, One Shilling* and *Four-pence Three-farthings*.

And, Accounts of what has been paid to him, and what is ſtill in arrear in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony, of the Taxes hereunder-mentioned, *to wit*,

The Tax laid *Anno* 1723, for 5350 Ounces of Plate.

The Tax laid *Anno* 1724, for *Six Thouſand, Six Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*.

The Tax laid *Anno* 1726, for *Three Thouſand Six Hundred Pounds*.

An Account of what the Commiſſioners appointed to let to Farm the Exciſe, have paid into the Treaſury, ſince the 30th of *July* laſt, amounting to *Five Hundred* and *Ten Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Nine-pence Half-penny*,

And, A Liſt for how much, and to whom the ſaid Exciſe is let to Farm, for one Year, commencing the firſt Day of *November* laſt, amounting to *One Thouſand* and *Ninety Eight Pounds, Eight Shillings* and *Nine-pence*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 21, 1729.

MR. *Bobin* (by his Excellency's Order) laid before this Houſe, his Excellency's Treaty with the ſix Nations of *Indians*, at *Albany*, in *October* laſt; which being read,

Ordered, The ſame lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members; and afterwards to be returned to his Excellency.

Mr. *Bobin* alſo (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners appointed to recover the Fines and Forfeitures in the County of *Albany*, purſuant to an Act paſſed for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, for the Members to peruſe.

The Houſe being informed, that ſome Perſons in the County of *Albany*, are willing to undertake to furniſh good and wholeſom Proviſions at *Oſwego*, to ſubſiſt 25 Men poſted or to be poſted there;

Ordered, That by 3 Advertiſements, one to be affixed up at *Albany*, another at *Schenectady*, and the third at the *Palatine* Villages above the *Falls*, Perſons inclinable to undertake the ſame, are deſired to lay their Propoſals before this Houſe with all convenient Speed.

Ordered, That Advertiſements to the ſame Purpoſe, be likewiſe fixed in the moſt uſual Places, within the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, prepare ſuch Advertiſements accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 22, 1729.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of what Money is received from the late Farmers of the Duties on *Indian* Goods in the County of *Albany*, ſince the laſt Account delivered to the General Aſſembly, the 12th of *September* 1728; amounting to *Thirty Four Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Six-pence Half-penny*, which was read.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

The Treaſurer acquainted the Houſe likewiſe, That he had not received any Thing for the preſent Commiſſioners of the ſaid Duties.

Capt. *Glen* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 22, 1729.

MAJOR *Plat* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee

tee of the whole House, to consider of the Amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds*; and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had considered the said Amendments, and agreed to several, and disagreed to others, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same were read; and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston*, do carry the Bill to the Council, with their Amendments, and acquaint them, that this House, had considered the said Amendments, and agreed to several, and disagreed to others, and to desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 23, 1729.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the Island *Nassau*; or any four of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, or any three of them.

Mr. *Livingston* desiring the Opinion of this House, whether a Member thereof, can (without the Neglect of his Duty) conceal from this House, an Affront put upon him as a Member.

The House desired him to acquaint them of such Affront.

Whereupon Mr. *Livingston* informed them, that Capt. *Jacobus Bruyn*, of *Ulster* County, charged him, that he had betrayed his Country and People, in giving the Support of Government for five Years, or Words to that Effect; and the House conceiving the same to be a presumptuous Reflection on their Conduct,

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, do forthwith bring the said Capt. *Jacobus Bruyn*, before the Bar of this House, to answer for his said presumptuous Reflection, and that the Speaker issue his Warrant for that Purpose accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 23, 1729.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, *Wednesday* next.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 28, 1729.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, *Friday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 29, 1729.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1729.

MAJOR *Rensselaer* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living and dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, laid before this House (by Order of his Excellency) the following Papers; *to wit*,

A Letter from the Commissioners of the *Indian* Affairs to his said Excellency, dated at *Albany*, the 22d of this instant *May*.

A Memorial of the said Commissioners to his said Excellency, relating to the Victualing of the Troops at *Oswego*, dated at the Place and Time above-mentioned.

And a further List of Accounts for Provisions and other Necessaries, furnished for the Use of the said Troops, together with the Vouchers thereof, amounting from No. 1, to No. 12, to the Sum of *Thirty Three Pounds, Five Shillings* and *Ninepence*. And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members, until such Time as that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to *Oswego* and the Frontier, are taken into Consideration.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1729.

MAJOR *Philipse* reported from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring; do find,

That, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors, will expire in* November *next*; and are of Opinion, it ought to be continued for a Year longer.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, and that Major *Philipse*, Mr. *Willet* and Major *Rensselar*, prepare and bring in the same.

They also are of Opinion, That *An* Act *to continue the Currency of Bills of Credit struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the first Day of* July 1720, *ought to be further continued till the first Day of* July 1730, *and from thence to the End of the next Session.*

Ordered, That Major *Plat*, Capt. *Rutgers* and Mr. *Garritsen*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

And that they are likewise of Opinion, That, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, *passed in the 9th Year of his late Majesty's Reign, expired by its own Limitation, ought to be revived for a Year from the Publication, and thence to the End of the next Session.*

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Hutchinson* and Mr. *Livingston*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing*

tinuing an Act, for the further laying-out, regulating and better clearing, publick Highways in the County of Suffolk; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Plat* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Glen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1729.

MAJOR *Philipse* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed within this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Major *Plat* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the first Day of* July, 1730; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 2, 1729.

MR. *Haskel* laid before this House, an Account of *Fifty Six Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Nine-pence Half-penny*, for the Use of the Detachments sent to *Oswego*, by Order of the late Governor Burnet, sworn to the 3d of *July*, 1728.

Ordered, The said Account be referred to the Committee of the whole House, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, relating to *Oswego*.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1729.

COL. *Hicks* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed within this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the first Day of July*, 1730; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 3, 1729.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1729.

THE Petition of *Catharina Pawling*, Wife of *Albert Pawling*, and *Cornelia Livingston*, the Wife of *Gilbert Livingston*, was presented to the House, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable them to sell the Land given them by their Father's last Will and Testament.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Petition of *John Gara*, was presented to the House, and read, praying, that from the first Day of *November* next, he may be permitted to retail exciseable Liquors free from Excise, or under a small Acknowlegement, for such Time as this House shall think fit.

Ordered, That the Petition be rejected.

Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the first Day of* July, 1730; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Major *Rensselaer* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, during the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause to the same, which they directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engrossed.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 4, 1729.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, *Saturday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1729.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the first Day of* July 1730; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Major *Rensselaer* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1729.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Syms* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill (brought in according to Leave) entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Catharina Pawling, *the Wife of* Albert Pawling *and* Cornelia Livingston, *the Wife of* Gilbert Livingston, *to sell and dispose of several Parcels of Land in the City of* New-York, *and the Counties of* Ulster *and* Dutchess, *devised to them the*

ſaid Catharina *and* Cornelia, *by the laſt Will and Teſtament of their Father, Col.* Henry Beekman, *late of* Ulſter *County, deceaſed*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. June 6, 1729.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 7, 1729.

THE Serjeant at Arms attending without, was called in, and made his Return on the Warrant, iſſued by Virtue of an Order of this Houſe, the 23d Day of *May* laſt, That he had taken the Body of Capt. *Jacobus Bruyn*, and then withdrew.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. June 9, 1729.

THE Petition of *Johan Frederick Gunter* and *Philip Jacob Bomper*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to this Houſe, for naturalizing them.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. June 9, 1729.

COL. *Gaaſbeck Chambers* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Ulſter; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Adam Helmers's Account for Horſe Hire, and his Journey to *Onondaga*, amounting to *Six Pounds*; and *Johannis Keſſelaer*'s Account for Freight over the *Little-Carrying-Place*, amounting to *Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, were laid before this Houſe.

Ordered, The ſaid Accounts be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, relating to *Oſwego*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. June 10, 1729.

THE Treaſurer (according to a verbal Direction of this Houſe) delivered in particular Accounts of the ſeveral Taxes hereafter-mentioned, by which it appears, That the reſpective Cities and Counties in this Colony are ſtill in Arrear thereon, the ſeveral Sums following; *to wit*,

On an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *for ſecuring the* Indians *to his Majeſty's Intereſt*; paſſed in the Year 1721, *viz.*

King's County	£.	0	2	6 ¼
Queen's County		0	6	2 ¼
Orange County		3	1	4 ½

On an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to encourage and promote a Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *and for ſecuring the five Nations of* Indians *in his Majeſty's Intereſt: As alſo the Sum of* Three Hundred *and* Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings *and* Two-pence Farthing, *advanced by the ſeveral Perſons therein-named, for repairing the Fortifications on the Frontiers*; paſſed in the Year 1722, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York*	£.	28	12	0
Queen's County		22	8	7 ½
Richmond County			7	7
Ulſter County		1	5	6 ¾
Dutcheſs County			7	7
Orange County		9	14	3

On an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Quantity of* 3000 *Ounces of Plate, for the effectual ſinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value*; paſſed in the Year 1722, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York*	£.	37	1	10 ½
Weſtcheſter County		2	14	3 ½
Dutcheſs County			8	3
Orange County		3	8	4

On an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing and levying the Quantity of* 5350 *Ounces of Plate, for the Uſes therein-mentioned, and for ſtriking and making Bills of Credit for that Value*; paſſed in the Year 1723, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York*	£.	159	14	7
Suffolk County		2	2	9 ¼
Richmond County		18	6	8 ½
Weſtcheſter County		15	1	4 ¼
Ulſter County, over paid in this *Twenty Nine Pounds, Nine Shillings and Nine-pence Three Farthings*, which muſt be deducted out of another Tax.				
Dutcheſs County			3	6 ¼
Orange County	£.	5	0	6 ¼

On an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for levying the Sum of* Six Thouſand, Six Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds, *for the ſupplying the Deficiences of his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the ſeveral Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; *and for making of Bills of Credit, to be iſſued for that Value*, paſſed in the Year 1724, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York*	£.	899	14	8 ½
King's County		32	2	6
Queen's County		219	14	4
Suffolk County		42	4	1 ½
Richmond County		75	2	2 ¼
Weſtcheſter County		92	0	6
Ulſter County		41	4	4 ½
Dutcheſs County			8	7 ½
Orange County		27	15	6 ¼

And on an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *granting to his Majeſty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government, in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* July 1726, *to the firſt Day of* July 1729; paſſed in the 12th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York*	£.	389	11	11
King's County		1	2	3
Queen's County		219	11	6
Suffolk County		56	1	4
Richmond County		29	4	10 ¼
Weſtcheſter County		88	9	11
Ulſter County		7	16	8 ¼
Dutcheſs County, over paid in this, *Seven Shillings* and *Two-pence Farthing*, which muſt be deducted out of another Tax.				
Orange County	£.	23	6	0 ¼

So that the Total of all the ſaid Arrears ſtand thus.

City and County of *New-York*	£.	1514	15	1
King's County		33	7	3 ¼
Queen's County		462	1	7 ¼
Suffolk County		100	8	3 ¼
Richmond County		123	1	4 ¼
Weſtcheſter County		198	6	1 ¼
Ulſter County		20	16	10 ¼
Dutcheſs County		1	0	9 ¼
Orange County		72	6	0 ¼
	£.	2526	3	5 ¼

The Treaſurer laid likewiſe before this Houſe, particular Accounts of the Exciſe, by which it appears, how much the ſame was let for, from *primo November* 1720, to *primo November* 1728; by what Commiſſioners, and how much is paid thereon, into the Treaſury, to which muſt be added the Commiſſion allowed by the ſeveral Acts, which appointed them Commiſſioners; and the State thereof is as follows, *viz.*

For

	Dr.	Cr.
For *New-York*.		
John Cruger, *David Provoost* and *Johannis Jassen*, from 1720 to 1725.	£. 2630 3 6	£. 2218 10 11 ½
Robert Lurting and *John Cruger*, from 1725 to 1728.	1449 1 6	1015 6 8
For the City and County of *Albany*.		
Philip Livingston and *Thomas Williams*, from 1720 to 1725.	450 3 6	403 4 6
Rutger Bleeker, from 1725 to 1728.	185 2 3	154 10
For *King's* County.		
Cornelius Sebring, from 1720 to 1721.	38 2 0	34 5 10
John Sebring, from 1721 to 1722.	38 2 0	34 5 10
Peter Lefferts, from 1721 to 1728.	156 18 6	141 4 9 ½
For *Queen's* County.		
Isaac Hicks, from 1720 to 1725.	425 17 0	390 10 6
This over Payment ballanced by two Omissions.		
Stephen Hicks, from 1725 to 1727.	146 9 6	131 17 7
Samuel Stringham, from 1727 to 1728.	61 7 6	
For *Suffolk* County.		
Epenetus Plat, from 1720 to 1722.	164 12 0	148 1 8
Selah Strong, from 1722 to 1728.	511 11 10	460 10 10
For *Westchester* County.		
Joseph Budd, from 1720 to 1722.	68 2 0	62 2 8
John Stevenson, from 1722 to 1728,	263 4 8	236 18 5
For *Richmond* County.		
Abraham Lakerman, from 1720 to 1725.	118 2 0	106 5 9 ½
John Le Count, from 1725 to 1727.	34 17 6	31 8 10
Abraham Cool, from 1727 to 1728.	18 3 0	16 6 9
For *Ulster* County.		
Johannis Hardenburgh, from 1720 to 1725.	158 0 4 ½	142 8 0
Wessels Tenbroek, from 1725 to 1728.	82 15 6	74 10 8 ½
For *Orange* County.		
Cornelius and *Peter Haring*, from 1720 to 1722.	8 8 0	6 8 6
Cornelius Cuyper and *Christoper Denn*, from 1722 to 1725.	No Accounts hereof.	5 9 6
Cornelius Haring, from 1725 to 1727.	21 1 0	18 19 3
Vincent Matthews, from 1727 to 1728.	8 15 6	7 18 6
For *Dutchess* County.		
Leonard Lewis, from 1720 to 1722.	7 15 0	7 15 0
From 1722 to 1725, three Years.	No Accounts.	
Henry Vanderburg, from 1725 to 1728.	20 5 9	13 11 8

And the House being of Opinion, as to the several Taxes before-mentioned, That the Arrearages thereof are occasioned, either by the Neglect of the respective Collectors who were to gather the said several Taxes, as the same became due and payable, or that they have detained the Money in their Hands, or perhaps converted the same to their own Use; conceive it absolutly necessary and high Time to recover those Arrears, as well to preserve the publick Credit of this Colony, as to prevent such Neglect and Abuses for the future. And it is therefore,

Ordered, That an Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts, how much the City of *New-York* is in Arrear of each of the said Taxes, be delivered by the Clerk of this House, to the Mayor of the said City, who is upon the Receipt thereof, to convene the Recorder, Aldermen and Town Clerk, and examine by the several Assessments of the aforesaid Taxes, how much each respective Ward and what Collectors thereof are in Arrear; and that they thereupon take due Care, that such Arrears may effectually be paid into the Treasury, by such Collectors respectively, who have or were to receive the same, or by their respective Heirs, Executors or Administrators, within the Space of three Months; and the better to enable the said Mayor, *&c.* for the Purposes aforesaid, that the Clerk of this House, do (if required) deliver to the said Town Clerk, the Treasurer's Accounts of the said Taxes, so far as they relate to the said City and County, provided the same be returned within fourteen Days after the Delivery thereof.

Ordered, That the respective Members of this House, for the several Counties in this Colony, do take Abstracts of the Treasurer's Accounts aforesaid, so far as it relates to their own County, and transmit the same with all convenient Speed, to the first Justice of the Peace in that County; who upon Receipt thereof, is to convene the other Justices or the major Part of them, and taking the County Clerk to their Assistance, examine by the several Assessments of the before-mentioned Taxes, how much each Town, Manor or Precinct, and what Collector or Collectors thereof are in Arrear, and that they do thereupon take due Care that such Arrears, may effectually be paid into the Treasury by the respective Collectors, who have or were to receive the same, or by their respective Heirs, Executors or Administrators, within 3 Months, and the better to enable the said Justices for the Purposes aforesaid, that the Clerk of this House, (if applied to) deliver to the said first Justice the Treasurer's Accounts of the aforesaid Taxes, so far as the same relate to that County, provided they are returned within 28 Days after the Delivery thereof.

And forasmuch as it may so happen, that some of the respective Collectors aforesaid, might still be remiss in paying into the Treasury, the Money they have or ought to have received on the several Taxes before-mentioned, within the Time above limitted, notwithstanding the foregoing easy Method prescribed to prevent Prosecution;

Resolved,

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in, to oblige and proſecute to Effect, ſuch of the aforeſaid Collectors, their Heirs, Executors or Adminiſtrators, as ſhall not actually pay unto the Treaſurer of this Colony, within the Time above-mentioned, the Money which they reſpectively have or ought to have collected, by Virtue of the ſeveral Acts before-mentioned.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers*, Major *Philipſe*, Major *Plat* and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly; and that it be an Inſtruction to them, to put proper Clauſes therein, to make the ſaid Payments effectual, and likewiſe, that ſuch Part thereof as might not be recovered in that Manner, ſhall be raiſed and levied in the particular Wards, Manors, Towns and Precincts, which choſe ſuch Collectors.

And as to the Arrears of the Exciſe, the Houſe being of Opinion, that the Arrears thereof, ought no longer to be detained for the Reaſons before-mentioned;

Ordered, That the reſpective Members of this Houſe, take an Abſtract of the State thereof, and to deliver the ſame to one of the Commiſſioners, that has been appointed in the City or County, for which they are Members, and to acquaint them, that if they, their Heirs, Executors or Adminiſtrators, ſhall not reſpectively pay into the Treaſury, what they are in Arrear on the ſaid Exciſe, within three Months, they ſhall be proceeded againſt without any further Delay, as in that Behalf is directed, in and by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, in the Cities and Counties in this Colony, and for changing ſome Commiſſioners, and for recovering the Arrears of Exciſe; paſſed in the firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign*; and leaſt a failure happen therein,

Ordered, That it be a further Inſtruction to the before named Committee, to add proper Clauſes for the effectual Recovery of the ſaid Exciſe, after the Expiration of the aforeſaid three Months.

And whereas the Houſe has been credibly informed, that ſeveral *Negroes* and other Slaves, have been brought into ſeveral Parts of this Colony, beſides the City of *New-York*, without paying the Duties impoſed thereon, by Acts of the General Aſſembly; which being a Diſcouragement to the fair Traders, and a leſſening of the Duties appropriated for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony;

Ordered, That it be likewiſe an Inſtruction to the aforeſaid Committee, to add a Clauſe, impowering the Treaſurer of this Colony, to depute proper Perſons in ſuch Cities or Counties, where *Negroes* or other Slaves have been or ſhall be brought, or imported, either by Land or Water, for receiving or recovering the neat Duties thereof, with a reaſonable Allowance for their Trouble therein; and that upon refuſal of paying the ſaid Duties, the ſaid Deputies be impowered to ſeize ſuch *Negro* and other Slaves, and to proceed thereon in ſuch Manner, as in and by the Act or Acts is directed, which impoſed the ſaid Duties.

Major *Philipſe* from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired, *&c.* and what new Acts they judge proper to be made, for the Benefit of the Colony or the Inhabitants thereof; reported, That they conceive the Importation of Salt from *Europe* in this Colony, would be a vaſt Advantage to the Country and the Navigation thereof: Whereupon it was,

Reſolved, That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *De Lancey* and Major *Philipſe*, wait on his Excellency, to deſire that he and the Gentlemen of the Council, would be pleaſed to join with this Houſe, in a proper Repreſentation to obtain an Act of Parliament for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1729.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan Frederick Gunter *and* Philip Jacob Bomper, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Ulſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulſter*, *Albany* and *Orange* Counties.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1729.

THE Speaker (from the Chair) acquainted the Houſe, that Mr. *De Lancey*, Major *Philipſe* and himſelf, had waited on his Excellency with Yeſterday's Reſolve, relating to the Importation of *European* Salt; That his ſaid Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, He would lay the ſame before the Gentlemen of the Council at their firſt Meeting, who, he believed would readily join therein, and that for his Part, he would not only readily concur, but likewiſe write to the Speaker and ſome Members of the Houſe of Commons in Favour of ſuch an Act.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1729.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan Frederick Gunter, *and* Philip Jacob Bomper; was read the second Time, and committed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1729.

A Message from his Excellency and Council, by the Deputy Clerk of that Board, That they had appointed a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, in drawing a proper Representation, to obtain an Act of Parliament for the Importation of Salt from *Europe*, into this Colony, to meet at the House of *Obadiah Hunt*, in this City, To-morrow at five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Willet*, Major *Philipse*, Mr. *Garretson*, Major *Plat*, Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Beekman*, and Col. *Chambers*, or any six of them, be a Committee of this House, to meet the Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed by them, to draw a proper Representation, to obtain an Act of Parliament for the Importation of Salt from *Europe* into this Colony.

Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, on that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to *Oswego*; That they had, in the first Place, made the following Computation of the Quantity of Provisions requisite to victual Twenty Five Men at the trading House at *Oswego*, which they conceive sufficient for that Purpose, *viz.*

	For One Week,	For Fifty Two Weeks,
Wheat Meal,	4 Skipples,	208 Skipples,
Pease,	3 ditto,	156 ditto,
Indian Corn,	1 ditto,	52 ditto,
Pork,	62 Pounds,	3224 Pounds,
Beef,	93 ditto,	4836 ditto,
Rum,	2 Gallons,	104 Gallons,
Sugar,	2 Pounds,	104 Pounds.

That they had likewise made the following Computation of the Provisions necessary to victual the Twenty Five Men, when they are to be relieved by a like Number once a Year, *to-wit*.

Brown Bisquet,	1050 Pounds,	For 6 Weeks.
Pease,	18 Skipples,	
Pork,	750 Pounds,	
Rum,	12 Gallons,	

And that they had, in the next Place, treated with Mr. *Harmanus Wendell*, of *Albany*, about furnishing the Provisions abovementioned, and several other incidental Charges attending the same; and had contracted with him in the Manner here-after-mentioned, *to-wit*.

That he will undertake for the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, current Money of this Colony, *per Annum*, during the Term of Three Years, to deliver timely and at proper Seasons, at the said trading House, the first Quantity of good sound and wholsome Provisions; and at *Schenectady* the last mentioned Quantity of like Provisions, at such Time as it shall be ordered by his Excellency or the Captain-General, for the Time being, to relieve the said Twenty Five Men, provided the same be only once in each of the said Years.

That in Case he delivers any fresh Meat Kind at *Oswego*, he will furnish Salt to preserve it, and Cask to salt in, and cause the same to be well preserved at his own Charge.

That he will also provide, at his own Charge, Kegs to put the Rum in, and Bags to transport the Meal, Pease, Corn, Sugar, and Bread.

That he will likewise provide and furnish, at his own Charge, a sufficient Quantity of Batteaus, not only to transport the said Twenty Five Men, and the Doctor, together with their Baggage, but likewise two able Men, to assist in their going to and coming back from *Oswego*.

That he will also, at his own Cost, provide Waggons to carry the Baggage of the Officers, Soldiers, and Doctor, from *Albany* to Schenectady, and in like Manner from *Schenectady* to *Albany*, where they are relieved as aforesaid.

That all other Cost and Charges which shall arise, or may be requisite to transport the aforesaid Provisions, Men, and Baggage, either by Land or Water, from *Albany* and *Schenectady* to *Oswego*, and back as aforesaid, shall be altogether borne and paid by him.

That he will deliver at *Oswego*, in Part of the first Year's Provisions, (the first Time the Troops shall be relieved) as much as will victual them for the Space of two Months.

And that he will enter into Bonds, with sufficient Surities for the due Performance of all the Particulars undertaken, or intended to be performed of his Part.

In Consideration of all which, the aforesaid *Four Hundred Pounds*, is to be paid him for the first Year in the Manner following, *That is to say*, *One Hundred Pounds* thereof, within three Days after the Publication of an Act to be passed for these Purposes; another *Hundred Pounds* on or before the first Day of *October* next ensuing, and the remaining *Two Hundred* at the Expiration of the first Year; and the Payments of the other two Years are to be in equal and even Payments Half yearly.

It is farther agreed, that in Case he sees Cause to make Use of two or four Batteaus, and the Paddles, setting Poles, Bags, or Tents, belonging to the Colony, he may take them either at the Value the same shall be appriſed at by the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs, or by Persons to be appointed by them for that Purpose, or else be obliged to deliver the same back at the Expiration of the said three Years, in the same Plight and Condition they are when he received them.

And it is agreed of both Sides, that in Case either a War should break out between the Crown of *Great-Britain*, and the most Christian King, or that the aforesaid Troops should be drawn from *Oswego* before the Expiration of the said Term, this Contract, and every Part thereof, shall cease and determine whenever either of the said Cases happen; which was read, and agreed unto by the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1729.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 13, 1729.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1729.

THE Petition of *Michael Cario* was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill.

Mr. *Vincent Matthews*, presented to this House, an Indenture that he was duly elected, and returned to serve in this present Assembly, for *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Col. *Haring*, and Capt. *Hicks*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire he may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

The Petition of *Thomas Williams*, was presented to the House, and read, praying he may have the same Reward for his Care and Diligence in getting in the publick Fines and Forfeitures, as in the last Act was allowed to his Successor.

The Petition of *David Van Dyke*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that although he had in no Ways traded or trafficked with the *French*, whilst it was prohibited so to do, he owns to have treated with them, (but to no Purpose or Effect) for which Reason he cannot in Conscience take the Oath in that Behalf prescribed, unless the Word (treated) was omitted, and therefore prayed he may be discharged, to the End he may again follow his lawful Affairs; which Petition being severally read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, jun. That that Board had taken into further Consideration, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds*, together with the Message of this House the 22d of *May* last, relating to the Amendments of that Board made thereto, and that that Board adhere to their said Amendments, and desires this House will be pleased to appoint a Committee, to join a Committee of that Board, in a Conference upon the subject Matter of the said Bill, and the Amendments to the same; to which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Mr. *Gilbert Willet*, Mr. *Gilbert Livingston*, Col. *Hutchinson*, Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Mr. *Garretsen*, Major *Rensselaer*, and Col. *Beekman*, or any five of them, be a Committee of this House, to meet a Committee of the

Council, to confer on that Matter, on *Thurſday* next, at ſix o'Clock in the Evening, at *Obadiah Hunt*'s, in this City.

Col. *Haring* acquainted this Houſe, he and Capt. *Hicks*, had ſeen Mr. *Matthews*, take the Oaths, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Matthews* take his Place accordingly.

Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to *Oſwego*, That they find all the preſent Demand for the Uſe of the trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, does amount, (as appears by an Account of the Particulars thereof) to the Sum of

£. 423 8 5 ½

And having computed what the whole Charge of the Proviſions, the Carriage, and all other Incidentals requiſite to ſupport the ſaid Houſe and the Troops poſted or to be poſted there, for ſecuring the Trade at that Place, for the Term of Fifty Two Weeks, (which they ſuppoſe will commence the firſt Day of *Auguſt* next enſuing) will amount as follows, *viz.*

To Mr. *Harmanus Wendell*, for furniſhing Proviſions, &c. according to his Contract, for the firſt Year,	400	0	0 0
More to do. for 104 Pounds of Candles, of eight and ten in the Pound, to be delivered at *Oſwego*, the Sum of	6	0	0 0
For two Men that underſtand the *Indian* Language, to remain at *Oſwego* during the Winter Seaſon,	40	0	0 0
For a Doctor to remain at the ſame Place Fifty Two Weeks,	40	0	0 0
And, for all other Incidents,	14	0	0 0
	£. 500	0	0 0

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Mr. *De Lancey*, from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of importing *European* Salt, reported, That both Committees had met Yeſterday accordingly, and that they being unanimouſly of Opinion the ſame would be of great Benefit to this Colony, Mr. *Harriſon* was appointed by the Gentlemen of the Council, and Major *Philipſe*, in Behalf of this Houſe, to prepare a Draught of a Repreſentation proper for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1729.

MR. *Johannis Van Kleeck*, preſented to this Houſe, an Indenture that he was duly elected, and returned to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for *Dutcheſs* County.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, and Capt. *Pawling*, do wait on his Excellency with Mr. *Van Kleeck*, and deſire he may take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

The Petition of *Jaques Gabriel Buvelot*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Col. *Beekman* acquainted this Houſe, he and Capt. *Pawling*, had ſeen Mr. *Van Kleeck* take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Kleeck* take this Place accordingly.

Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, laid before this Houſe, by Order of his Excellency, two Letters from *J. Talcot*, Governor of the Colony of *Connecticut*, dated at *Hartford* the 5th of *June*, 1728, and 19th of *March* laſt, directed to his ſaid Excellency, deſiring that the Partition Lines between that Colony and this, may be perfixed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members, and that in the mean While, the Clerk lay before this Houſe, the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners on the Part of both Governments in that Affair, together with the Proceedings of this Houſe therein.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 16, 1729.

MR. *Merrit* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to confirm the Precincts in the County of* Richmond; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of Capt. *Jacobus Bruyn* being preſented to the Houſe, and read, he was brought to the Bar, where, (in Conſideration of his humble Submiſſion) he received a Reprimand from the Speaker, and was diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1729.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to confirm the Precincts in the County of* Richmond; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Richmond*, *King*'s, and *Orange* Counties, or any 4 of them.

The Petition of *Jacob Rutſen*, Uncle to the Children of *Catharina Pawling*, by *John Rutſen*, her former Huſband, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying to be heard by this Council in Behalf of the ſaid Children, againſt a Bill now before this Houſe, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Catharina Pawling, *the Wife of* Albert Pawling; *and* Cornelia Livingſton, *the Wife of* Gilbert Livingſton, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſeveral Parcels of Land in the City of* New-York, *and the Counties of* Ulſter *and* Dutcheſs, *deviſed to them the ſaid* Catharina *and* Cornelia, *by the laſt Will and Teſtament of their Father Col.* Henry Beekman, *late of* Ulſter *County, deceaſed.*

Ordered, That he be heard accordingly by his Council, before this Houſe To-morrow in the Afternoon, and that the Clerk give him Notice thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 17, 1729.

THE Petition of *Samuel Myers*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to *Oſwego*;

And Major *Philipſe* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, both of the Ways and Means to defray the Coſt and Charge of that trading Houſe now allowed and contracted for, and for ſupporting the ſame until the 25th of *December*, 1733, and are as follows, *to-wit.*

Reſolved, That there be borrowed of the Exciſe, the Sum of *Three Hundred Seventy One Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings* and *Six-pence Half-penny*, which, with *One Hundred Seventeen Pounds*, *Seven Shillings* and *Four-pence Half-penny*, uniſſued of the laſt Act, and *Thirty Four Pounds*, *Six Shillings* and *Six-pence Half-penny*, paid by the Farmers of *Indian* Goods, out of the *One Hundred Twenty Three Pounds*, *Two Shillings* and *Eight-pence Half-penny*, they were in arrear, will diſcharge the preſent Allowance, being *Four Hundred Twenty Three Pounds*, *Seven Shillings* and *Five-pence Half-penny*; as alſo *One Hundred Pound* to be paid to Mr. *Wendell* in Part.

Reſolved, That the Acts relating to *Oſwego* be confirmed with ſuitable Alterations.

Reſolved, That the Duties on *Indian* Goods, be continued from the 8th of *January* next, until the 25th of *December*, 1723, as they now are laid; but that the Duties on Rum, inſtead of 2d. be 6d. per Gallon, to commence Fourteen Days next after the Publication of an Act to be paſſed for that Purpoſe, and to continue til the 25th of *December*, 1733.

Reſolved, That the Commiſſioners of theſe Duties, ſhall have Power to ſware Perſons who ſhall be ſuſpected to have exported more than entered after the Publication of ſaid Act, and ſuch as refuſe to ſwear, be ſubject to a Penalty, and effectual Clauſes for the Recovery thereof.

Reſolved, That *Indian* Goods or Rum, carried to *Oſwego*, without Certificates from the Commiſſioners, of its being entered with them, be ſeized and confiſcated, one Half to the Seizor, the other Half for Support of *Oſwego*.

Reſolved, That to prevent Abuſes in the *Indian* Trade there, the ſame be put under proper Regulations.

Reſolved, That effectual Methods be provided for recovering former Fines, except of ſuch as have already paid, or fully cleared themſelves before the laſt Commiſſioners.

Reſolved, For the effectual diſcharging the Coſt and Expence of the ſaid trading Houſe, and ſupporting it until the 25th of *December*, which will be in the Year 1733,

That

That on the 25th of *December*, 1730, an Account be ſtated thus, to charge all the Money borrowed, and the growing Charges of *Oſwego* til that Time, out of the Amount to deduct what is or may be paid or received for Fines, &c. likewiſe what is then in the Treaſury appointed for *Oſwego* by former Acts; the Farmers Arrear of Duties, and all other Duties from the Commiſſioners, until the 25th of *December*, 1730, and of what falls ſhort, one fourth Part be aſſeſſed on Traders in *Indian* Goods, in Proportion to their Trade.

That on the 25th of *December*, 1731, an Account be ſtated, to charge the Ballance of 1730, and to add to it all the growing Charges until the 25th of *December*, 1731; out of which to be deducted what may ariſe or be recovered of Fines, &c. and likewiſe the neat Duties til then; and of what falls ſhort, one third be aſſeſſed on Traders in *Indian* Goods as aforeſaid.

That on the 25th of *December*, 1732, a-like Account be ſtated, and of what falls ſhort, one Half be aſſeſſed on Traders in *Indian* Goods as above.

And that on the 25th of *December*, 1733, another like Account be ſtated, and the Ballance thereof aſſeſſed as above; and that if any Overplus ſhall happen by the Means aforeſaid, ſuch Overplus ſhall be, and remain for ſupporting and maintaining the ſaid trading Houſe.

Reſolved, That as the Money borrowed from the Exciſe, comes in by the Means aforeſaid, the ſame ſhall be paid into the Treaſury until the whole Sum borrowed be fully repaid, which is then to be applied as the Exciſe is appropriated; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in according to the ſaid Reſolutions, and that the Members of the City of *New-York* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech, *Thurſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1729.

THE Petition of *Judah Hayes* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Major *Renſſelaer* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out publick High Roads in the City and County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out publick High Roads, in the County of* Ulſter; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1729.

COL. *Haring* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to confirm the Precincts in the County of* Richmond; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Catharina Pawling, *the Wife of* Albert Pawling; *and* Cornelia Livingſton, *the Wife of* Gilbert Livingſton, *to ſell and diſpoſe of ſeveral Parcels of Land in the City of* New-York, *and the Counties of* Ulſter *and* Dutcheſs, *deviſed to them the ſaid* Catharina *and* Cornelia, *by the laſt Will and Teſtament of their Father Col.* Henry Beekman, *late of* Ulſter *County, deceaſed*; having been read the ſecond Time, Council was heard for, and againſt the Bill, who then withdrew; after which the Queſtion was put, whether the Bill be committed? It paſſed in the Negative: Then the Queſtion was put, whether the Bill be rejected? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1729.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to confirm the Precincts in the County of* Richmond; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Le Count*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, (by his Excellency's Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of *Johan Jurie Kaſt*, of Sundries furniſhed for the Uſe of *Oſwego*, amounting to *Twenty Eight Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Three-pence*.

Ordered, The ſaid Account be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, to acquaint this Houſe that they had appointed a Committee, to join a Committee of this Houſe, to confer upon the Subject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more eaſy Acknowledgement of Deeds*; together with the Meſſage of the 22d of *May* laſt, relating to the Amendments of that Board made thereto, to meet at ſeven o'Clock in the Evening of this Day, at the Houſe of *John De Honneur*, in this City.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this Houſe the 14th Inſt. do accordingly meet at the Place and Time above-mentioned.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do acquaint the Clerk of the Council therewith.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1729.

THE Petition of *Johannis Cuyler, Evert Banker, Weſſel Ten Broeck, Francis Saliſbury*, Eſqrs, &c. in Behalf of themſelves and the late and preſent Juſtices of the City and County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the Juſtices of the ſaid City and County, having in the Years 1723, and 1724, by five ſeveral Summonſes and Writs, been proceeded againſt by *Richard Bradly*, Eſq; Attorney General in the Supreme Court, under Colour of the Inſufficiency of the County Goal, did agree to pay him *Forty Five Pounds*, as appears by his Receipt, though he demanded a larger Sum; that though the ſaid Goal has been ſince as ſufficiently repaired as it poſſibly can be done where it is built, he nevertheleſs cauſed the Juſtices of the ſaid City and County, by Virtue of ſix ſeveral Writs and Summonſes, iſſued out of the ſaid Court, to be again arreſted and ſummoned to anſwer to an Information, exhibited againſt them in the ſaid Court, for the Inſufficiency of the ſaid Goal; among which Number it appears by the Petition, that Nineteen of them have formerly been Juſtices, but are not ſo at preſent: That Four others have been dead for ſome Years paſt, that Two others never were Juſtices; one of which has been dead ſome Years ago, and that, of the whole Number arreſted and ſummoned, there are no more than Five, which are Juſtices at this Time; ſo that they being continually troubled, moleſted, and put to unneceſſary Charges on ſuch frivilous Pretences as aforeſaid, humbly pray this Houſe to take the Matter into their ſerious Conſideration, to the End they may be relieved, and their Grievances redreſſed.

And

And the Houſe finding by the before-mentioned Receipt, that it was in full for the Attorney General's Fees, until the 19th of *June*, 1724, and it being alledged that the ſaid Goal has ſince been well amended, it ſeems to them that the preſent Proſecutions proceed rather from a View to ſqueeſe ſome more Money from the Petitioner, than from any juſt Cauſe; and having taken the ſame into mature Conſideration, are unanimouſly of Opinion, that if ſuch Proceedings are not checkt and prevented, no good Man will either remain to be a Juſtice of the Peace, or accept to be one if they ſhould be named in ſuch Commiſſion: It is therefore

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente, That the Members of the ſaid City and County, wait on his Excellency with the ſaid Petition, Liſt, and Receipt, as likewiſe a Copy of this Minute, and deſire him, in behalf of the whole Houſe, that he will be pleaſed to take ſuch Meaſures as may not only relieve the Petitioners from the Hardſhips complained of, but to prevent ſuch Proceedings for the future, to the End good and able Men, in that as well as in other Cities and Counties, may not be diſcouraged from accepting or acting as Juſtices of the Peace.

Ordered, That the Clerk ſerve the Attorney General with a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and of this Minute.

The Petition of *David Hays*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in the City and County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany*, *Ulſter*, and *Dutcheſs*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1729.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, That that Board had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; with ſome Additions thereto, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. And that they had agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* July, 1730. And the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*

Then the Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendment and Additions made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; which being read twice, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York; to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe do agree to their Amendment and Additions to the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1729.

MAJOR *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the effectual Recovery of the Arrears of the ſeveral Taxes, and of the Exciſe therein-mentioned, and for ſecuring the Duties of Slaves not imported in the City of* New-York; *and for impowering the Treaſurer for thoſe Purpoſes*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Livingſton* from the Committee, appointed to meet the Committee appointed by the Council, to confer on the ſubject Matter of the Amendments by the Council, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more eaſy Acknowledgement of Deeds*, reported, That both Committees had met Yeſterday accordingly, and that the Committee of the Council, gave their Reaſons in writing for adhering to their Amendments; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Reaſons be taken into Conſideration on *Tueſday* next.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Ulſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, in the Morning, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 23, 1729.

MAJOR *Renſſelaer* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the effectual Recovery of the Arrears of the ſeveral Taxes, and of the Exciſe therein-mentioned, and for ſecuring the Duties of Slaves not imported in the City of* New-York; *and for impowering the Treaſurer for thoſe Purpoſes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, reported, that the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, and himſelf, had, (according to Order) delivered to his Excellency the Minute of this Houſe, on the Petition of the Juſtices of the ſaid City and County, together with the Papers therein refered to, and that his ſaid Excellency had been pleaſed to ſay, he would duly conſider the Matter; and that it was, and ſhould be his conſtant Endeavour to make the People under his Government, as eaſy as it was in his Power.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 24, 1729.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Motion being made, That in as much as by the great Numbers of Perſons which have ſet up to practiſe the Law, Actions and Suits at Law, in the ſeveral Courts of this Colony, have been very much multiplied, and many of them ſtirred up and encouraged by unwarrantable Methods, to the great Hurt, Vexation, and Damage of his Majeſty's good Subjects, it deſerved the Conſideration of this Houſe, how to check that Evil, and to prevent it afterwards; and the Houſe being ſenſible thereof,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr. *Garritsen* and Major *Philipse*, be a Committee, to consider of proper Remedies, to put a Stop to that growing Mischief at present, and for preventing the like for the future, and that they report the same to the House, as soon as may be.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 24, 1729.

MR. *Garritsen* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of proper Remedies, to put a Stop to the growing Mischief arising by the great Number of Persons, which lately have set up to practice the Law; That they are of Opinion, that a Bill ought to be brought in for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the same Committee, do prepare and bring in such a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) taking into Consideration, the Reasons of the Council, for their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds*;

Ordered, That the Committee of this House, which were at the last Conference, do draw up Reasons, why this House cannot agree to the said Amendments, notwithstanding the said Reasons.

The Speaker (at the Request of his Excellency) communicated to this House, a Letter from Mr. *David Humphreys*, Secretary to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, dated in *London*, the 23d of *September* last, directed to his said Excellency; importing, that whereas a large and valuable Library of Books, consisting of about a thousand Volumes, had been bequeathed to them, by the late Dr. *Millington*, Rector of *Newington*; and that the Society being desirous to place the same, where it might be most useful abroad, had agreed to fix it in the City of *New-York*. But it being their Intention it should be established a Library, from which the Clergy and Gentlemen of this Government, and *Jersey*, *Pennsylvania* and *Connecticut*, might borrow Books to read, upon giving Security to return them within a limitted Time; it was their Desire that a proper Method should be taken for the Preservation of the Books, before they send them over; and therefore, desired it might be recommended to the Assembly, that a proper Place may be provided, wherein this Library may be reposited for the publick Use, and that an Act be made, providing for the due Preservation of these Books, and all others, which shall be added to them.

Which Letter being read, the House do in the most grateful Manner, acknowledge the favourable Intention of the Society towards this Place, in prefering it before any of his Majesty's other Plantations on this Continent, to reposite a Library in, which will not only redound to the Reputation of this Colony, but be vastly useful and beneficial to the Inhabitants thereof. But before the House proceed to take any Resolutions thereon; it is,

Ordered, That the Clerk deliver a Copy of this Minute to the Mayor of the City of *New-York*, who is desired to convene the Common Council upon the Subject Matter thereof, and that they make return to this House, whether that Corporation already have a proper and convenient Place for such a Library, and are willing to make it suitable for that Use.

Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Livingston*, in Behalf of their Wives, *Catharina* and *Cornelia*, Daughters to Col. *Henry Beekman*, deceased; praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill at the Beginning of the next Sitting, after the Conclusion of this present Session, for enabling them to sell and dispose a certain Part of the Lands, devised to them, by their said Father.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Major *Plat* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming the Allowance to the Representatives of the Counties of* Suffolk, *and* Queen's *County*; *and for preventing Mistakes in the Supervisors of the said Counties, and to increase the Number of Supervisors in the County of* Suffolk; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

In Consideration that the Harvest is drawing near,

Resolved, That this House will not receive or admit of any new Matters, but proceed in the Dispatch of the Business now before this House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 25, 1729.

MR. *Samuel Heath*, Deputy Weigh Master (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account of Cocoa for weighing, from the first of *July* 1728, to the 24th Instant *June*, amounting to *Eleven Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings* and *Four-pence Halfpenny*.

Ordered, That the said Account lie on the Table for the Consideration of the Members.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the confirming the Allowance to the Representatives of the Counties of* Suffolk, *and* Queen's *County*; *and for preventing Mistakes in the Supervisors of the said Counties, and to increase the Number of Supervisors in the County of* Suffolk; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the Island *Nassau* and *Richmond* County.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider the Reasons of the Council, for their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds*, That they are of Opinion, this House cannot agree to the said Amendments.

First, For that both the Title and Scope of the Bill, is only for making the Acknowledgement of Deeds easy to the Subjects; And,

Secondly, For that most of the other Amendments are more proper for a Register Act, which they conceived foreign to the Intention of the Bill; which being read, were approved of by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston* deliver a Copy of these Reasons to the Committee of the Council.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 25, 1729.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better cleaning, regulating and further laying-out, public High Roads, in the City and County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Major *Philipse* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Practitioners and preventing Abuses in the Practice of the Law*, which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 26, 1729.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 26, 1729.

MR. *Garrison* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the confirming the Allowance to the Representatives of the County of* Suffolk, *and* Queen's *County; and for preventing Mistakes in the Supervisors of the said Counties, and to increase the Number of Supervisors in the County of* Suffolk, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 27, 1729.

COL. *Lurting*, Mayor of the City of *New-York*, in Behalf of that Corporation, delivered in their Answer to the Minute of this House, the 24th Instant, in relation to the Library, favourably intended for the Use of that City, by the Society for propagating of the Gospel, which being read; was ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House at large, and is in the Words following:

To the Honourable the House of Representatives of the Colony of New-York, *in General Assembly convened.*

Mr. Speaker,

WE the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants, of the City of *New-York*, convened in Common Council, are very thankful for the Message sent down to us by the honourable House, concerning a proper Repository for the Library of the Reverend Dr. *Millington*, offered to this Province by the Venerable the Society, for Propagation of the Gospel. We are truly sensible of the great Advantages which may arise from so generous and seasonable a Present, and we are zealously disposed to receive the same; and in Order thereto, we do resolve to provide a large Room for their Accommodation, which shall be at any Time hereafter, ready for that Purpose; but as we are ignorant at present of what Volumes the said Library does consist, we cannot put that Room into the necessary Order, by preparing Shelves, Desks, Seats and other Accommodations, as we are inclined to do.

The Confirmation and Enjoyment of this Favour we hope for, from the Recommendations and Assistance of his Excellency the Governor and the honourable House, and we will not be wanting on our Parts, to deserve the same. Dated at the *City-Hall*, the Twenty-seventh Day of *June*, in the third Year of his Majesty's Reign, *Anno Dom.* 1729.

Ordered, That when the same shall be so entered, the Members for the City of *New-York*, deliver the Original to this Excellency, and to request that he will be pleased to transmit the same, together with the aforesaid Minute of this House, to that venerable Society; and to assure them, this House is heartily disposed to pass an Act, for the due Preservation of the Books when here.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Order) brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned; for discharging the present Demands for the Use of the Trading House at* Oswego, *by borrowing Money of the Excise, for the effectual Support of it, until the 25th Day of* December 1733; *for continuing some Duties and augmenting others, until that Time; for regulating these Duties and the Trade at* Oswego, *and for the gradual Re-payment of Money borrowed, and the growing Charge until the same Time*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Johan Frederick Gunter, Philip Jacob Bomper, *jun.* Jaques Gabriel Buvelot, Michael Cario, Samuel Myers, David Hays *and* Judah Hays, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the effectual Recovery of the Arrears of the several Taxes and of the Excise therein-mentioned, and for securing the Duties on Slaves not imported in the City of* New-York, *and for impowering the Treasurer for those Purposes*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 27, 1729.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Major *Philipse* reported from the Committee, That they had come to the following Resolutions; *to wit*,

Resolved, That there be raised and levied upon the Estates, real and personal, throughout this Colony, the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, to be levied as the County Rates are raised.

Resolved, That upon the Credit of an Act, to be passed for that Purpose, there be borrowed of the Excise, the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*.

Resolved, That the first mentioned Sum, shall be employed to and for the Purposes following, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever: *That is to say*,

The Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds* thereof, to defray the Charge of obtaining an Act of Parliament, for importing Salt from *Europe* into this Colony.

The Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, to discharge a Debt owing to *Peter Le Heup*, Esq; by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony.

And the remaining *Two Hundred Pounds*, for the Salary of an Agent, for this Colony at the Court of *Great Britain*, to commence the first Day of *January* next.

Which Resolutions being read; were approved of by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for those Purposes, and that Col. *Beekman* and Major *Rensselaer*, prepare and bring in the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Harrison*, That the Committee of that Board, by whom Reasons were given for the Amendments of the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds*; desire a free Conference

Conference with the Committee of this House, on the subject Matter thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Matthews*, do acquaint the Council, that this House, do agree to a free Conference with the Committee of that Board accordingly.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Allowance to the Representatives for the County of* Suffolk, *and for other Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Platt* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 28, 1729.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for discharging a Debt to the late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and other Debts due for Services done among the five Nations, by Persons mentioned in this Act*; was read the second Time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be rejected.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* John Frederick Gunter, Philip Jacob Bomper, *jun.* Jaques Gabriel Buvelot, Michael Cario, Samuel Myers, David Hays *and* Judah Hays; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, *for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein mentioned*; *For discharging the present Demands for the Use of the Trading House at* Oswego, *by borrowing Money of the Excise, for the effectual Support of it, until the 25th Day of* December 1733; *for continuing some Duties and augmenting others, until that Time*; *for regulating those Duties and the Trade at* Oswego, *and for the gradual Re-payment of Money borrowed, and the growing Charge, until the same Time*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 30, 1729.

COL. *Beekman* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising and levying the Sum of* Seven Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds, *to be applied for the Uses therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Harrison*, to acquaint this House, That the Committee of that Board, by whom Reasons were given for the Amendments of the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more easy Acknowledgement of Deeds*; will meet the Committee of this House, in a free Conference on the subject Matter thereof, at Six of the Clock in the Evening of this Day, at the House of *John De Honeur* in this City.

Ordered, That Major *Philipse* and Mr. *Matthews* (Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Willet*, being absent) be added to the Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying-out, publick High Roads, in the City and County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Rensselear* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the effectual Recovery of the Arrears of the several Taxes, and of the Excise therein-mentioned*; *and for securing the Duties on Slaves, not imported in the City of* New-York, *and for impowering the Treasurer for those Purposes*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 1, 1729.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising and levying the Sum of* Seven Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds, *to be applied for the Uses therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 1, 1729.

MR. *Livingston* from a Committee, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, at a free Conference on the subject Matter of the last Conference, reported, that they met the said Committee last Night, who informed them, they were fully instructed to confer on the subject Matter of their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the easier Acknowledgement of Deeds*; and their Reasons for supporting the same. That the Committee of this House, acquainted the said Committee, they were not instructed to give any further Reasons, than those mentioned in the Minutes of this House, on the 25th of last Month, and that thereupon both Committees withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 2, 1729.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 2, 1729.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 3, 1729.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Philip Livingston*, acquainting this House, they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to confirm the Precincts in the County of* Richmond, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and likewise that, that Board had agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing public Highways, in the County of* Suffolk.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Allowances to the Representatives for the County of* Suffolk, *and for other Purposes therein-mentioned.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace, of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets, and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* John Frederick Gunter, Philip Jacob Bomper, jun. Jaques Gabriel Buvelot, Michael Cario, Samuel Myers, David Hays, *and* Judah Hays.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *James De Lancey*, acquainting this House, that Board had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Ulster; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 3, 1729.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 4, 1729.

THE House taking into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Ulster; the same were read, and agreed unto by the House, and ordered that the Speaker sign such Agreement accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaasbeek*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this House do agree to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned, for discharging the present Demands for the Use of the trading House at* Oswego, *by borrowing Money of the Excise, for the effectual Support of it until the 25th Day of* December, 1733; *for continuing some Duties, and augmenting others until that Time*; *for regulating those Duties and the Trade at* Oswego, *and for the gradual Re-payment*

Re-payment of Money borrowed, and the growing Charge, until the ſame Time; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 4, 1729.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, acquainting this Houſe, they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the effectual Recovery of the ſeveral Taxes, and of the Exciſe therein-mentioned, and for ſecuring the Duties on Slaves not imported in the City of* New-York; *and for impowering the Treaſurer for thoſe Purpoſes*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 5, 1729.

MR. *Willet* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Seven Hundred Thirty Pounds, *to be applied for the Uſes therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſundry Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Major *Philipſe* having formerly produced to this Houſe, the Draught of a Repreſentation to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treaſury, on the ſubject Matter of importing *European* Salt into this Colony, prepared by Mr. *Hariſon*, in behalf of the Council, and by him in behalf of the General Aſſembly, purſuant to the Minutes of this Houſe on the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th of *June* laſt, (which was then approved of, though omitted to be entred into the Journal of this Houſe) did now preſent the ſame engroſſed, and a Duplicate thereof; which being again read and approved of,

Ordered, That the Members for the City of New-York, carry the ſaid Repreſentation to his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council, and acquaint them, that when the ſaid Repreſentation is ſigned by them, this Houſe, will be ready to ſign the ſame likewiſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned til *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 7, 1729.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 8, 1729.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 8, 1729.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned, for diſcharging the preſent Demands on the trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *by borrowing Money of the Exciſe, for the effectual Support of it until the 25th Day of* December, 1733; *for continuing ſome Duties, and augmenting others until that Time; for regulating thoſe Duties and the Trade at* Oſwego; *for the gradual Re-payment of Money borrowed of the Exciſe, and for reducing former Fines, if voluntarily paid within the Time therein limitted*; was read the third Time, and the Title thereof was amended, and ſeveral Amendments made to the Bill at the Table.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gilbert Livingſton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 9, 1729.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *James De Lancey*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out publick High Roads in the City and County of* Albany; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An Act, licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 9, 1729.

THE Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in the City and County of Albany*; the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe. And,

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign ſuch Agreement accordingly.

Ordered, That Major *Renſſelaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the effectual Recovery of the ſeveral Taxes, and of the Exciſe therein-mentioned, and for ſecuring the Duties on Slaves, not imported in the City of* New-York; *and for impowering the Treaſurer for thoſe Purpoſes.*

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raiſing and levying the Sum of* Seven Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds, *for the Uſes therein-mentioned; for borrowing Part thereof, and for appointing an Agent at the Court of* Great-Britain; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 10, 1729.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. July* 10, 1729.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. July* 11, 1729.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, that they recede from their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the effectual Recovery of the Arrears of the ſeveral Taxes, and of the Exciſe therein-mentioned; and for ſecuring the Duties on Slaves not imported in the City of* New-York; *and for impowering the Treaſurer for thoſe Purpoſes.*

Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought to this Houſe, the engroſſed Repreſentation, to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treaſury, and a Duplicate thereof, ſigned by his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered, That the ſame be entered at Length in the Journal of this Houſe; being in the Words following.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, the Repreſentation of his Excellency the Governor, Council, and General Aſſembly of the Colony of *New-York*, in *North-America*.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

THE Inhabitants of this Colony have generally applied themſelves to Tillage and Huſbandry, and Bread and Flour being

being their ſtaple Commodities, which at preſent, bears ſo great a Price, as that neither the Merchant or Farmer, can find his Account therein; and we having no Means ſo open to View, for the Enlargement of our Trade and Commerce, as by applying ourſelves to the Eſtabliſhment of a Fiſhery, being moſt commodiouſly ſituated for the ſame; which nevertheleſs we cannot preſume to attempt, leaſt the Statute of the 5th of King Charles, *the IId.* entitled, *An* Act, for the Encouragement of Trade, confining the Importation of Salt to *Newfoundland*, and *New-England*; *ſhould at any Time be conſtrued to our Diſadvantage.*

We therefore addreſs ourſelves to your Lordſhips, intreating the Right Honourable Board to take the following Circumſtances into Conſideration, in order to our obtaining your Lordſhips Mediation, with the Legiſlature, for the ſame Privilege to be granted to his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Colony, as is given to the Colonies above-mentioned; together with Pennſylvania, *(many Leagues to the Southward of us) by a Statute of the firſt Year of his preſent moſt excellent Majeſty.*

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

Connecticut *is on all Hands, admitted to be a Part of* New-England, *and accordingly enjoys the free Importation of Salt from* Europe; *whereas we are ſuppoſed to be excluded, although* Naſſau, *or* Long-Iſland, *intirely forms the Southern Shore of that Sound, or Arm of the Sea; whereof* Connecticut, *in its full Extent, does not wholly compoſe the Northern Shore; which Sound is their only Fiſhery, unleſs they go out to Sea, for which we are in all Circumſtances much better accommodated; this Sound alſo forming the Port and Harbour of the City of* New-York, *Sandy Point, by which is the more frequented Entrance into this Port; together with* Naſſau, Staten *and* Coney Iſlands, *all Members of this Colony, make a deep and ſpacious Bay, into which* Hudſon's *River, (after paſſing ſome Hundred Miles through this Government; whereof near two Hundred are navigable) empties itſelf; both which River and Bay, afford great Quantities of Baſs, Shad, Herring, Sardine, Sturgeon, and other Kinds of merchantable Fiſh, more than ſufficient to give immediate Encouragement for our propoſed Undertaking, if we were enabled to bring Salt from* Europe; *that of* America *being of too high a Price, and at the ſame Time, of ſo penetrating a Nature, as renders it unfit for the Uſe intended.*

We intreat your Lordſhips will look favourably upon this our Requeſt, as we hope it will ſoon appear to be a general Benefit to the Kingdom of Great-Britain, *by an additional Strength to the Navigation thereof, and the greater Conſumption of the Woolen Manufacture, as this Privilege will enable us to make more direct and advantageous Returns for the ſame.*

Ordered, *That the Members of this Houſe, do ſign the ſaid Repreſentation; which being done,*

Ordered, *That the Speaker tranſmit the ſame to* Peter Leheup, *Eſq; appointed Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *by an Act paſſed this Seſſions; at the ſame Time, and in the ſame Manner as in the ſaid Act is directed, that Remittances be made to him for defraying the Charge and Expence in obtaining an Act, or a Clauſe in an Act of Parliament, for the free Importation of* European *Salt in this Colony.*

Reſolved, *That the Speaker do at the ſame Time, recommend him to have a due Regard to the Intereſt of this Colony in general, at the ſaid Court; that he do ſolicit his Majeſty's Approbation of the ſeveral Acts paſſed in this, and in former Seſſions; more eſpecially of the Act,* entitled, *An* Act, to amend the Practiſe of the Law, and to regulate the giving ſpecial Bail.

That he endeavour to procure and ſend hither, a Copy of the Reaſons of the Lords for Trade and Plantations, for repealing the Act, entitled, *An* Act, for the eaſier Partition of Lands held in Common, and promoting the Settling and Improvement thereof; and for confirming former Diviſions in the ſettled Townſhips of this Colony; *to the End ſuch Objections might be avoided in framing a new Law for the ſame Purpoſe, it being conceived nothing can tend more to the better Settlement of this Colony, than a Law of that Nature. That he forward and ſolicit all ſuch Affairs, as any of the Inhabitants of this Colony apply to him for, provided that the Expence thereof be borne by ſuch Perſons, and not by the publick. And the ſaid Speaker is likewiſe deſired, that upon the Receſs, Adjournment or Prorogation of the General Aſſembly, he will give ſuch farther Inſtructions to the ſaid Agent, as the Service and Intereſt of this Colony may require.*

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe return to his Excellency, the two Letters from the Governor of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to his Excellency; as likewiſe his Conference with the Six Nations of *Indians* at *Albany*, in *October* laſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clerk return into the Secretary's Office, the Book which was lodged there by the Commiſſioners appointed laſt Year, for recovering former Fines and Forfeitures.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clerk deliver to the reſpective Members of this Houſe, the Treaſurer's Accounts of Taxes ſince the Year 1721, to the End it may the better be examined and diſcovered what Cities, Counties, Manors, Precincts, and Wards, and what and how much the ſeveral Collectors thereof are ſtill in arrear in the ſaid Taxes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clerk deliver to the Treaſurer, all the ſeveral Accounts which have been allowed of and provided for in the Act paſſed this Seſſion, for the Uſe of the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the next Seſſions, take into Conſideration what is proper to be done for compleating the Partition Lines betwixt this and *Connecticut* Colony, the public Affairs of the Government having prevented the Houſe from doing of it now, eſpecially ſince the Harveſt calls moſt of the Members home; and the Houſe requeſts his Excellency to ſend a Copy of this Minute to Governor *Talcot*, and at the ſame Time to deſire that he will, in the mean while, take proper Meaſures that no Encroachments or Treſpaſſes may be made by their Borderers.

Mr. *Bobin* brought to the Houſe, his Majeſty's Royal Diſallowance of an Act to prevent Proſecutions by Information; which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

At the COURT at *St. James's*, the 6th Day of *November*, 1728.

PRESENT,

The King's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY.

Lord Privy Seal,	Lord Viſcount *Townſhend*,
Duke of *Bolton*,	Lord Viſcount *Torrington*,
Duke of *Newcaſtle*,	Lord *Carteret*.

WHEREAS by Commiſſion under the Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, are authoriſed and impowered to make, conſtitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances for the publick Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the ſaid Province; which Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, are to be (as near as conveniently may be) agreeable to the Laws, and Statutes of this Kingdom, and are to be tranſmitted to his Majeſty for his Royal Approbation or Diſallowance; and whereas in purſuance of the ſaid Powers, an Act hath been paſſed in the ſaid Province, in 1727, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Proſecutions by Information.*

Which Act having been peruſed and conſidered, by the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations; and by them repreſented as proper to be repealed, his Majeſty is this Day pleaſed, with the Advice of the Privy Council, to declare his Diſallowance thereof; and purſuant to his Royal Pleaſure thereupon expreſſed, the ſaid Act is hereby repealed, declared void and of none Effect; whereof the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being of the ſaid Province, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themſelves accordingly.

TEMPLE STANYAN.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. July 11, 1729.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, that they have agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the effectual Recovery of the Arrears of the ſeveral Taxes, and of the Exciſe therein-mentioned; and for ſecuring the Duties on Slaves not imported in the City of* New-York; *and for impowering the Treaſurer for thoſe Purpoſes.* And, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned; For diſcharging the preſent Demands on the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *by borrowing Money of the Exciſe, for the effectual Support of it, until the 25th Day of* December 1733; *for continuing ſome Duties and augmenting others, until that Time; for regulating thoſe Duties and the Trade at* Oſwego, *for the gradual Re-payment of Money borrowed of the Exciſe; and for reducing former Fines, if voluntarily paid within the Time therein limited.*

A Meſſage from Council by Mr. *Van Horne*, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*; without any Amendments.

The Treaſurer being ſent for, and attending without, was called in, and then the Speaker (by Order) acquainted him

that this House did expect he should cause Process to be made out against all such Collectors of Taxes, and Commissioners of the Excise, as do not pay into the Treasury the respective Arrears within the Time limitted in an Act, now to be passed for that Purpose; which he said he would comply with, and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. July 12, 1729.

Resolved,

THAT his Excellency be addressed, that the following Warrants may be issued in Council, on Account of the Support of Government, *to wit*. To *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk to the General Assembly, the Sum of *Six Pounds*, *Eight Shillings*; *Five Pounds* thereof for his extraordinary Services during this Sessions. *Fourteen Shillings* for *John Royce*, and the like Sum of *Fourteen Shillings* for *Abraham Lodge*, for Services done for this House; and to *Dirck Egberts*, Door-keeper, the Sum of *Three Pounds*, for cleaning the Assembly Chamber and Lobby, &c.

A Message by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, from the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. Speaker, and the House, went accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported to this House, that his Excellency had, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and of this House, been pleased to give his Assent to the thirteen following Acts; and that the same were published at the City-Hall in the usual Manner; the Titles of which are, *viz.*

1. *An Act reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York.
2. *An Act for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, struck and issued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the first Day of* July 1730.
3. *An Act to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*
4. *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Ulster.
5. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.*
6. *An Act for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further laying-out, regulating, and better clearing, public High Roads in the City and County of* Suffolk.
7. *An* Act, *to ascertain the Allowance to the Representatives for the County of* Suffolk, *and for other Purposes therein-mentioned.*
8. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan Frederick Gunter, Philip Jacob Bomper, jun. Jaques Gabriel Buvelot, Michael Cario, Samuel Myers, David Hays, *and* Judah Hays.
9. *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick High Roads, in the City and County of* Albany.
10. *An* Act, *for the effectual Recovery of the Arrears of the several Taxes, and of the Excise therein-mentioned, and for securing the Duties of Slaves not imported in the City of* New-York; *and for impowering the Treasurer for those Purposes.*
11. *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Seven Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds, *for the Uses therein-mentioned; for borrowing Part thereof, and for appointing an Agent at the Court of* Great-Britain.
12. *An* Act, *for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned, for discharging the present Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego; *by borrowing Money of the Excise, for the effectual Support of it until the* 25*th Day of* December, 1733; *for continuing some Duties, and augmenting others until that Time; for regulating those Duties and the Trade at* Oswego, *for the gradual Re payment of Money borrowed of the Excise; and for reducing former Fines, if voluntarily paid within the Time therein limitted.*
13. *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony.*

The Speaker also acquainted the House, that his Excellency had recommended to the House, to adjourn itself until the first *Tuesday* in *October* next.

Then the Speaker adjourned the House until the first *Tuesday* in *October* next; and the House was adjourned accordingly 'til the said first *Tuesday* in *October* next ensuing.

[*Here begins the 4th Year of* George *the* IId.]

MEMORANDUM.

THE General Assembly having adjourned itself on the 12th of *July*, 1729, until the first *Tuesday* in the Month of *October*, then next following, the same was by several Proclamations of his Excellency, further adjourned on, and until the respective Days hereunder-mentioned, *That is to say*,

1729. On the 30th of *September*, until the first *Tuesday* of *November*.
On the 28th of *October*, until the first *Tuesday* of *March*.
On the 27th of *February*, until the second *Tuesday* of *April*.
1730. On the 8th of *April*, until *Tuesday* the Twenty-first of *July*.
On the 20th of *July*, until *Tuesday* the eleventh of *August*. And,
On the 4th of *August*, until *Tuesday* the Twenty-fifth of the same Month.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Aug. 25, 1730.

EIGHTEEN of the Members appearing, the Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, and Major *Philipse*, wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him what Number of Members are met. And,

Major *Philipse* acquainted the House that Col. *Schuyler* and himself, had waited on his Excellency accordingly, and that he desired the House would adjourn itself until To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurii, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 26, 1730.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended accordingly; being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and informed the House, his Excellency had made a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

'THE principal Reason of my calling you together at this Time, is to acquaint you, that his Majesty has disallowed all the Acts you have passed, prohibiting the selling of *Indian* Goods to the *French*, or laying Duties on them from the Year 1720, to the Year 1729; which I believe is what you expect from the late Accounts we have had from *England*.

'By the Repeal of these Acts, which I shall lay before you, the last Provision you made for the Support of the House and Garrison at *Oswego*, is rendered altogether ineffectual.

'Every Man who knows the Interest and Circumstances of this Province, must be very sensible of the Importance of that Place, on which chiefly depends the Prosperity and Success of your *Indian* Trade; the Fidelity and Obedience of the Six Nations to the Crown of *Great-Britain*; and the Protection and Defence of your frontier Settlements. The Season of the Year for transporting Men and Provisions, being now far advanced, I earnestly desire that you will speedily provide effectual and unexceptionable Supplies for this Service.

'I also expect you will take into your serious Consideration, the ruinous Condition of all the other frontier Garrisons, and the miserable State of the Officers Barracks in the Fort at *New-York*.

'It gives me very great Uneasiness to propose any Expence to the Province; but the Things I have mentioned are so absolutely necessary for his Majesty's Service, and the Safety of his Subjects, that I think myself indispensably obliged to recommend them most earnestly to you.

JOHN MONTGOMERIE.

Ordered,

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and other Proceedings of this House be likewise printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That this House will, *Friday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 26, 1730.

MR. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought from his Excellency his Majesty's Disallowance of all the Acts prohibiting the selling *Indian* Goods to the *French*, or laying Duties on them from the Year 1720, to the Year 1729; which being read, was ordered to be entered at large in the Journal of this House, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

At the COURT at *St. James's*, the 11th Day of *December*, 1729.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent MAJESTY.

Archbishop of *Canterbury*,	Earl of *Ilay*,
Lord Chancellor,	Lord Viscount *Townshend*,
Lord Privy Seal,	Lord Viscount *Torrington*,
Lord *Chamberlain*,	Lord *Wilmington*,
Duke of *Kent*,	Lord *Finch*, Comptroller,
Earl of *Chesterfield*,	Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Earl of *Burlington*,	Sir *Paul Methuen*,
Earl of *Scarborough*,	Lieutenant-General *Wills*,
Earl of *Grantham*,	Secretary at War.

WHEREAS by Commission under the great Seal of *Great-Britain*, the Governor, Council, and Assembly of his Majesty's Province of *New-York*, are authorized and impowered to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, for the public Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the said Province; which Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, are to be (as near as conveniently may be) agreeable to the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances of this Kingdom, and are to be transmitted to his Majesty for his Royal Approbation; and whereas in pursuance of the said Powers, several Acts have been pass'd in the Province of *New-York*, from the Year 1720, to the present Year 1729, entitled as follows, *viz.*

An Act, *for the Encouragement of the* Indian *Trade, and rendering it more beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for prohibiting the selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French; *passed the 19th of* November, 1720.

An Act, *for the further and more effectual prohibiting of the selling* Indian *Goods to the* French, passed in *July* 1722.

An Act, *for continuing the Acts, made for prohibiting the Selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French, with some Alterations; passed in July 1724.

An Act, *to revive and continue the several Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the prohibiting the selling of* Indian *Goods to the* French, *and for promoting the Trade with the remote Nations of* Indians, *during the Time therein-mentioned; and for the Recovery of such Penalties as are directed by the said Acts*; passed in *November* 1725.

An Act, *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned; and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years; and moderating and ascertaining the Fines incured by former Acts, if paid within the Time limited in this Act*; passed in *June* 1726.

An Act, *for explaining and enforcing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to lay different Duties on the Goods therein-mentioned; and for regulating the* Indian *Trade in the City and County of* Albany, *for the Term of two Years; and for moderating and ascertaining the Fines incured by former Acts, if paid within the Time limited in this Act*; passed in *November* 1726.

An Act, *for regulating and securing the* Indian *Trade to the* Westward *of* Albany, *and for defraying the Charge thereof*; passed in *November* 1726.

An Act, *for defraying the Cost and contingent Charges of the Trading House erected at* Oswego, *and the maintaining it during the Time therein-mentioned; for applying several Funds and borrowing a certain Sum out of the Excise for that Purpose, for the effectual Recovery of former Fines and Forfeitures, for continuing the different Duties on* Indian *Goods, during the Time therein-mentioned, and for making good the Money so to be borrowed of the Excise*; passed in *November* 1727.

An Act, *for confirming the Acts therein-mentioned, with some Alterations and Additions, for paying Provisions, and other Stores, and Services already furnished and done, for the Use of the Trading House at* Oswego, *and for Subsisting it during the Time therein-mentioned; for borrowing Money for those Purposes, and providing Funds for the Re-Payment thereof*; passed in *September* 1728.

An Act *for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned; for discharging the present Demands, on the Trading House at* Oswego, *by borrowing Money of the Excise, for the effectual Support of it, until the 25th Day of* December 1733; *for continuing some Duties and augmenting others, until that Time; for regulating those Duties and the Trade at* Oswego, *for the gradual Re-payment of Money borrowed of the Excise, and for reducing former Fines, if voluntarily paid within the Time therein limited*; passed in 1729.

And whereas, the Merchants trading to the said Province of *New-York*, on Behalf of themselves, and the Rest of the *London* Merchants, concerned in the *New-York* Trade, and also on Behalf of the Merchants, their Correspondents and Factors in *New-York*; and also of the several Manufacturers concerned in the Fur Trade, have by their Petition to his Majesty, represented that the said Acts tend to the utter Ruin of the *Indian* Trade, and must prove very destructive to the Interest both of *New-York* and the Merchants Trading thither, and in Consequence thereof, to the Interest of these Kingdoms, unless his Majesty would be pleased to repeal the same; his Majesty was thereupon, pleased to refer the Consideration of all the said Acts, together with the said Petition, to a Committee of the Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, to examine into the same, and report their Opinion thereupon, to his Majesty at this Board; and the said Lords of the Committee having this Day, reported to his Majesty, That they have fully considered of the said Acts, and have been attended by the Petitioners, and also by the Agent of the said Province, and heard Counsel thereupon; and that they are of Opinion, the Fur Trade which is of great Importance to his Majesty's Subjects, appears to be highly affected by the said Acts, and that the Clauses relating to the Execution of the said Acts, are grievous and oppressive; and that therefore, all the said Acts ought to be repealed, in Regard they revive and refer to the several Penalties and Forfeitures, enacted by the preceeding Acts; his Majesty is thereupon pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to declare his Disallowance and Disapprobation of the said Acts, and pursuant to his Majesty's royal Pleasure thereupon expressed, the said Acts are hereby repealed and declared void and of none Effect: Whereof the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of his Majesty's said Province of *New-York*, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

J. VERNON.

Ordered, That when the said Repeal is so entered, the Clerk of the House return the same to his Excellency.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 27, 1730.

THE Speaker, from the Chair, communicated to the House, the several Letters hereunder-mentioned, which he had received since the last Session, from *Peter Le Heup*, Esq; Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*; relating to the Affairs of the said Colony, dated from the Treasury; as follows, *to wit*,

1729, *July* the 22d,
October the 16th,
November the 25th.
1729, 30, *February* the 1st; And,
March the 3d.

Which being read; *Ordered*, That the same lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House, and at the Close of this Session to be lodged with the said Speaker.

The Speaker did likewise communicate to the House, Copies of the several Letters here-under-mentioned, which he had wrote to the said Mr. *Le Heup*, relating to the Affairs of this Colony; pursuant to a Resolve of this House, on the 11th of *July* 1729, being dated as follows, *viz.*

1729, *July* the 31st,
September the 4th,
November the 22d, 23d and 26th.
1730, *April* the 27th,
June the 19th; And,
July the 1st.

Which being read, were entirely approved of by the House; And,

Ordered, That the Thanks of the House be given to the Speaker, for the Trouble he has taken in writing the said Letters (wherein he has in a handsome Manner and with cogent Reasons, fully expressed the Sentiments of this House) and for his Care and Diligence in transmitting the same.

Ordered, That the said Copies be returned to and lodged with him.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 27, 1730.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 28, 1730.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſired Leave to ſit again: And that it was their Opinion, his Excellency ſhould in the mean while, be applied to for a Copy of the Clauſe of his Majeſty's Letters Patents to him, relating to the making of Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, and their Duration; and that he will be pleaſed to inform this Houſe, when he received his Majeſty's Diſallowance of the Acts, prohibiting the ſelling of *Indian* Goods to the *French*, or laying Duties on them; which being read, was approved of by the Houſe; and,

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, wait on his Excellency, and deſire that he will be pleaſed to favour this Houſe, with a Copy of the Clauſe in his Majeſty's Letters Patents, relating to the making Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, and of the Time they are to be of Force; and that he will likewiſe pleaſe to inform the Houſe, on what Day he received his Majeſty's Diſallowance of the Acts, prohibiting the ſelling of *Indian* Goods to the *French*, or laying Duties on them.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, take his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration on *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 28, 1730.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Hicks*, Major *Philipſe*, Major *Renſſelear*, Mr. *Willet* and Major *Plat*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and report which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and likewiſe what new Acts they judge proper to be made for the Benefit of the Colony, or the Inhabitants thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 29, 1730.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer of this Colony, lay before this Houſe, on *Monday* the ſeventh of next Month, the following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account of the Amount of Monies appropriated for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, from the Time he delivered his laſt Account thereof to the Houſe, until the firſt Day of *September* next enſuing; and an Account of what he has paid thereon, during the ſame Time.

An Account how much has been paid into the Treaſury, until the ſaid firſt Day of *September* next, on the Act for raiſing and levying the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, paſſed laſt Seſſion.

An Account how much has ariſen until the ſaid firſt Day of *September*, on an Act for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers; paſſed the laſt Seſſion. And,

An Account for how much, and to whom the Exciſe has been let to Farm, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties of this Colony; from *primo November* 1729, to *primo November* next enſuing.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, lay before this Houſe, on the ſaid ſeventh Day of next Month, a Liſt of the Warrants drawn in Council, for Support of Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *September* 1728, until the firſt Day of *September* next enſuing.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter, lay before this Houſe, on the ſeventh of *September* next, an Account how much has ariſen for weighing in the Weigh houſe, within the City of *New-York*, from the Time de delivered his laſt Account thereof, until the firſt Day of the ſaid Month of *September* next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, deliver the aforeſaid Orders to the reſpective Officers above mentioned.

Upon a Motion made, That a great Part not only of the Bills of Credit, iſſued by Virtue of ſeveral Laws of this Colony (but likewiſe of ſuch as by ſubſequent Acts, were ſtruck to exchange them therewith, are again ſo worn out and ſhattered, that the Value for which they were ſtruck, can ſcarcely be known) whereby many Inconveniences and Diſputes happen between the good People of this Colony; for Prevention of which,

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Capt. *Van Horne* and Major *Philipſe*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to examine and enquire what Quantity, and what Sort of Bills may be required, to exchange the ſaid ſhattered Bills therewith, and to make Report thereof to this Houſe, with all convenient Speed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1730.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 1, 1730.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, next *Thurſday* Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The humble Petition of *Harman Winkler* and *Gertruyde Van Kinſwilder*, his Wife, in Behalf of themſelves and their five Children (therein named) was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe will be pleaſed to grant Leave to bring in a Bill, for naturalizing the Petitioners, and their ſaid Children.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Major *Philipſe* acquainted the Houſe, That he and Major *Plat*, having waited on his Excellency, he had cauſed to be tranſcribed out of his Commiſſion, the Clauſe deſired by this Houſe, on *Friday* laſt, which they brought, and being read;

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members of the Houſe.

Major *Philipſe* reported likewiſe, That his ſaid Excellency had acquainted him and Major *Plat*, that according to the beſt of his Remembrance, his Majeſty's Diſallowance of the Acts, prohibiting the Selling of *Indian* Goods to the *French*, or laying Duties on them, was come to his Hands, on or about the 16th Day of the laſt Month.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1730.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Willet*, and Major *Renſſelaer*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the further Continuance of an Act, entitled, *An Act, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors, from the firſt Day of* November *next enſuing, until the firſt Day of* November; *which will be in the Year* 1731.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept* 2, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Harman Winker, *and* Geertruyda Van Kinſwilder, *his Wife, and their five Children*, to wit, Louis Adolph, Hans Willems Van Kinſwelder, *and* Nicholas Verkuyl; as, *likewiſe their two Daughters*, Jacomina Geertruyda Iſabella, *and* Maria Magtelda; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1730.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee

Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 3, 1730.

MAJOR *Rensselaer* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Willet* reported from the Committee appointed to examine and report what Acts are expired, or near expiring, that they are of Opinion the following Acts ought to be revived or continued, *viz.*

An Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of Special Bail*; which will determine the 21st of this Inst. *September*.

An Act, *to regulate Fences in the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York; which will determine at the End of this Session.

The Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine*, being expired, they are of Opinion, a new Bill ought to be brought in for that Purpose.

And the Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and for making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same*. Which Report being read, was approved of, and,

Ordered, That Major *Plat* and Mr. *Garritsen*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to continue the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of Special Bail*.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinson* and Mr. *Le Count*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to continue an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet*, Major *Philipse* and Mr. *Matthews*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to prevent Damages by Swine.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Philip Schuyler* and Capt. *Rutgers*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to revive the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same*.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 4, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Herman Winkler, *and* Gertruyde Van Kinswilder, *his Wife, and their five Children, to wit*, Louis Adolph, Hans Willems Van Kinswilder *and* Nicholas Verkuyle, *as likewise their two Daughters*, Jacomina Gertruyda, Isabella *and* Maria Magtelda; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *De Lancey*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Capt. *Van Horne*, Major *Philipse* and Mr. *Le Count*, or any three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Major *Plat* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of Special Bail*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 4, 1730.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of *John David Wolf*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee, appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1730.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to *Tuesday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 8, 1730.

THE Clerk of the Council (according to Order) laid before this House, a List of Warrants drawn in Council, for the Support of Government; from *September Anno* 1728, to *September* 1730.

The Deputy Weigh Master (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account of Cocoa weighed at his Majesty's Beam; from the 27th Day of *November* 1729, to the 7th of *September* 1730.

Ordered, That the said Lists and Accounts lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

Mr. *Le Count* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties, within this Colony of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* presented to this House, *An* Act, *for reviving and enforcing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 8, 1730.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1730.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House, the following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account how much the Monies appropriated for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, has amounted to, from the first Day of *May* 1729, until the first Day of this Instant *September*; as likewise, an Account of what he has paid thereon.

An Account how much has been received by him, until the said first Day of *September*, on an Act, *for raising and levying* Seven Hundred *and* Thirty Pounds; passed last Session.

A List or Account for how much and to whom the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, has been let to Farm, from the first of *November* 1729, to the first of *November* next ensuing; amounting to the Sum of *One Thousand, Forty Nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*; and,

An Account how much has arisen, until the said Duty on the Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers*; amounting to the Sum of *Forty Five Pounds*.

Ordered, That the several Accounts above-mentioned, lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members of the House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 9, 1730.

MR. *Garritson* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in* King's *County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee, on that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Trading House at *Oswego*; and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the said Committee,

That the last Act passed for it's Support, and for regulat-

ing the Trade there, was generally approved of by the People of *Albany*, even by ſome of the *Indian* Traders themſelves, who allowed that it did afford a fair Proſpect to anſwer the Ends propoſed by it.

That the remote *Indians* which came to trade there, were ſo well pleaſed and ſatisfied with the Care taken, in purſuance of the ſaid Act, to be well uſed, and have the full Freedom of Trading with our People, as left no Room to doubt but a great Part of the other far *Indians*, would likewiſe have come thither to trade with our Traders.

That of the contrary, upon the News of the ſaid Acts being repealed, ſeveral of the ſaid Traders diſregarding the Regulations, under which the aforeſaid Acts put the ſaid Trade, uſed thoſe *Indians* in ſuch rude and compulſive a Manner, as diſcouraged and kept back (as its credibly reported) many others that intended to have come and trade there.

For which Reaſon the Committee is of Opinion, That if the whole Matter was put into a true Light and repreſented to his Majeſty, either by the Houſe, or in Conjunction with his Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Council, it would induce his ſaid Majeſty graciouſly to allow, that the Expence to ſupport the aforeſaid Houſe ſhould be born, either by the Trade itſelf, or by thoſe who reap the only Benefit of it.

But, foraſmuch as the not providing for the ſaid Expence in the mean while, would be a Means to abandon that Houſe, and thereby to render the *Britiſh* Intereſt very mean in the Eyes of the *Indians*, and alienate the Affections of the Six Nations, ſo far at leaſt, as to have much leſs Dependance on the Crown of *Great Britain*, than they have hitherto had.

And that upon theſe Conſiderations, the Committee conceiving it highly neceſſary, that the ſaid Expence ſhould be provided for and defrayed for the Term of one Year, were come to the following Reſolutions, *to wit*.

Reſolved, That there be given and granted to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, to and for defraying the Coſt and Expence of ſupporting the ſaid trading Houſe at *Oſwego*; and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatever, the following Tax; *that is to ſay*,

On every Perſon, Freeman or Slave, that ſhall go to trade with the *Indians*, from the City or any Part of the County of *Albany*, either by Land or Water, from the firſt Day of *October* next, until the firſt Day of *October*, which will be in the Year 1731, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.

And on every Inhabitant, Reſident or Sojourner, young or old, within this Colony, that wears a Wig or Peruke, made of human or horſe Hair, or mixed, by whatever Denomination the ſame may be diſtinguiſhed, the Sum of *Three Shillings*.

Reſolved, That all the Money to ariſe by the ſaid Tax, be paid unto the Treaſurer of this Colony.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* thereof, be imployed and iſſued to and for defraying the Coſt and Expence above-mentioned, from the firſt Day of *Auguſt* laſt paſt, until the firſt Day of *Auguſt*, which will be in the Year 1731.

Reſolved, That the Surplus of the ſaid Tax, be employed for the Uſe aforeſaid, in ſuch Manner as by the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, ſhall hereafter be directed.

Reſolved, That the Contract with Mr. *Hermanus Wendel*, for Victualing the Troops poſted or to be poſted at *Oſwego*, and for furniſhing all other Stores and Particulars, at his proper Coſt and Charge, be continued and confirmed in the ſame Manner, and he be allowed and paid for it, after the ſame Rate as is mentioned in the ſaid laſt *Oſwego* Act.

Reſolved, That inſtead of the two Men that underſtand the *Indian* Language, appointed by the ſaid Act, to remain at *Oſwego* during the Winter Seaſon, a diſcret able Perſon be a Commiſſary to reſide there during the ſaid Year.

Reſolved, That ſuch Commiſſary be impowered to receive all the Proviſions and other Stores for the Uſe and Support of the Troops aforeſaid, and that he iſſue the ſame Weekly, according to the Allowance mentioned in the ſaid Act, and not only to prevent all Manner of Waſte and Embezlement, but to keep exact Books and to render due Accounts thereof.

Reſolved, That a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, *per Ann.* be allowed out of the aforeſaid Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, to a Doctor, the ſaid Commiſſary and one *Indian* Interpreter.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Hicks* and the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to theſe Reſolutions, and that it be an Inſtruction to them, to make proper Clauſes therein, to regulate the *Indian* Trade, eſpecially at *Oſwego*.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* and Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, wait on his Excellency, to deſire that a Committee of the Gentlemen of the Council, may join a Committee of this Houſe, to draw an humble Repreſentation to his Majeſty, and therein to ſet forth and put in a true Light, what has been done by the Legiſlature of this Colony for ſome Years laſt paſt, in Relation to the *Indian* Trade, more particularly at *Oſwego*, the Situation and Importance of that Place, the fair Proſpect it affords of drawing the Fur Trade, if put under proper Regulations, and to pray that his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to allow, that the Expence neceſſary to ſupport the Trading Houſe erected there, may be born, either by the Trade itſelf, or by thoſe who reap the only Benefit of it.

And that they deſire his ſaid Excellency likewiſe, That he will be pleaſed not only to join in ſuch a Repreſentation, but alſo promote the ſame, at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and reforming an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, public Highways in* King's *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *King's* County, *Queen's* County and *Richmond* County.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 10, 1730.

THE Petition of *Zacharias Smith*, *George Necoll Cass* and *Margaret Bender*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 11, 1730.

MR. *Mathews* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damage by Swine throughout this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Willet* reported from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and what Laws they judge neceſſary for the Benefit of this Colony, and the Inhabitants thereof;

That they have examined the ſeveral Laws, for the good Government and Regulation of Slaves within this Colony, and find that one of the Acts is expired, and that thoſe which now ſubſiſt are very deficient, and do not anſwer the Ends deſigned by the Legiſlature; are therefore of Opinion, That a new Bill be brought in, with more effectual Clauſes for that Purpoſe, and to repeal the other Acts, which are now in force, and that they have alſo peruſed the Act for the Preſervation of Deer, which is expired; and are of Opinion, a new Act would be more proper for that Purpoſe, than to revive the old one; and an Act to prevent the ſetting on Fire, or burning the old Graſs on *Hempſtead Plains*, ought to be continued.

They alſo are of Opinion, and judge it highly neceſſary, for the Eaſe and Benefit of the People of this Colony, That a Bill be brought in, to prevent Plaintiffs, or his or their Attornies, from levying or taking more upon any Judgment, he or they ſhall obtain, in any Court of Record within this Colony, upon Bonds, Obligations or Penal Bills, than the Principal Debt, lawful Intereſt, and Coſt of Suit.

They have alſo inſpected the Act of Parliament, for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors in *Great-Britain*, and an Act paſſed lately in the Province of *Pennſylvania*, for that Purpoſe; and are of Opinion, that a Law of that Kind, would be of great Uſe in this Colony, and alſo that further Proviſion ought to be

be made, to prevent idle and vagrant Perſons from ſtraggling and wandering about the Colony without a proper Paſs; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe; and,

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe* and Mr. *Van Horne*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the better Regulation and good Government of Slaves in this Colony, and to repeal all the Acts formerly paſſed for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Willet* and Major *Renſſelaer*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for the Preſervation of Deer.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Capt. *Hicks*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to continue the Act, entitled, *An Act, to prevent the ſetting on Fire or Burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willet* and Major *Platt*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to prevent Plaintiffs, or his or their Attorney or Attornies, from taking or levying more upon any Judgement, he or they ſhall obtain in any Court of Record within this Colony, on Bonds, Obligations or Penal Bills, than the principle Debt, lawful Intereſt and Coſt of Suit.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr. *Garritſen* and Mr. *Le Count*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, ſo as to anſwer that Purpoſe, without giving Room for diſhoneſt Perſons to defraud Creditors of their juſt Due.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinſon* and Mr. *Livingſton*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the more effectual preventing idle and vagrant Perſons from ſtraggling or wandring about this Colony, without a proper Paſs.

Mr. *De Lancey* informed the Houſe, that Col. *Myndert Schuyler* and himſelf had waited on his Excellency, in purſuance of the Order of Yeſterday, to deſire a Committee of the Council, might join a Committee of this Houſe, to draw an humble Repreſentation to his Majeſty, to ſet forth what has been done by this Colony, in Relation to the *Indian* Trade, and particularly at *Oſwego*; and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, he would acquaint the Council therewith, in order to appoint ſuch a Committee accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 11, 1730.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 12, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Damages by Swine throughout this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Moize Gombaud*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Garritſen*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 14, 1730.

THE Speaker from the Chair, communicated to this Houſe, a Letter, which he had received by the laſt *Boſton* Poſt, from *Peter Le Heup*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated the 13th of *June* laſt, with the following Papers incloſed therein, *viz.*

An Act of Parliament paſſed the laſt Seſſions, entitled, *An Act, for importing Salt from* Europe *into the Colony of* New-York, *in* America. And a Copy of a Memorial from *Robert Dinwiddi*, Collector of *Bermudas*, to the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms in *London*, in Oppoſition to the ſaid Act, which being ſeverally read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Act be inſerted at large, in the Journal of the Houſe, being in the Words following, *viz.*

An Act, for importing Salt from Europe, *into the Colony of* New-York, *in* America.

WHereas the River, Bay, and Coaſt of the Colony of *New-York*, in *America*, and the Seas adjoining, are very commodiouſly ſituated for carrying on the Fiſhing Trade, and they abound with great Quantities of Shad, Sturgeon, Baſs, Sardine, and ſeveral other Kinds of Fiſh, which may be catched and cured, and made fit for foreign Markets, whereby the Trade of *Great-Britain* and the Inhabitants of the ſaid Colony, would reap conſiderable Benefit; which would enable the ſaid Inhabitants to purchaſe more of the *Britiſh* Manufactures for their Uſe, than at preſent they are able, by Reaſon of the little Trade and Produce the ſaid Colony affords; were it permitted for his Majeſty's Subjects to import Salt from *Europe* into the ſaid Colony, for the Curing of their Fiſh withal, in the like Manner as is practiſed in *New-England* and *Newfoundland*, by Virtue of an Act of Parliament, made in the 15th Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the IId, for that Purpoſe: And whereas formerly the Northern Parts of *America*, were comprehended under the general Name of *New-England*, but ſince have been divided into ſeveral Provinces and Colonies, and bear other diſtinct Names, which Occaſions a Doubt whether Salt can be imported into them, without the further Aid of Parliament, by which a very conſiderable and beneficial Fiſhery might be carried on there, to the great Benefit of your Majeſty's Subjects in General: May it therefore pleaſe your moſt Excellent Majeſty, that it be may enacted, and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, *and by the Authority of the ſame*, That from and after the 1ſt Day of *June* 1730, it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for any of his Majeſty's Subjects to carry and import Salt from any Port of *Europe*, into the Colony of *New-York*, in *America*, in *Britiſh* Ships and Veſſels, manned and navigated according to the Act of Parliament, made in the 12th Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the IId (entitled, *An Act, for the Encouraging and Increaſing of Shipping and Navigation*) and in the ſame Manner as Salt may be imported from *Europe* into *New-England* and *Newfoundland*, by an Act made in the 15th Year of the Reign of the ſaid King *Charles* the IId, (entitled, *An Act, for the Encouragement of Trade*) any Law, Statute, Uſage or Cuſtom to the contrary, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Ordered, That the ſaid Act, Mr. *La Heup's* Letter, and Mr. *Dinwiddi's* Memorial, lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe, and at the Cloſe of this Seſſions, lodged with the Speaker.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 14, 1730.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought into this Houſe, for the better Preſervation of Oyſters, and that the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr. *Garritſen* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſome Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame being read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 15, 1730.

MAJOR *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act for regulating*

lating Fences, for the Cities and Counties within this Colony of New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1730.

UPON a Motion, That the Bills of Credit iſſued by an Act, paſſed in the Year 1720, will be current no longer, then till the End of this Seſſion, and the Circumſtances of the Colony not affording Means to ſink them at preſent;

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for the further Continuance of the ſaid Bills of Credit, until the firſt Day of *September*, in the Year 1733; and that Major *Plat* and Col. *Beekman*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1730.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Nicholas Hereinger*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, many Inconveniences which happen by *Negroes* fetching Oyſters for Sale, and praying ſuch Relief therein, as to this Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the better Preſervation of Oyſters.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 16, 1730.

MR. *Livingſton* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaerwyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Mr. *Bobin*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought a Meſſage from his Excellency in Council, acquainting this Houſe, That the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them, are appointed a Committee, to join a Committee of this Houſe, to draw up an humble Repreſentation to his Majeſty, in Relation to the *Indian* Trade and the trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, purſuant to a Requeſt of this Houſe, on the 9th Inſtant, and that they had appointed to meet on the ſubject Matter thereof, To-morrow, at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of *Obadiah Hunt*, in this City.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Willet*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Major *Philipſe*, Major *Renſſelaer* and Major *Plat*, or any ſix of them, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet a Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place appointed, on the ſubject Matter of the ſaid Repreſentation.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 17, 1730.

MAJOR *Plat* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the 1ſt Day of* September 1733; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Van Horne*, according to Order, preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preſervation of Oyſters*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Ruigers* reported from the Committee, appointed to examine and report what new Bills of Credit may be requiſite to exchange ſuch ſhattered Bills, as were ſtruck and iſſued and are ſtill current in this Colony, by Virtue of former Acts, That they having examined and conſidered the ſame, are of Opinion, new Bills to the Value of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, will be ſufficient for that Purpoſe; which they conceive may be proportioned thus, *viz.*

4000	Bills of	2*ſ.* 6*d.*	each	£. 500
2000	do.	of 5*ſ.*	each	500
2000	do.	of 10*ſ.*	each	1000
1000	do.	of 20*ſ.*	each	1000
9000	Bills amounting to			£. 3000

Which Report being read, was approved of by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in accordingly; And,

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe* and Major *Renſſelaer*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

The humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That by the conſtant and extraordinary Charge and Expence in repairing the publick Buildings of the City, making a new Peer and repairing the Dock and Wharfs, for the Conveniency of Trade, paying Sallaries of Bellmen for watching and warding, and by defraying divers other neceſſary and contingent Charges, their Treaſury is now exhauſted. And therefore pray Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable them to defray annually not only the Charge and Expences aforeſaid, but likewiſe to purchaſe two Fire Engines.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *New-York*, to raiſe annually for the Term of three Years, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, in each of the ſaid Years, for procuring two Fire Engines for the Uſe of the ſaid City, repairing the City-Hall, repairing or enlarging the Goals and Priſons, erecting Watch Houſes, and defraying their contingent, publick and neceſſary Charges.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 18, 1730.

CAPT. *Rutgers* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to repair their City-Hall, repair and enlarge the Priſons and common Goal of the ſaid City, to erect needful Watch Houſes, to purchaſe two Fire Engines, and to defray the publick and neceſſary extraordinary contingent Charge of the ſaid City annually*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Bernard Henry*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee on the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, on the Subject Matter of an humble Repreſentation to his Majeſty, about the *Indian* Trade and *Oſwego*, That both Committees, met at the Time and Place appointed, and that on the Part of the Council, Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Harriſon*, and on the Part of this Houſe, Col. *Myndert Schuyler* and Major *Philipſe*, were deſired

fired and appointed to prepare the Draught of ſuch a Repreſentation.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 18, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* September 1733; was read the ſecond time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preſervation of Oyſters*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer-wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Dutcheſs* County and *Albany*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 19, 1730.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine throughout this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the ſaid Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to repair their City-Hall, repair and inlarge the Priſons and common Goal of the ſaid City, to erect needful Watch Houſes, to purchaſe two Fire Engines, and to defray the publick and neceſſary extraordinary contingent Charge of the ſaid City annually*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, and of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, or any 4 of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 22, 1730.

COL. *Hicks* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Perſervation of Deer*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County*, King's *County and* Richmond *County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* and Col. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for Relief of inſolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 22, 1730.

MAJOR *Renſſelear* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at large in Dutcheſs* County, *and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer-wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſome Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 23, 1730.

MR. *Willet* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Plaintiffs, or their Attornies, from levying or taking upon Bonds, Obligations, or Penal Bills, more than the Principle and Intereſt, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutcheſs *County, and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer-wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *John De Wint*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration, of the Committee on the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 24, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Deer*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Suffolk*, *Queen*'s, *King*'s and *Weſtcheſter* Counties, or any five of them.

The Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, together with the principal Inhabitants of the ſaid City and County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe will paſs a Bill, for raiſing a ſufficient Fund on the whole Province, for defraying the Charge of Building a ſtrong Stone Fort at *Albany*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, relating to the ruinous Condition of all the Frontier Garriſons.

Major *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, until the firſt Day of* September 1733, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

He alſo reported from the ſaid Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preſervation of Oyſters*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 24, 1730.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further

a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 25, 1730.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Oyſters*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Plaintiffs, or their Attornies, from levying or taking upon Bonds, Obligations or Penal Bills, more than the Principal and Intereſt, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 25, 1730.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 26, 1730.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Plat* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and enforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto, which they directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

The Memorial of *Richard Bradley*, Eſq; Attorney General of this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he had within ſeven Years laſt paſt, at the Requeſt of the Grand Jury, for the City and County of *New-York*, divers Forgers of our Bills of Credit, and a great Number of other Criminals, as well for the Service of the Colony in general, as of the ſaid City in particular; That for many of ſuch Services he has not received any Fee, or Reward whatſoever, although often applied for the ſame, notwithſtanding his whole Fees are not charged in any one of ſuch Proſecutions. That upon Application to the laſt Court of Seſſion for the ſaid City and County, for their Allowance of his Bill or Account annexed, conſiſting of Charges for Proſecutions in the Supream Court, within the Time aforeſaid, amounting to the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Sixty Six Pounds*, they were pleaſed to recommend him, for his Relief in the Premiſſes, to the General Aſſembly, as by a Paper annexed may appear. And that as he had no Salary for about ſix Years paſt, he humbly hopes this Houſe, will be pleaſed, to provide effectual Means for his Relief, and to recommend him to his Excellency, for ſuch yearly Salary as ſeveral of his Predeceſſors have had.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be taken into Conſideration on *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 28, 1730.

MR. *Livingſton* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing idle and vagrant Perſons from ſtraggling or wandering about this Colony, without a proper Paſs*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Matthews* have Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 28, 1730.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and enforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Harmanus Wendal*, attended without, and being called in, informed the Houſe, That he had victualled the Troops poſted at the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*; furniſhed Stores and defrayed the Contingences attending that Service, according to Contract, That he had received no more than *Two Hundred Pounds*, in Part thereof, and deſired the Aid of this Houſe, for the remaining *Two Hundred* and *Six Pounds*, and then withdrew.

Ordered, That Meſſieurs *Philip Livingſton*, *Stephanus Gaaſbeck*, *Dirck Ten Broek*, *John De Peyſter*, *Hans Hanſen* and *Cornelius Cuyler* (who farmed the Duties on *Indian* Goods in the Year 1726) or one of them, do in the ſpeedieſt Manner, tranſmit to this Houſe, an Account how much they are ſtill in Arrear on the Duties ſo farmed by them, or whilſt the ſame were under their Management.

Ordered, That Meſſieurs *Rutger Bleeker*, *John De Peyſter* and *Dirck Ten Broeck* (or one of them) do in the ſpeedieſt Manner, ſend an Account to this Houſe, how much the ſaid Duties have amounted to from the 8th Day of *July* 1728, whilſt they were Commiſſioners to collect the ſame, by Virtue of an Act, paſſed in *November* 1727, and how much does remain due, or in their Hands on Account thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *John De Peyſter*, tranſmit to this Houſe, in the ſpeedieſt Manner, an Account how much has ariſen by the Duties on *Indian* Goods and Rum, by Virtue of an Act, paſſed in the Year 1729, whereby he was appointed Commiſſioner to manage and ſecure the ſaid Duties.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, do by the firſt Sloop bound to *Albany*, ſend Copies of the Orders above-mentioned to the Gentlemen therein-named.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing idle and vagrant Perſons from ſtraggling or wandering about this Colony, without a proper Paſs*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1730.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1730.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to repair their City-Hall, repair and inlarge the Priſons and common Goal of the ſaid City, to erect needful Watch Houſes, to purchaſe two Fire Engines, and to defray the publick and neceſſary extraordinary contingent Charge of the ſaid City annually*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Major *Renſſelaer* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſtriking Bills of Credit*, to

to the Value of Three Thousand Pounds, *and putting the same into the Treasury, to be exchanged for shattered, torn and defaced Bills, struck and issued by Virtue of the several Acts therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Tme, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 30, 1730.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further upon that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the ruinous Condition of the Frontier Garrisons. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, That they are of Opinion, the Fortifying of the City of *Albany*, by building of a good Fort there, is of much more Importance for the Security of this Colony, and of more immediate Necessity, than the Fortifying any of the other out Garrisons, and therefore, came to the following Resolution, *viz.*

Resolved, That his Excellency be addressed, to cause a Plan to be made of a Fort, proper to be erected at the City of *Albany*, in the Place were the Old one stands, such as may be sufficient for the Defence and Security of the said City, and as the Nature of the Ground will best allow, and likewise an Estimate, what such a Fort built of Stone, and the building of proper Barracks within the same, for the Accommodation of the Garrison, will amount to, and that he will be pleased to lay the same before this House, at their next Session; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same was again read, and approved of by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Myndert Schuyler* and Col. *Gaasbeck*, wait on his Excellency, with the Resolution above-mentioned; to desire that he will be pleased, to cause the Plan and the Estimate therein-mentioned, to be laid before this House, at their next Session.

Resolved, That this House will, *Friday* next, take into Consideration, Mr. *Bradley*'s Memorial.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1730.

THE Treasurer laid before this House, Accounts of what he had received on the following Taxes, *viz.*

On the Tax of 5350 Ounces of Plate.

On the Tax of *Six Thousand, Six Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*; And,

On the Tax of *Three Thousand, Six Hundred Pounds.*

And the Titles thereof being read;

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for striking Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Three Thousand Pounds, *and putting the same into the Treasury, to be exchanged for shattered, torn and defaced Bills, struck and issued by Virtue of the several Acts therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1730.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the defraying the necessary Expences for Maintaining the Trading House at* Oswego, *and for regulating the* Indian *Trade*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Willet* presented to this House an Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Westchester; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *De Lancey* acquainted this House, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Gaasbeck* and himself, had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, with the Resolve of this House, in Relation to the Building of a Fort at *Albany*, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, he would not only cause the Ground to be viewed and a Plan of a proper Fort to be made, but also consult able Workmen to make an Estimate of the Cost thereof, in Order to lay the same before this House next Session.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1730.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *James De Lancey* (in Behalf of Mr. *Clark*) to acquaint this House, they had agreed to the four following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act, to let to farm the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*

An Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences, for the Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York.

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaerwyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; and,

An Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of special Bail.*

Mr. *De Lancey*, likewise brought a Message from the Council, That they had made some Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County and* Richmond *County*; to which Amendments, they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House took into Consideration the said Amendments; which being twice read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willet*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do agree to their Amendments, made to the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 2, 1730.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1730.

MAJOR *Rensselaer* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for striking Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Three Thousand Pounds, *and putting them into the Treasury, to be exchanged for shattered, torn and defaced Bills, struck and issued by Virtue of the several Acts therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to they Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the necessary Expences for maintaining the Trading House at* Oswego, *and for regulating the* Indian *Trade*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Hicks* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preservation of Sheep, in the City and County of* Albany, Westchester *County, the County of* Suffolk, Queen's *County*, King's *County, County of* Richmond, *and* Orange *County*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Petition of *Simon Melins*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee on the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 5, 1730.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out publick high Roads in the County of* Westchester; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Westchester, Dutchess* County, and the City and County of *New-York.*

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1730.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe Money for the Term of three Years, to purchaſe two Fire Engines, and for other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *and putting them into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of ſeveral former Acts*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 6, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Sheep in the City and County of* Albany, Weſtcheſter *County, the County of* Suffolk, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1730.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1730.

MAJOR *Philipſe* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out publick high Roads in the County of* Weſtcheſter; That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1730.

MR. *Garritſen* reported from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out publick Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be engroſſed.

Major *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing, ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts herein-mentioned relating thereto*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out publick high Roads in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 8, 1730.

MAJOR *Plat* reported from the Committee to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Sheep in the City and County of* Albany, Weſtcheſter *County, the County of* Suffolk, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1730.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1730.

UPON a Motion made, that a Memorial to this Houſe of *Lewis Morris*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Colony, ſhould be read; the ſame was read accordingly, ſetting forth, That the late General Aſſembly having made a Reduction of the Salaries of ſeveral Officers of the Government, did reduce his as Chief Juſtice, to *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* inſtead of *Three Hundred Pounds*, he had received formerly. That thereupon he applied to them for the Cauſe of ſuch Reduction; who declared it was becauſe himſelf formerly, and all other Chief Juſtices before him, had no greater Salary than *One Hundred and Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* and that the Circumſtances of the Colony made them leſs able to pay exceſſive Salaries at that Time, than they were heretofore. That he hopes neither the Salary of *One Hundred and Thirty Pounds*, nor that of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* will be deemed exceſſive, or indeed ſufficient to ſupport the Honour and Dignity of that Office. That he conceives, that Aſſembly had rather too low an Opinion of the Circumſtances of the Country at that Time; and that from an Examination into the State thereof, they are now convinced the Country is not unable (and he hopes not unwilling) to pay that Salary. That the Country not being in ſuch neceſſitous Circumſtances as it was then conceived, he hopes this Houſe will conſent to the eſtabliſhing his Salary at *Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.* and to the Payment of the Arrears thereof. That the ſaid Salary was not impoſed upon the Country by the then Governor, but increaſed at the Deſire of the then Aſſembly. And that as he is one of the oldeſt *Engliſh* Natives of the City of *New-York*, and the only Native of this Colony that ever had the Honour of this Poſt, and his Conduct in it ſuch, that he conceives has given no juſt Reaſon for his Countrymen to complain or be aſhamed of; ſo he hopes that will induce them to conſider him with a greater Mark of their Favour, than perhaps they would grant to a Stranger.

A Debate ariſing thereon, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether the ſaid Memorial be taken into Conſideration? It was carried in the Negative.

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether the ſame be rejected? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be rejected accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1730.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, that they had agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, viz.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *and putting them into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of ſeveral former Acts.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe Money for the Term of three Years, to purchaſe two Fire Engines; and for other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out publick high Roads in the County of* Weſtcheſter.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 15000 *Ounces of Plate, during the Time therein-mentioned.*

He alſo brought a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preſervation of Oyſters*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the ſaid Amendments; which were twice read, and agreed unto by the Houſe;

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, the Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

And

And likewise, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and enforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned*; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Resolved, That this House will take the said Amendments into Consideration.

Mr. *Gilbert Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the defraying the necessary Expences for maintaining the Trading House at* Oswego, *and for regulating the* Indian *Trade*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added some Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, in the Morning, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1730.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs in the City and County of* Albany, *the County of* Westchester, *the County of* Suffolk, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out publick Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritsen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Peter Corne*, was presented to the House and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee on the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1730.

MAJOR *Philipse* reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Harman Winkler, *and* Gertruyda Van Kinswilder, *his Wife, and their five Children*, to wit, Lewis Adolph, Hans Willems Van Kinswilder, *and* Nicholas Verkuyle; *as likewise their two Daughters*, Jacomina Gertruyda Isabella, *and* Maria Magtelda; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1730.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Harman Winkler, *and other the Persons therein named*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1730.

MR. *Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*; That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added some Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 14, 1730.

THE House (according to Order) taking into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and enforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned*; which being read and considered, the House cannot agree to the said Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House disagrees to their Amendment.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing, suppressing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts herein-mentioned relating thereto*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Charge to support the Trading House at* Oswego, *during the Time therein-mentioned, and for regulating the* Indian *Trade*; was read the third Time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, that the said Bill do pass; It was carried in the Negative.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the said Bill be rejected; It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Bill be rejected; and the said Bill was rejected accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 15, 1730.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1730.

THE House resolved into a Committee upon the last Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the State of the Officers Barracks in the Fort at *New-York*; and Mr. *Livingston* reported from the said Committee, That they had come to a Resolution thereon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read, and approved of by the House.

Resolved, That his Excellency be addressed to employ out of the Monies appropriated for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, for and towards repairing the Officers Barracks in *Fort George*, at *New-York*.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* and Major *Rensselaer* wait on his Excellency with this Resolve, and desire that he will be pleased to lay the same before the Gentlemen of the Council; and if they concur thereto, that he will cause the said Barracks to be repaired in the same Manner as the Soldiers Barracks have been repaired, and to issue Warrants in Council on the said Fund, for the Sum above-mentioned, as Materials and Workmanship shall be employed for the Purpose aforesaid.

The House taking into Consideration, that Provision ought to be made, as well for victualling his Majesty's Troops posted at *Oswego*, and discharging the Contingences attending that Service, as for regulating the *Indian* Trade; resolved into a Committee, to consider of the same; and Mr. *Livingston*

reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſome Reſolutions for thoſe Purpoſes; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and are as follows, *to wit*;

Reſolved, That there be given and granted unto his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, to and for victualling the Troops at *Oſwego*, and for defraying the Contingences attending the ſame, for the Term of one Year, from the firſt Day of *Auguſt* laſt, a Tax of *Three Shillings*, to be paid by every Inhabitant, Reſident and Sojourner, wearing a Wig or Peruke in this Colony.

Reſolved, That if this Tax exceed the Sum of *Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, it ſhall be diſpoſed of as ſhall be directed by Act or Acts to be hereafter paſſed for that Purpoſe; and if that the ſame fall ſhort of the Sum above-mentioned, the ſame ſhall be made up by ſuch other Ways and Means as ſhall hereafter be provided for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingſton*, Mr. *Garritſen* and Major *Renſſelaer*, prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to theſe Reſolutions; and that it be an Inſtruction to them, to make proper Clauſes therein, as well for victualling the ſaid Troops and the iſſuing of the ſame, as for putting the *Indian* Trade, and thoſe that trade with them, under proper Regulations; and to add ſuch other Clauſes as may be moſt ſuitable for thoſe Purpoſes, particularly at the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Glen* have Leave to go home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1730.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1730.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* acquainted the Houſe, Major *Renſſelaer* and himſelf had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency with Yeſterday's Reſolve, relating to the Officers Barracks in the Fort at *New-York*; and that his Excellency had been pleaſed to ſay, he would lay the ſame before the Council, and cauſe the ſaid Barracks to be repaired in the moſt frugal Manner.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, that they receeded from their Amendment made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and enforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned.*

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. Speaker and the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and reported to this Houſe, That his Excellency in the Preſence of the Council and this Houſe, had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to eleven Acts, paſſed this Seſſion; which were publiſhed at the City-Hall, in the uſual Manner, whereof the Titles are as follows, *to wit*.

1. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail.*
2. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York.
3. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at large in Dutcheſs* County, *and in the Manor of* Livingſton, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Renſſelaer-wyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany.
4. *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*.
5. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*
6. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better regulating, and further laying-out publick High Roads, in the County of* Weſtcheſter.
7. *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe Money for the Term of three Years, to purchaſe two Fire Engines, and for other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned.*
8. *An* Act, *for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *and putting them into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of ſeveral former Acts.*
9. *An* Act, *for the better Preſervation of Oyſters.*
10. *An* Act, *to revive and enforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned.*
11. And, *An* Act, *for the further continuing the Currency of Bills of Credit, ſtruck and iſſued in the Year* 1720, *to the Value of* 5000 *Ounces of Plate, during the Time therein-mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, diſpatch the Buſineſs now before it, and admit or proceed on no new Matters this Seſſion.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1730.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, That they have agreed to the three following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

An Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs, in the City and County of* Albany, *the County of* Weſtcheſter, *the County of* Suffolk, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*.

An Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*; and,

An Act, *for naturalizing* Harman Winkler, *and other the Perſons therein named.*

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought from his Excellency, twelve Accounts of ſundry Demands, for the Uſe of the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, amounting in all, to the Sum of *One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, Seven Shillings and Sevenpence Halfpenny*; and the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members of the Houſe, and that the ſame be taken into Conſideration the next Seſſion.

Mr. *Gilbert Livingſton* (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of victualling his Majeſty's Troops, poſted at* Oſwego, *and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1730.

MR. *Willet* reported from the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Plaintiffs or their Attornies, from the levying or taking upon Bonds, Obligations or Penal Bills, more than the Principal and Intereſt, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the ſaid Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table; and the ſame were read again, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of victualling his Majeſty's Troops, poſted at* Oſwego, *and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

In purſuance of an Order of this Houſe, on the 28th of *September* laſt, the two following Accounts were tranſmitted and delivered to the Houſe from *Albany*, dated the 16th Inſtant, *viz.*

One Account from Meſſrs. *Bleeker, De Peyſter* and *Tenbroek*, of what has ariſen by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the Coſt and contingent Charges, of the Trading Houſe erected at* Oſwego, *&c.* Paſſed in the Year 1727, *to wit.*

Caſh received by them from ſundry Perſons, *Three Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Four-pence Farthing.*

That out of the ſame there is paid by them, *viz.*

To Mr. *Wendel*	£.	100	0 0
To Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Ten Eyck*		7	7 0
So that there remains in their Hands, except their Commiſſion,		218	10 4½
And that there is ſtill ſtanding out by ſeveral Recognizances, the Sum of		91	13 0
	£.	310	3 4½

And,

And another Account from Mr. *John De Peyster*, dated the 16th of this Month, that several Persons are indebted by Recognizances, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned; for discharging the present Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego, &c. Passed in the Year 1729, the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Eighty Three Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Eight-pence Farthing*, and that no Part thereof, has been paid; and the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table, for the perusal of the Members of this House, and that the same be taken in Consideration the next Session.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1730.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the taking or levying on Specialties, more than the Principal, Interest and Costs of Suit, and other Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1730.

MAJOR *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing, suppressing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes *and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts thereinmentioned relating thereto*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, and the same were read again, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1730.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1730.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual preventing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negro and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts herein-mentioned, relating thereto*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lot* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of victualling his Majesty's Troops, posted at* Oswego, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, and the same were read again, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1730.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1730.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *De Lancey*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, within the Colony of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*, with some Amendments; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House took into Consideration the said Amendments, which being twice read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do agree to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1730.

THE House having taking into Consideration, a Memorial presented to them, on the 26th of *September* last, by *Richard Bradley*, Esq; his Majesty's Attorney General of this Colony, as likewise, what he thereby claimed and demanded, did agree and conclude to allow him in full Discharge of the said Claim and Demand, the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, payable by the Means and in the Manner mentioned in the following Resolutions, *viz.*

Resolved, That the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, now in the Treasury, by Virtue of the Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*, be paid to the said Mr. *Bradley*.

Resolved, That a further Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, be paid to him, out of the first Money to arise by Virtue of the said Act.

Resolved, That a like Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, be paid to him by the City of *New-York*, to be raised with and over and above the first Tax they are enabled to raise by an Act, passed this Session, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise Money for the Term of three Years, to purchase two Fire Engines, and for other the Purposes therein-mentioned.*

And *Henry Beekman*, Esq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, having made Application to be Reimbursed, for victualling and supporting several criminal and other poor Prisoners in Goal, produced a Certificate from the Mayor and Aldermen, That they having examined the Account thereof, are of Opinion, the same does reasonably amount to *Seventeen Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Four-pence Half-penny*; which having been taken into Consideration,

Resolved, That at the same Time, and in the same Manner as the last mentioned *Fifty Pounds*, is to be raised by the City of *New-York*, there be raised by them, the Sum of *Seventeen Pounds, Ten Shillings* more, payable to the said Mr. *Beekman*, in full Discharge of what has been disbursed by him for the Uses aforesaid.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, pursuant to these Resolutions, and that the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1730.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of Victualling his Majesty's Troops, posted at* Oswego, *and for other the Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *James De Lancey*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the taking or levying on Specialties, more than the Principal, Interest and Cost of Suit, and other Purposes therein-mentioned*; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Order) brought into this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Richard Bradley, *Esq*; One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *and* Henry Beekman, *Esq*; *the Sum of* Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings, *for the Consideration and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker and eleven Members, shall be capable to adjourn the House.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1730.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Richard Bradley, *Esq*; One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *and* Henry Beekman, *Esq*; *the Sum of* Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings, *for the Consideration, and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; was read th

the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1730.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein-mentioned relating thereto*; without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker communicated to this Houſe, from the Chair; a Letter which he received by the laſt *Boſton* Poſt, from Mr. *Le Heup*, Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated from the Treaſury Chamber *London*, the 20th of *July* laſt, incloſing an Act of Parliament, for importing Salt from *Europe* into this Colony; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, for the Members peruſal, and at the End of this Seſſion to be returned to the Speaker.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1730.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler*, from the Committee appointed the 16th of *September*, to meet a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of a Repreſentation to his Majeſty, as mentioned the 9th of the ſaid Month, reported that both Committees being of Opinion, it was more proper to direct ſuch Repreſentation, to the right honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, had drawn a draught thereof accordingly, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed, as likewiſe a Duplicate thereof.

Major *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Richard Bradley, *Eſq*; One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *and* Henry Beekman, *Eſq*; *the Sum of* Seventeen Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the Conſideration, and in the Manner therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, and the ſame were read again, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1730.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1730.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Richard Bradley, *Eſq*; One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *and* Henry Beekman, *Eſq*; *the Sum of* Seventeen Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the Conſideration, and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the taking and levying on Specialties, more than the Principle, Intereſt and Coſt of Suit, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; which being twice read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to their Amendments.

Upon a Motion, that one *Solomon Jennings*, who has been a notorious Horſe Stealer for many Years paſt, particularly in *Weſtcheſter* County, *Dutcheſs* County, *Orange* County and *Ulſter County*; and to avoid being brought to Juſtice, retires to and keeps in remote and ſecret Places, does ſtill frequently come from thence, to follow the ſaid wicked Practice, and at the ſame Time, puts many of his Majeſty's leige People in Fear and Terror, of his committing worſe Miſchiefs.

Reſolved, That his Excellency be addreſſed, to iſſue his Proclamation in Council, for apprehending the ſaid *Solomon Jennings*, with a Reward of *Twenty Pounds*, payable by the Treaſurer, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as ſhall produce a Certificate from the High Sheriff of any of the above-mentioned Counties, that they have delivered the Body of the ſaid *Solomon Jennings* to him, with a Command to ſuch Sheriff, to load him with Irons in Goal, under ſtrict Guards, until he be thence delivered by due Courſe of Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* and Major *Philipſe*, wait on his Excellency with the above-mentioned Motion and Reſolve, and to deſire that he will be pleaſed to iſſue a Proclamation accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1730.

COL. *Beekman* reported, that he and Major *Philipſe*, had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency, with the Reſolve and Requeſt of this Houſe, in Relation to *Solomon Jennings*, and that his Excellency had bean pleaſed to ſay, he would not only iſſue ſuch a Proclamation, but cauſe a Copy of it, to be inſerted in the *New-York* Gazette.

The engroſſed Repreſentation to the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, as likewiſe a Duplicate thereof, being compared, read and approved of,

Ordered, That Major *Philipſe*, carry the ſame to the Gentlemen of the Council, and to acquaint them, that when they have ſigned the ſame, this Houſe will be ready to ſign them likewiſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1730.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *James De Lancy*, That they have agreed to the two following Bills, *viz.* *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of victualling the Troops poſted at* Oſwego, *and for other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; and alſo,

An Act, *for paying* Richard Bradley, *Eſq*; One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *and* Henry Beekman, *Eſq*; *the Sum of* Seventeen Pounds, Ten Shillings, *for the Conſideration, and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; without any Amendment.

Mr. *De Lancey*, brought likewiſe from the Council, the engroſſed Repreſentation to the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, and a Duplicate thereof, ſigned by the Gentlemen of that Board.

Ordered, That the ſame be entered at large in the Journal of this Houſe, being in the Words following, *viz.*

"*To the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.*

The humble Repreſentation of the Members of his Majeſty's Council, and the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York, *in* America.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

AT the Opening of this Seſſion, his Excellency the Honourable *John Montgomerie*, Eſq; Governor of this Colony, was pleaſed to ſignify to us, his Majeſty's Diſallowance of ſeveral Acts in ſaid Diſallowance enumerated, dated at the Court of *St. James's*, the 11th Day of *December* 1729, upon which Occaſion, we humbly beg your Lordſhip's Leave to lay before you, the State of the Beaver and other Fur Trade of this Colony; to which the ſaid Act did chiefly relate, the Circumſtances thereof obliges us to treſpaſs upon your Lordſhip's Time, by going ſome Years back, in Order to give your Lordſhips a more compleat and Satisfactory View of it, than what may have been already laid before, or repreſented to the honourable Board.

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May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

Since the laſt Peace between the Crowns of *Great-Britain* and *France*, very great Quantities of Strouds and other *Indian* Goods and Commodities, of the Manufacture of *Great-Britain* and the *Eaſt-Indies*, imported from *England* into this Colony, have been ſold to the *French* Inhabitants of *Canada*; in Return whereof, their Payments have been in Beaver and other Skins, which, together with thoſe purchaſed from our own Six Nations, and other *Indians* coming to *Albany*, enabled our Merchants to carry on a conſiderable Trade with *Great-Britain*, to the mutual Advantage of that Kingdom and this Colony; and although the ſaid Trade with *Canada*, continued to increaſe in ſuch Manner, as that the Bulk of its Fur and Peltry centered in this Colony, yet upon Suggeſtion and amidſt a meer Proſpect, that the *French* cannot at any moderate Rates be ſupplied with Strouds but from *Albany* only, and that without them, they could not carry on any conſiderable Trade with the remote *Indians*; as alſo that if we could prevent their being furniſhed with them from hence, thoſe *Indians* would come to trade perſonally with us; the Legiſlature paſſed a Law, in the Year 1720, prohibiting Strouds and other *Indian* Goods, to be carried, tranſported or ſold to the *French*, or to any Perſons for their Uſe, under ſevere Penalties, which Law was afterwards confirmed, and thoſe Penalties augmented, as by thoſe Acts, reference being thereunto had, does more at large appear; and Strouds did thereupon immediately, and for a few Years after the ſaid Prohibition, riſe to a very high and extraordinary Price amongſt the *French* at *Canada*, which tended only to the Benefit of ſuch, as clandeſtinely, and in Contempt of the ſaid Law, ſupplied them therewith; but it did at the ſame Time, put the *French* upon Meaſures to procure thoſe Goods (if not equal to the *Engliſh*, yet in Imitation of, and ſomewhat near them) from *France* and other Parts, if not directly from *England*, wherein they ſucceeded ſo effectually, that their Storehouſes ſoon filled, and they abounded in Strouds and other *Indian* Goods; after which they forbad the Importation of them from, and the Exportation of Furs to this Colony, under pain of Confiſcation, ſetting very ſtrict and regular Watches upon their Frontiers, in order to the Obſervation of their Prohibition; whereupon that Trade, which conſumed vaſt Quantities of the Manufactures of *Great-Britain*, and was ſupported by return of Beaver, Furs and Peltry, was diverted from its former Channel, and in Danger of being engroſſed by the *French*.

The Legiſlature then taking into Conſideration, the apparent Hazard of the entire Loſs of ſo beneficial a Branch of Trade, found no Means ſo proper to retrieve and inlarge it, as by erecting a Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, upon a Point at the Mouth of the River *Onondaga*, which there empties itſelf into the Lake *Cataraqui*, by which Point, and very near it the remote *Indians* conſtantly paſs, as well in going to *Canada* as in coming to the Six Nations or to *Albany*. Upon the erecting of this Houſe, the Prohibition by this Colony enacted, was repealed in *June* 1726; it being then conceived reaſonable, that our Traders ſhould be enabled to afford better Pennyworths to the *Indians*, than could be done by the *French*, who labouring under other Diſadvantages beſides the Difficulty of their Navigation up the River of *St. Lawrence*, no longer practicable, than in Part of the three Summer Months, and when their Goods are arrived at *Quebeck*, have a long and difficult Paſſage to *Montreal*, and from thence a rapid Current againſt them, for above 150 Miles, before they reach their Fort or firſt Trading Houſe upon the Lake *Cataraqui*, could not be ſuppoſed to afford them ſo cheap as our Traders, our Navigation being good and ſecure, for nine Months in the Year as far as *Albany*, diſtant no more than 16 Miles from *Schenectady*, through a ſmooth eaſy Road, from whence to *Oſwego*, we have a very advantageous Navigation for large Canoes and Battoes (three ſhort and eaſy Carrying-Places only excepted) and it was conceived, that a moderate Duty impoſed by the Act laſt mentioned, by and with the more particular Advice of the Repreſentatives of *Albany*, moſt experienced and principally concerned in that Affair, would ſtill Leave our Traders Room ſufficient to under-ſell the *French*.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

Upon theſe Conſiderations, and maturely weighing the Intereſt and Trade of this Colony, upon a Point in which both are inſeparably united with the Trade and Intereſt of *Great-Britain*, the Stone trading Houſe was built at *Oſwego*, ſufficient for the Reception and Defence of a neceſſary Part of his Majeſty's Forces, ſtill poſted there by his Excellency's Care and Vigilance, for the Protection of this Trade and the Welfare of his Majeſty's Subjects, who are ſo happy as to be placed under his Adminiſtration, as alſo for the Safety and Entertainment of our *Indian* Traders, who at certain Seaſons reſide at or within Muſquet Shot of that Place, and for the ſole Support of this Houſe and Garriſon, was an Act paſſed, entitled, "An Act for continuing and enforcing the Acts therein-mentioned, for diſcharging the preſent Demands on the trading "Houſe at *Oſwego*, by borrowing Money of the Exciſe for "the effectual Support of it, until the 25th Day of *December* "1733, for continuing ſome Duties, and augmentingothers "until that Time; for regulating thoſe Duties and the "Trade at *Oſwego*, for the gradual Re-payment of Monies "borrowed of the Exciſe, and for reducing former Fines, if "voluntarily paid within the Time therein limited;" paſſed in the third Year of his Majeſty's Reign; all which abovementioned Fines and Forfeitures, ariſing by ſaid Acts, or any other Acts relating to the *Indian* Trade, as likewiſe an additional Duty on Rum carried to *Oſwego*, were appropriated to and for ſupporting the ſaid Houſe and Garriſon, and to no other Uſes and Purpoſes whatſoever; as your Lordſhips have ſeen by the Contents thereof, due and exact Care being alſo taken by certain Regulations in the ſaid Act, for the *Indian* Trade, that as often as the *Indians* came to *Oſwego*, they were at Liberty to trade with whom and for what they pleaſed, which gave them ſo univerſal Satisfaction, afforded a fair Proſpect that moſt of the remote *Indians*, would thereby be prevailed upon to bring their Fur thither, eſpecially ſince they could not purchaſe at ſo eaſy a Price from the *French*. But,

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

It hath ſo happened, that upon the Report of his Majeſty's Diſallowance of the Acts before mentioned, which forerun the Arrival of it, many of our young Traders no longer under the Reſtraint of the Laws, looked upon the *Indians* and their Goods, as no longer under the Protection of the Officer placed by his Excellency, for that Purpoſe at *Oſwego* (and till then acting by Virtue of thoſe Laws) did with a ſtrong Hand, take the Beaver and Furs which the *Indians* had brought thither, carrying them to their own Huts, and ſetting their own Prices upon them, which ſurpriſing Behaviour coming to the Knowledge of other *Indians*, then upon their Journey to their former ſafe and good Market, they immediately returned, and as we are informed, diſpoſed of their Effects to the *French*, upon ſuch Terms as could be had; and as the ill Uſage of the *Indians*, can no otherwiſe be prevented, than by legal and ſtrict Regulations, we are under very melancholy Apprehenſions, of the Conſequence which may very ſoon ſpring from this licentious Conduct; where, by and by, theſe diſadvantageous Impreſſions received by the *Indians*, if not ſpeedily effaced, we may for ever be deprived of thoſe great Advantages, we had the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to expect from a Trade ſucceſsfully begun, and fixed at a Place ſo commodiouſly ſituated, in the Loſs of which *Great-Britain*, is likewiſe immediately concerned.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

We are truly ſenſible of, and as truly grateful for the many principal Favours by which his Majeſty and his royal Predeceſſors have diſtinguiſhed this Colony; our Loyalty and Fidelity to his illuſtrious Houſe; our unfeigned Love and Affection for our mother Country, and the happy Dependance which we have upon the Crown and Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, lay us under all natural and civil Obligations, ſo to act in humble Station as may render us uſeful and ſerviceable therein; therefore we moſt humbly, and with all due Submiſſion to your Lordſhips great Wiſdom and Judgment, deſire Leave to lay the following Propoſals before your Lordſhips; ſuch as we from long Experience, have Reaſon to believe are the beſt Expedients now remaining for the Enlargement of the Fur Trade to *Great-Britain*, and the Conſumption of its Manufactures here, for the ſecuring the Dependance of the near and far *Indians* to the Crown, and for preſerving our Frontiers in Tranquility. Though we are unacquainted with the Particulars which have prevailed upon his moſt ſacred Majeſty to diſapprove the Acts mentioned in his Majeſty's Commands, dated at *St. James's*, as above, we are apprehenſive that thoſe Complaints are formed upon Jealouſies, which have by particular and deſigning Men, been infus'd from hence into certain Merchants and Manufactures in *England*, as that theſe late Duties and Regulations had thrown the Fur Trade into foreign Hands, and that thereby theſe Manufactures of Furs and Peltry were reduced and impoveriſhed; thoſe Complainants, not well conſidering (as not being truly informed of the Importance of *Oſwego* to this Trade) that a moderate Duty on *Indian* Goods is not an Obſtruction to that Trade, and that without it probably it may at ſometime hereafter be found impracticable to ſupport that Houſe and Garriſon abſolutely neceſſary for its Preſervation, nor could the Complainnants (unleſs their Informers had deſigned the Deſtruction of their own partial and ſelf-intereſted Scheme) be truly apprized that the Six Nations of *Indians*, firm and ſtedfaſt Friends to the *Britiſh* Intereſt, and who upon all Occaſions have, with great Bravery and Conſtancy, oppos'd the Incurſions of the *French*, and *Indians* of their Alliance, when any Attempts of that Kind have been made againſt this or the neighbouring Colonies, are, by this Houſe and Garriſon, in a great Meaſure ſecure from any

Surprize upon the ſudden or firſt opening of a War between the two Crowns, or that theſe Nations look upon *Oſwego* as a moſt honourable Mark of his Majeſty's Favour as a Reward, of their Fidelity, and a Sanctuary in any unexpected Diſtreſs, whereupon any Emergency they can have Recourſe to one of his Majeſty's Officers, with ſome of the regular Troops to lead and conduct them; and that they eſteem it as the ſweet Pledge of his Majeſty's Reſolutions to protect and ſupport ſo diſtant Bounds of his Territories, while they ſee his own Forces poſted on an advanced Frontier, and upon that important Paſs which before lay open to Enemies who have often attempted their utter Extirpation.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

Not only this Colony, but *Virginia*, *Maryland*, *Pennſylvania*, *Jerſey*, *Connecticut*, and *New-England*, feel the good Effects of this Diſpoſition; theſe *Indians* are daily growing into a nearer Confidence with us all, and all rejoice in ſo fair an Opportunity to improve and cultivate an univerſal Friendſhip with them; though this Colony as their firſt and oldeſt Allies, claims and enjoys all their Trade and firſt and beſt Services, theſe *Indians* have a great Share of natural Senſe, improved by their Situation between the two greateſt Powers upon the Continent, and have for above one Centry, preſerved their Liberties and Poſſeſſions with that Skill and Dexterity which is often mentioned to the Honour of the moſt civilized People: They are not ſo ignorant as to believe that the Walls of *Oſwego* are a ſufficient Security or Protection to us or themſelves, but they remember the Fear and Aſtoniſhment of the *French*, when *Quebeck* was threatned with the Terror of the *Britiſh* Arms, and never will be perſuaded but that any Inſult upon a royal Garriſon, however inconſiderable in it ſelf, would pull down the general Reſentment and Indignation of all his Majeſty's Dominions, upon the Heads of theſe who offered it; but if we of this Colony, who are the firſt that animated them, and thus raiſed their Spirits, ſhall, upon any Motive whatſoever, ſuffer a Suſpicion to prevail, that we cannot, or will not ſupport *Oſwego*, the *French* Emiſſaries, who have long ſince foretold its Fall, will impute it to Cowardice, Weakneſs, and Poverty; will forge the falſeſt and moſt diſhonourable Reaſons for it, and ſpare neither Pains, Flattery, or Rewards to incline them to a Revolt upon the firſt plauſable Occaſion; a Breach which would ſoon be inlarged by ſecret or open Acts of Hoſtility, the Conſequence of which, we ſuppoſe we need not inlarge upon to your Lordſhips. The *French* Fortreſs at *Niagara*, ſituated on the Southweſt, as *Oſwego*, is near the Eaſt End of the Lake *Cadaraqui*, and two armed Barks of conſiderable Burthen, conſtantly maintained thereon, being more than ſufficient at ſuch a Juncture to intimidate a People by Fact, convinced that they are deſerted and forſaken by their Friends.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,

As we are no Strangers to the Benefit and neceſſary Conduct of this Trade, and that its Regulation may hereafter be ſo eſtabliſhed as to leave no Room for any Complaints, we humbly conceive that if his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to give his royal Permiſſion to us to ſupport this Trade by a Duty either upon the Goods, or Perſons of thoſe who receive the ſole Benefit and Advantage thereof, or to order and incorporate a certain Company or Number of Merchants and other Traders, who with their Agents and Factors, ſhould have the ſole Benefit of the Fur Trade, and of ſelling and diſpoſing of *Indian* Goods at *Oſwego*, excluſive of all other Perſons whatſoever for a certain Term of Years; and in Conſideration thereof, to pay an annual Sum ſufficient for the ſupport of that Houſe and Garriſon only, it might be a Means to preſerve that Trade to *Great-Britain*, and to anſwer all the good Ends and Purpoſes by us before purpoſed, which we have very near our Hearts. We deſire Leave to inform your Lordſhips that the Legiſlature (with the moſt humble and reſpectful Submiſſion, to what they apprehend from the Diſallowance of their Acts, to be his Majeſty's Will and Pleaſure) has in this Seſſion determined to defray the Expence of that Houſe and Garriſon, by a general Tax for the Term of one Year, leaſt the abandoning a Place of ſo great Conſequence, ſhould for the Reaſon above recited, render us mean and contemptable in the Eye of a People with whom no Acts are left untry'd, to reduce them to an abſolute and ſlaviſh Dependance upon the *French*; leaſt the valuable Manufacture of Beaver, Furs, and Peltry, ſhould ſuffer any Deminuation for the Exportation of *Indian* Goods, be loſt to the Nation; the *Britiſh* Merchants and our own, be deprived of a moſt profitable Branch of Trade, and a great Number of young Men, their Agents and Carriers, be compelled to ſeek their Bread by Huſbandry, to which their former Way of living hath made them utter Strangers: But if it be our Misfortune that your Lordſhips are not pleaſed to condeſcend to intercede for us with his Majeſty, either that a moderate Duty be impoſed upon ſuch as receive the ſole Benefit and Advantage of this Commerce, or that a Company be incorporated as aboveſaid, for the Support of this Trade. We are in no wiſe able to anſwer for the Conduct of future Aſſemblies, who we fear will hardly be inclined to burthen their Conſtituents in order to uphold this Place and the Trade depending on it; from neither of which they can be ſaid to receive any ſenſible Advantage; and if your Lordſhips are pleaſed to conſider the general Satisfaction of this Colony, we hope that theſe our Apprehenſions, will not appear ill grounded. *Naſſau*, or *Long-Iſland*, which is the moſt Populace and wealthy Part of the Government, (the Cities of *New-York* and *Albany*, excepted) and containing *King's*, *Queen's*, and *Suffolk* Counties, is peopled by Huſbandmen, little or not at all concerned in any Trade or Navigation; its neareſt Diſtance is 150 Miles from *Albany*, and more than 400 from *Oſwego*; *Richmond* County, or *Staten-Iſland*, the ſame; and the Counties of *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*, *Orange* and *Weſtcheſter*, under equal Diſadvantages, as to any Benefit or Profit ariſing from the before-mentioned *Indians*, or their Correſpondence; and thoſe Counties ſend Seventeen Members of Twenty Six, which compoſe the Houſe of Repreſentatives. And we intreat Leave to aſſure your Lordſhips, that for theſe Reaſons, no Tax or Impoſition but what can be levied upon the Perſons or Goods of thoſe only to whom ſo great and manifold Advantages and conſiderable Fortunes and Eſtates ariſe, by the Support and Eſtabliſhment of *Oſwego*, and the Trade depending thereon, can, probably in many Years, become ſo popular as to afford any reaſonable and ſufficient Security for its Continuance.

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips to pardon, and with your Lordſhips wanted Goodneſs, to accept this our plain and humble Repreſentation, as we apprehend it to be the true and impartial State of our Caſe; which is with all Duty, Reſpect, and Eſteem, moſt humbly ſubmited to the right honourable Board, by,

May it pleaſe your Lordſhips,
Your Lordſhips moſt obedient,
And moſt humble Servant, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be likewiſe ſigned by the Members of this Houſe, and then delivered to his Excellency; and that the Speaker requeſt him that he will be pleaſed to tranſmit the ſame by the two firſt Conveniences to the Board of Trade, and employ his Intereſt with their Lordſhips, and the Miniſters of State, that it may have its due Weight and deſired Effect.

And the Houſe conceiving proper Solicitations ought likewiſe to be made in behalf of this Colony, *Reſolved*, That *Peter Le Heup*, Eſq; the preſent Agent for this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, be continued in that Station for one Year longer, from the firſt Day of *January* next, and allowed the Sum for a Salary for Solicitations, as he has been allowed for that Service by Virtue of former Acts of the General Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Speaker recommend him to have a due Regard to all Matters relating to this Colony, and to promote every Thing tending to its Intereſt at the ſaid Court in general, and in particular, to make proper Solicitations to the Repreſentation of the Council and General Aſſembly, to the right honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, may have its due Effect; and to obſerve ſuch other Directions as he ſhall from Time to Time receive in behalf of this Colony, from the ſaid Speaker, during the Receſs, Adjournment, or Prorogation of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That his Excellency be addreſſed to iſſue his Warrants in Council, for the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, *Eighteen Shillings*, payable to *Gabriel Ludlow*, for the Uſes following: *That is to ſay*, to the ſaid Mr. *Ludlow* for extraordinary Services, the Sum of *Five Pounds*; to *Dirck Egberts*, for cleaning and white-waſhing the Aſſembly Chamber and Lobby, Smiths Work and Glazing, the Sum of *Three Pounds*, *Fourten Shillings*; for the Uſe of *Abraham Lodge*, for Services for the Houſe, the Sum of *Three Pounds*; and for Mr. *Abraham Governeur*, *Twenty-four Shillings*, for the like Services.

Reſolved, That the Table in the Aſſembly Chamber, be lengthened and inlarged, and new covered with green or black Cloth, and the Speaker is hereby deſired to cauſe the ſame to be done before the next Seſſions.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker and the Houſe, went accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that his Excellency had, in Preſence of the Council and this Houſe, been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to eight Acts, paſſed this Seſſions, and that the ſame were publiſhed at the City-Hall in

in the usual Manner; the Titles whereof are as followeth, *to-wit.*

1. *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Ways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*.
2. *An* Act, *to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs, in the City and County of* Albany, *the County of* Westchester, *the County of* Suffolk, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*.
3. *An* Act, *for the Relief of insolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*
4. *An* Act, *to prevent the taking or levying on Specialties more than the Principal, Interest and Cost of Suit, and other Purposes therein-mentioned.*
5. *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of* Negroes, *and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein-mentioned*, &c.
6. *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of victualing his Majesty's Troops posted at* Oswego, *and for other the Purposes therein-mentioned.*
7. *An* Act, *for paying* Richard Bradley, *Esq*; One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds; *and* Henry Beekman, *Esq*; *the Sum of* Seventeen Pounds, Ten Shillings.
8. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Harman Winkler, *and other the Persons therein-named.*

The Speaker acquainted the House likewise, that he had (according to Order) desired his Excellency to transmit the Representation before-mentioned, to the Board of Trade; and that his Excellency was pleased to declare he would imploy all his Interest at home, that it might obtain its desired Effect.

And the Speaker did further inform them, that his Excellency had recommended to the House, to adjourn itself until the 2d *Tuesday* in *March* next; and the House was adjourned accordingly to the said 2d *Tuesday* in *March* next ensuing.

[Here begins the 5th of *George* the second.]

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 25, 1731.

THE General Assembly having on the 29th of *October* last, adjourned itself until the second *Tuesday* in *March*, then next ensuing, the same was by several Proclamations of our late Governor *John Montgomerie*, Esq; (who departed this Life on the first Day of *July* 1731) and after his Death, by the honourable *Rip Van Dam*, Esq; President of his Majesty's Council for this Colony, from Time to Time further adjourned, and by the last of them, to meet on this Day at the House of Mr. *Harmanus Rutgers*, near the Fresh Water.

In pursuance whereof, fifteen Members being met there, the Speaker took the Chair, and the House being informed that his honour the President, and the Gentlemen of the Council, were met at the House where Capt. *Kippen* now lives in;

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, and Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, acquaint the said President that the House was met at the Place to which he had been pleased to adjourn them.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported, that himself and Col. *Schuyler*, having accordingly waited on the President, he had been pleased to say that he would send a Message to the House immediately.

A Message from his Honour the President, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the President, requires the immediate Attendance of this House, at Capt. Kippin's.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended accordingly; being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and informed the House, his Honour had made a Speech to them, of which, to prevent Mistakes, he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

UPON the Death of our late Governor John Montgomerie, *Esq; the Powers and Authorities by his Majesty's Commission and Instruction given to him, devolving on me, I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to call you together at this Time, to make such Acts and such Provision, as are immediately necessary for his Majesty's Service, the Security of the Province, and the Preservation of the Peace thereof.*

I must in a particular Manner, recommend that timely and effectual Provision may be made for supporting that Post of Oswego, *and the Troops posted in it, and regulate the* Indian *Trade there, as the most probable Method to increase the Fur Trade, and to draw the remote* Indians, *and to confirm the Six Nations in their Fidelity and Obedience to the Crown of* Great-Britain.

I must likewise recommend to your serious Consideration, the ruinous and bad Condition of our Frontier Garrisons, which requires your particular Care; especially the building of a Fort at Albany, *according to your Resolve in your last Session.*

I need not put you in Mind that a new Act ought to be made for letting to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Province, that Act being nigh expired; and if you think other Acts shall be immediately necessary for his Majesty's Service, or the Good of this Province, you shall find me ready to concur with you therein.

The Nature of the Business to be before you, requires Dispatch, and your good Understanding will, I doubt not, produce a suitable Unanimity, that neither you nor the Country may be burthened by a long Session.

RIP VAN DAM.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, be likewise printed; being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That this House will, *Friday* next, take his Honour's Speech into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 26, 1731.

THE Speaker, from the Chair, communicated to the House, the several Letters hereunder-mentioned, (which he had received since the last Session,) from *Peter Le Heup*, of *Great-Britain*, relating to the Affairs of the said Colony, dated, *viz.*

1730. *October* the 29th.
1730-1. *February* the 10th.
March the 5th and 9th.
1731. *May* the 10th.

And also a Letter from Messieurs *Samuel Baker*, *Samuel Starke*, *Richard Jenieway*, and *Joseph Low*, in behalf of themselves and other Merchants in *London*, trading to this Colony, directed to Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*; dated the first Day of *May* last.

The Speaker did likewise communicate to the House, Copies of the several Letters he had wrote to the said Mr. *Le Heup*, since the last Sessions, pursuant to a Resolve of this House on the 29th of *October* last past; the Date of which Letters are as follows, *to-wit.*

1730. *November* the 5th.
December the 23d and 25th.
1730-1. *January* the 30th.
February the 4th.
1731. *June* the 9th.
July the 5th.

Which being read, were entirely approved of by the House; and,

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be given to the Speaker, for the Trouble he has taken in writing the said Letters, wherein he has in a handsome Manner, and with cogent Reason, fully expressed the Sentiments of this House; and for his Care and Diligence in transmitting the same.

Ordered, That all the said several Letters, lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House, and that at the Close of this Session, the same be returned to, and lodged with the said Speaker.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker, and eleven Members, have Power to adjourn the House, during this Sessions.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 26, 1731.

Ordered,

THAT the Treasurer of this Colony lay before this House, on *Tuesday* next, the two following Accounts, *viz.*

How much has arisen by the Tax on Wigs, by Virtue of an Act passed last Session, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of victualing his Majesty's Troops posted at* Oswego; *and for other the Purposes therein-mentioned.*

And, *An* Act, *for how much, and to whom the Excise has been let to Farm, in the several Cities and Counties within this Colony, from primo* November *last, until the first of* November *next ensuing.*

And

And that he lay before this Houſe, on *Tueſday* the 7th of next Month, the Accounts following, *to wit*.

An Account of the Money appropriated for Supporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, from the Time he delivered his laſt Account thereof to this Houſe, until the firſt Day of *September* next enſuing; and an Account of what he has paid thereon during the ſame Time.

An Account how much has been paid into the Treaſury, until the ſaid firſt Day of *September*, on the Act for raiſing and levying the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, ſince his laſt Account thereof; and,

An Account how much has ariſen ſince his laſt Account, until the ſaid firſt Day of *September*, on the Act for licenſing Pedlers and Hawkers.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, lay before this Houſe, on the ſaid ſeventh Day of next Month, a Liſt of Warrants drawn in Council, for ſupport of Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *September* laſt, until the firſt Day of *September* next enſuing.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter lay before this Houſe, on the ſeventh of *September* next, an Account how much has ariſen for weighing in the Weigh-Houſe, within the City of *New-York*, from the Time he delivered to this Houſe his laſt Account thereof, until the firſt Day of the ſaid Month of *September* next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe deliver the aforeſaid Orders to the reſpective Officers above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 27, 1731.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in to provide able Pilots between the City of *New-York*, and Sandy Hook, and that the Members for the ſaid City prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 27, 1731.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee on the Preſident's Speech; and Major *Renſſelaer* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions on that Part relating to *Oſwego*; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the whole Houſe, and are as follow, *to wit*.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That there be given and granted to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, to and for defraying the Coſt and Expence of ſupporting the ſaid Trading Houſe, and to victual the Troops poſted, or to be poſted in it for the Term of one Year, from the firſt Day of this preſent Month of *Auguſt*, until the firſt Day of *Auguſt* next enſuing, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever, the Duties following, *That is to ſay*,

On every Piece of Strouds, carrried from the City of *Albany*, either Weſtward or Northward, in order to be ſold to the *Indians*, or to the *French*, from the firſt Day of *October* next enſuing, until the firſt Day of *October*, which will be in the Year 1732, the Quantity of one Ounce and five Penny Weight of Sevil, Piller, or *Mexico* Plate, or *Ten Shillings* in Bills of Credit made current in this Colony; on every Gallon of Rum carried from the ſaid City Weſtward or Northward, in order to be ſold to the *Indians*, the Sum of *Twelve Pence*, in like Money.

Reſolved, That a Commiſſioner be appointed to ſecure and collect the ſaid Duties, and that he pay the ſame to the Treaſurer of this Colony.

Reſolved, That the Contract with Mr. *Harmanus Wendell*, for victualing the Troops poſted, or to be poſted at *Oſwego*, and for furniſhing all other Stores and Particulars there, at his proper Coſt and Charge, be farther continued from the firſt of this Inſtant *Auguſt*, until the firſt Day of *Auguſt* next enſuing, and that he be paid and allowed for it after the ſame Rates as is mentioned in an Act paſſed in the Year 1729.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Duties aforeſaid as may exceed the Charge and Expence above-mentioned, ſhall be employed to make good the Deficiences of the Tax on Wigs or Perukes, laid by an Act paſſed laſt Seſſion; and the Overplus (if any) to and for ſupporting the ſaid Trading Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Hicks*, and the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to theſe Reſolutions; and that it be an Inſtruction to them, to make proper Clauſes therein to regulate the *Indian* Trade, eſpecially at *Oſwego*.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 28, 1731.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon that Part of the Preſident's Speech relating to the building of a new Fort at *Albany*; And after ſome Time ſpent therein Major *Renſſelaer* reported from the ſaid Committee, That upon Conſideration of the Houſe being very thin, and more likely to grow thinner than fuller, by Reaſon that the Small-Pox are very brief in the City of *New-York*, a Diſtemper which at leaſt 9 of the Members never had, they were come to the following Reſolutions, *to wit*.

Reſolved, That the Conſideration of building a new Fort at *Albany*, be poſtponed this Seſſions, and left to be further Conſidered of the next.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

The humble Petition of *Huro Ellis*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying this Houſe will be pleaſed to grant Leave to bring in a Bill for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 30, 1731.

MR. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, by Order of the honourable Preſident, laid before this Houſe, the following Papers, *viz.*

A Paper directed to his Honour the Preſident, entitled, A Repreſentation from the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, dated at the City-Hall of the City of *Albany*, on the 29th of *July*, 1731.

Inſtructions given by ſaid Commiſſioners on the Death of his late Excellency, to the Indian Interpreter, on 12th *July*, 1731. The Speech of ſome of the *Indians*, at another Meeting of the Commiſſioners on the 20th of *July* following, and the Commiſſioners Anſwer thereto; all in one Paper.

An Account that the *Indian* Interpreter at a Meeting of the Commiſſioners on the 26th *July* following, laid before that Board, what he did purſuant to his Inſtructions of the 12th *July*, *ante*.

A Letter from the Commiſſioners, dated the 27th *July* following.

Another Letter from ſaid Commiſſioners to his Honour, dated the 9th *July*, 1731.

Another Letter from Ditto, dated the 27th *July*.

A Paper, entitled, An Account of the Condition of the Garriſon at *Schenectady*, 13th *Auguſt*.

Another Paper entitled, A true State of the Garriſon at *Albany*, 14th *Auguſt*; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Hero Ellis; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony; and that Major *Renſſelaer*, and Mr. *Livingſton*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 31, 1731.

THE Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, the two following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account for how much, and to whom the Exciſe has been let to Farm for, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony, from *primo November*, 1730, to *primo November*, 1731, amounting to the Sum of £. 1107.

And an Account of the ſeveral Liſts of Wigs, which have been tranſmitted to him by the Clerks of the Cities and Counties within this Colony; as alſo what each reſpective Collector has paid into the Treaſury, on Account of the ſame, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, entitled, *An Act, to defray the Charge of victualing his Majeſty's Troops poſted at* Oſwego, *and for other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned.*

And the Titles thereof being read;

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members of the Houſe, and that the Houſe conſider of proper Methods to compel ſuch of the Collectors as have either not paid their reſpective Collections into the Treaſury, or been remiſs in their Duty according to the Oath directed to be taken by them in the Act above-mentioned.

A Bill,

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to naturalize* Hero Ellis; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members for the City of *New-York*, Mr. *Gerretsen*, Major *Philipse*, and Mr. *Livingston*, or any five of them.

Upon Information given to the House, by some of the Members thereof, that on a Rumour spread in the Country, that a Person is seized of the Small-Pox, in the very House they now sit, the Members who have not had that Distemper (being above one third of the whole Number) are determined not to appear any more in the House during this Session; it was conceived on the one Hand, unreasonable to compel them thereto; and on the other, that under these Circumstances it would be much more for the Conveniency of all the Parts of the Legislature, and moreover contribute much to the Dispatch of Business, if the House met at the City-Hall, in *New-York*.

And the Speaker informing the House, that he having, this Morning, acquainted his Honour the President, with the Inclination of the House to remove to the said City-Hall, in *New-York*, and of the Reasons which induced them thereto: His Honour readily approved thereof.

Resolved, That the House be adjourned to the said City-Hall, accordingly, and that the Clerk acquaint his Honour the President therewith.

Then the Speaker adjourned the House, to meet at the Assembly Chamber in the City-Hall of *New-York*, To-morrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1731.

THE Petition of *Theunis Visser*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Major *Rensselaer* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 1, 1731.

THE House taking into Consideration, That a Bill refered to the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, in their last Session, by the Sugar Islands, would have been of the utmost Prejudice to all the *British* Northern Colonies in general, and in particular, to this, if the same had passed into a Law. And that tho' it happily dropped by a Prorogation, it is very probable the Promoters of that Bill, will renew the like Attempts in the next Session. The whole House is therefore of Opinion, that it behoves the Legislature at this Time, not only to represent what vast Detriment a Law of that Kind would prove to this Colony, but likewise to cause proper Application and Solicitations to be made against such a Law.

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente, That Capt. *Van Horne* and Capt. *Rutgers*, desire his Honour the President, that a Committee of the Gentlemen of the Council, may be appointed to join a Committee of this House, in order to represent in the humblest Manner, either to his Majesty or to his Ministers of State, or to the Lords for Trade and Plantations (as the said Committees shall judge most proper) That in Case such a Law passed, as we have seen by a printed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Securing and Encouraging the Trade of his Majesty's Sugar Colonies in* America; it would deprive us of the Means to vend the Produce of this Colony, cramp and diminish our Navigation, lay it under unreasonable Clogs and Hardships, and disable us from taking off and consuming such large Quantities of the *British* Manufactures, as we annually do already, and will increase to do, as we grow in Wealth and Numbers, and humbly to request, that whatever Indulgence may be granted to the Sugar Islands, it may not be at the Cost and Ruin of a far greater Number of his Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects in the Northern Colonies.

And that they likewise desire his Honour to join in the Representation, that may be drawn in pursuance hereof.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the further continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same*; and that Col. *Philipse* and Col. *Beekman*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 2, 1731.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Capt. *Van Horne* reported, that Capt. *Rutgers* and himself, had (according to Order) waited on the President with Yesterday's Message, relating to a Representation, proposed to be drawn up by a Committee of the Council and of this House, and that his Honour had been pleased to say, he would not only lay it before the Council, but promote the same himself.

The Petition of *Abraham Governeur*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That he having been arrested in the Month of *July*, *Anno* 1727, by Virtue of a *Ne exeat Provinciam*, on an Affidavit of one *Rodrigo Pacheco*; was constrained to find two Securities to be bound for him, in a Bond of *Two Thousand Pounds*, that there never was, nor hitherto is, any Suit depending in the Court of Chancery against him, nor made a Party to any Suit; that though the said *Rodrigo Pacheco*, is departed this Province, and the Petitioner remains still under the Hardships of a Restraint, and prays this House to take his Case into Consideration, and find such Relief for the Petitioner and clearing his Securities, from the Penalty of the said Bond, as the Justice of his Case requires.

The Petition of *Sarah Het*, the Daughter of *Rene Het*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That ſhe was arreſted in *July* 1727, by Virtue of a *Ne exeat Provinciam*, on an Affidavit of one *Rodrigo Pacheco*, and confined, although under Age, and in a very dangerous State of Health, until ſhe gave Security of *Two Thouſand Pounds*, to procure her Enlargement, that there never was, nor hitherto is, any Suit depending againſt her, nor ſhe made Party to any Suit; that the ſaid *Pacheco* is departed this Province, and your Petitioner's Securities being uneaſy till diſcharged, prays this Houſe to take her Caſe into Conſideration, and find ſuch Relief for the Petitioner, and clearing her Securities, as the Juſtice of her Caſe requires.

Which Petition being ſeverally read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, To-morrow.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 3, 1731.

A Meſſage from the Preſident and Council, by the Deputy Clerk of that Board, to acquaint this Houſe, that the Council had appointed Mr. *Alexander*, Mr. *Abraham Van Horne* and Mr. *James De Lancey*, to be a Committee, to join a Committee of this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter of the Meſſage from this Houſe, the firſt Inſtant; relating to a Repreſentation, propoſed to be drawn by a Committee of the Council and this Houſe, and that the Preſident and the Reſt of the Members of the Council may alſo join in, and be preſent at the ſaid Committee, if they ſhall ſee Cauſe, and that the ſaid Committee meet To-morrow Morning, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Houſe of Mr. *John Cure*'s, in this City.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr. *Garritſen*, Major *Philipſe* and Mr. *Living ſton*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of the Meſſage from this Houſe, the firſt Inſtant; relating to a Repreſentation, propoſed to be drawn by a Committee of the Council and this Houſe, and that Mr. Speaker and the Reſt of the Members, may alſo join in and be preſent at the ſaid Committee, if they ſee Cauſe, to meet the Committee of the Council, To-morrow Morning, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Houſe of Mr. *John Cure*'s, in this City.

Capt. *Van Horne* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better providing able Pilots, from the Port of* New-York, *to* Sandy-Hook, *and from* Sandy-Hook, *to the Port of* New-York, *and for regulating the Pilotage*; which was preſented to the Houſe and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Andrew Law*, jun. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that he was Collector of the Taxes of the Eaſt Ward of the City of *New-York*, in the Years 1724, 1725, 1726 and 1727, the Quotas to be paid by the ſaid Ward of the Taxes, raiſed by Virtue of ſeveral Acts of General Aſſembly; amounting in the whole to the Sum of *One Thouſand and Sixty Pounds, One Shilling and Eight-pence*, of which he did collect about *Four Hundred and Twenty Six Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny*, Part of the ſaid Quotas, and paid to the Treaſurer of this Colony, *One Hundred and Forty One Pounds, Seven Shillings and Four-pence*, Part thereof; but by Reaſon of Diſappointments and other Difficulties happening to the Petitioner, he was not able to gather in the Reſidue that remains due from the ſeveral Inhabitants of the ſaid Ward, as by the ſaid Tax Rolls and Affidavits of the Petitioner thereunto annexed, ready to be produced, will appear. The Petitioner being confined in Goal at the Suit of the ſaid Treaſurer for the ſaid Arrearages, muſt remain there during his Life, unleſs he be relieved by the Goodneſs of this Houſe; therefore prays this Houſe to take his Caſe, and the Condition of his Family, into Conſideration, and releaſe him from Impriſonment, and grant him 4 or 5 Years, or ſuch other reaſonable Time, for the Payment of what he is ſo in Arrear of the ſaid Taxes, and make ſuch Proviſion for the Recovery of that Part thereof, due from the ſaid Ward, as to this Houſe ſhall ſeem expedient.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 4, 1731.

Capt. *Van Horne* reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, on the ſubject Matter of a Repreſentation, propoſed on the firſt Inſtant, to be drawn by a Committee of the Council and this Houſe, That both Committees met at the Time and Place appointed, and that on the Part of the Council, Mr. *Alexander*, and on the Part of this Houſe, Mr. *Living ſton*, were appointed to prepare the Draught of ſuch a Repreſentation.

The Petition of *Anna D' Harriette*, the Wife of *Benjamin D' Harriette*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying her Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Col. *Beekman* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſupport the Troops at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the* Indian *Trade there*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1731.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better providing able Pilots, from the Port of* New-York *to* Sandy-Hook, *and from* Sandy-Hook, *to the Port of* New-York, *and for regulating the Pilotage*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue and inforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſupport the Troops at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the* Indian *Trade there*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Joris Dyckman* and *George Elſworth*, jun. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That they being informed, the Acts of General Aſſembly of this Colony, for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from *New-York* to *King's Bridge*, are expired or near expiring, and being encouraged by ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, to propoſe to this Houſe, to mend and keep the ſaid Road in good Repair, at their proper Coſt and Charge for ten Years, provided they are thereunto appointed by Act of General Aſſembly, and allowed for their Trouble and Charges therein, a Tax of *One Shilling*, to be paid to them yearly, by the Inhabitants of every dwelling Houſe in the Iſland of *New-York*, which the Petitioners conceive, would conſiderably eaſe the Inhabitants, who are now obliged to work or appoint Perſons to work for them on the Highways; and if the Houſe approve the ſaid Propoſal, pray Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 3 *ho.* P. M. *Sept.* 6, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho.* A. M. *Sept.* 7, 1731.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House,

An Account of what was received from the several Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, since his last Account delivered to this House, until the first Day of this instant *September*, amounting to *Twenty Five Pounds*.

An Account how much has been paid into the Treasury on the Act, for raising and levying the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Thirty Pounds*, since his last Account, delivered the eighth of *September* 1730, until the first Day of *September* 1731; amounting to *Fifty Three Pounds, Seven Shillings and Sevenpence*. And,

An Account of the Monies appropriated for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, from the first Day of *September* 1730, to the first Day of this instant Month of *September*; and an Account of what has been paid thereon, during the same Time.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council (according to Order) laid before this House a List of Warrants drawn in Council, from the first Day of *September* 1730, to the first Day of *September* following. And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the said Accounts and List of Warrants, lie on the Table for perusal of the Members.

Major *Rensselaer* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho.* A. M. *Sept.* 8, 1731.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *John Kelly*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That though he obtained a Licence from the late Governor *William Burnet*, Esq; to practise the Law in all the Courts of Record in this Province, he has been excluded from practising in the Mayor's Court of the City of *New-York*, by a new Charter granted to the said City, by the late Governor *John Montgomerie*, Esq; and therefore prayed, that by a short Act of Assembly, he may be enabled to practise as an Attorney at Law, in the said Mayor's Court.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*, That they had gone through the Bill, made some Amendments thereto, and added a Clause to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The Deputy Weigh Master (according to Order) laid before this House, an Account of the Amount of Cocoa, weighed at his Majesty's Weigh-House in *New-York*, beginning the seventh of *September* 1730, and ending the 7th Instant; amounting to the Sum of *One Pound, Fifteen Shillings and Tenpence Three-farthings*; and the Title thereof being read,

Ordered, That the said Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought from the President and Council, a Letter from his Excellency *Jonathan Belcher*, Esq; Governor of the *Massachusets*, to our late Governor *John Montgomerie*, Esq; dated in *Boston*, the 5th of *July* last, relating to the settling of a Partition Line between that Government, and this, which being read;

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The Petition of *John Peter Zenger*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that he having been chosen Collector of sundry publick Taxes in the City of *New-York*, was prevented from gathering the same, when they should have been collected, by Reason he fell under some Trouble from his Creditors at that Time, that by the Removal of some, and Insolvency of others, rated in the said Taxes, there is about *Twenty Three Pounds* irrecoverable; that, including the said Sum, he remains accountable to the Province, for the Sum of *Forty Pounds* and upwards, for which he is informed Writs are issued against him. And that he being unable to pay the same, has been forced to keep out of the Way, but proposes to discharge in his Way of Printing, at the most moderate and reasonable Wages. And therefore prays, that Prosecution against him may be stayed, and he employed in Printing for the Publick.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho.* A. M. *Sept.* 9, 1731.

THE Petition of *Thomas Braine*, Chirurgeon, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that by Order of his late Excellency *John Montgomerie*, Esq; deceased, he did at divers Times supply the Garrison at *Oswego*, with sundry Drugs, Medicines and other Things, as by an Account before the House; and an Account of a further Supply, by Order of his Honour the President, may appear; for which the Petitioner has paid and engaged to pay the greatest Part; he therefore humbly prays this House, to make such Provision for Payment of his said Accounts, as they deem agreeable to Justice.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to support the Troops at* Oswego, *and to regulate the* Indian *Trade there*.

Mr. *Livingston* from the Committee of this House, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, in Order to prepare a Draught of a proper Representation from the President, the Council, and General Assembly, to his Majesty, on the subject Matter as mentioned the first Instant, did report, that both Committees, had prepared and agreed on such a Representation accordingly, and presented a Copy thereof to the House; which being read, was approved by the House, and;

Ordered, That four Copies of the same be fairly ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therin-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho.* P. M. *Sept.* 9, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho.* A. M. *Sept.* 10, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho.* P. M. *Sept.* 10, 1731.

THE Petition of *Philippus Langerbeen*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee, appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 11, 1731.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 13, 1731.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler*, acquainting the Houſe, he had received a Letter from the Magiſtrates of the City of *Albany*, dated there the 2d Inſtant, and directed to the Members of that County, deſiring to be enabled by an Act, to build a certain Number of Stone Points and Block Houſes round the ſaid City, for its Security and Defence; did move for Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Capt. *Glen*, have Leave to go Home on extraordinary Occaſions.

Col. *Matthews* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and ſome other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better providing able Pilots, from the Port of* New-York *to* Sandy-Hook, *and from* Sandy-Hook, *to the Port of* New-York, *and for regulating the Pilotage*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 13, 1731.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 14, 1731.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and ſome other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange*, *Ulſter* and *Dutcheſs*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 14, 1731.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 15, 1731.

COL. *Matthews*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to Support the Troops at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the* Indian *Trade there*, reported, That they had made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes to the Bill, and that they had directed him to report the ſame to the Houſe; which being read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought from the Council to the Houſe, four Copies fairly ingroſſed, of a Repreſentation from the Preſident, Council, and General Aſſembly, to his Majeſty, praying his gracious Protection, againſt the Monopoly aimed at by the Sugar Colonies, in Caſe they ſhoud again attempt it; which Repreſentations being ſigned by the Preſident, and ſeven Members of the Council (all the others reſiding in the Country).

Ordered, That the Speaker and the Members of this Houſe, do likewiſe ſign the ſame, and that the Clerk do enter it at large in the Journal of this Houſe, being in the Words following:

To the KING's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Repreſentation of the Preſident and Council, and General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Preſident and Council, and General Aſſembly of your Majeſty's Colony of *New-York*, beg Leave to repreſent, That,

With Grief and Concern we have heard of the Monopoly aimed at by the Sugar Colonies, which if obtained, will, we conceive, tend to the Ruin of this Colony, and be prejudicial to the Trade and Navigation of *Great-Britain*. For,

There is imported yearly into, and conſumed in this Colony, a very large Quantity of the Woollen Manufacture of *Great-Britain*, for our Cloathing and Preſervation from the exceſſive Cold of our Winters; and ſo great is our Conſumption of thoſe Commodities, that we have Reaſon to believe the whole Sugar Colonies (excepting *Jamaica*, on Account of the *Spaniſh* Trade) do not conſume the like Quantity, and ſhould we be diſabled to pay for that Manufacture, we muſt be reduced to Nakedneſs or to make our own Cloathing.

The Product of this, and the neighbouring Colonies of *New-Jerſey* and *Pennſylvania*, is Proviſions, Horſes and Lumber, which are exported to *Britiſh* and foreign Sugar Colonies, and in Exchange for them, are had Monies, Rum, Sugars, Molaſſes, Cocoa, Indigo, Cotton-Wool, *&c.* whereof the Rum and Molaſſes are chiefly conſumed in this Colony, and the Monies and other Merchandize are moſtly applied to make good the Ballance of our Trade to *Great-Britain*, and ſo great a Part of that Ballance is paid in Money, that we have Reaſon to believe that all the *Britiſh* Colonies together (excepting *Jamaica*) do not import ſo much Silver and Gold into *Great-Britain*, as this ſingle Colony.

We are well aſſured, that the *Britiſh* Sugar Colonies cannot take off the one Half of the Proviſions, which this and the other two Bread Colonies do export, nor are they able to ſupply the Northern Colonies, with the Rum there conſumed, without vaſtly diminiſhing the Quantity of Sugar which they now make; and though we be not by expreſs Words in the Monopoly aimed at, reſtrained from ſending our Proviſions to the foreign Sugar Colonies, yet the reſtraining us from taking any Part of their Product in Exchange, will as effectually do it.

Wherefore we have Reaſon to apprehend, that if the Monopoly aimed at, be obtained, our Product now exported to the foreign Sugar Colonies, will be as loſt to us, and that we ſhall have little more from the *Britiſh* Sugar

Sugar Colonies for all our Provisions, that they can consume, than the Rum, Molasses and Sugar, which we want to consume among ourselves; seeing the Glut of our Product, with them must greatly lower the Price thereof, and the great Demand of Rum and Molasses, must vastly enhance the Price of them, and disable us to pay for the *British* Manufactures we have already had, and owe for, and pay for any more; must diminish the Consumption of the *British* Woollen Manufacture, and the Navigation now employed in bringing it us, and in carrying our Product to the foreign Sugar Colonies, and in carrying what it got in Exchange for it to *Britain*; must diminish the Quantity of Sugars made in the *British* Sugar Colonies, and enhance the Price thereof so much, that *Britain* will probably be disabled to export any Part of it.

Most gracious Sovereign,

We implore your most sacred Majesty, the Father of all your Subjects, who has the Care and Prosperity of all of them equally at Heart, and who will be far from countenancing any Endeavours to make Part of them the Slaves and Bondmen of another, with whatever specious Pretences it may be aimed at, to have Pity and Compassion upon us, your poor, but most loyal and dutiful Subjects of these Bread Colonies, upon the Merchants of *Great-Britain*, to whom we are greatly indebted; upon them, and the many Tradesmen and Seamen of *Great-Britain*, who get their living by the *British* Trade with us, and to grant us your most gracious Protection as against this Attempt; which, in its Consequences would tend, we humbly conceive, to deprive them of their just Debts and future Support, and cut off from being of any other Use to our Mother Country, than to be the Bondmen and Slaves of her Sugar Colonies, by confining us to them, for the Vent of the Produce of our Industry, and in Consequence obliging us to take what Price for it they please, and to give what Price they please, for what we have in Exchange for them.

We crave Pardon for trespassing so long on your royal Time, and Leave to subscribe ourselves, as we sincerely are,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most humble,

Most dutiful and most loyal Subjects.

And the said Representation being accordingly signed by the Members of this House,

Ordered, That the Clerk carry two of the said Copies to the President, and desire him, that he will be pleased to transmit one, to one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and the other to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

Ordered, That the Speaker transmit the other two by the first next Conveyances, either directly, or by Way of *Boston*, to the Gentlemen in *London*, who shall be appointed and desired, either by themselves or by other proper Persons to be employed by them, to make suitable and vigilant Solicitations, that the said Representation may have its desired Effect.

Resolved, That Messieurs *Samuel Baker*, *George Streatfield*, *Samuel Storks*, *Richard Janeway*, *Joseph Low* and *Rodrigo Pacheco*, be by an Act, authorized and impowered, to make or cause such Solicitations to be made against such Monopoly, in Case the same should again be attempted, since the Consequence thereof, would prove the utmost Prejudice to this Colony and its Navigation.

Ordered, That the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, and the County of *Westchester*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly,

But the House being sensible, That such Solicitation and Applications, will require Money to defray the Expence, which will necessarily attend it; and considering that none can readily be procured, but out of that which stands appropriated for the Support of his Majesty's Government here; and it appearing that there is a large Ballance due thereon, in Favour of this Colony, more than the Salaries and contingent Charge do amount to;

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, one of the above-mentioned Members, desire his Honour the President, and the Gentlemen of the Council, to approve and agree, That so much may be imployed out of the said Fund, as will purchase a Bill of Exchange, for the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, Sterling, the same being intended for a Service, tending solely for the Benefit of this Government and Colony.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1731.

COL. *Matthews* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and some other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange, *&c.* That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1731.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, that they had agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendment, *to wit*, The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; and also the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned.*

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Hero Ellis, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots, and to establish their Pilotage between* Sandy-Hook, *and the Port of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 16, 1731.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and some other Parts contiguous thereto in the County of* Orange; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Mathews* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 17, 1731.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Philipse* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to explain Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal some Parts, and to continue and inforce other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and for granting several Duties to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* September 1728, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 17, 1731.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to explain Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal some Part, and to continue and inforce other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and for granting several Duties to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* September 1728, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733; was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 18, 1731.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Hero Ellis, Theunis Visser, Anna D. Havielle, *and* Philippus Langerbeen; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to explain Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal some Parts, and to continue and inforce other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and for granting several Duties to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* September, 1728, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston*, have Leave to go home upon extraordinary Occasions.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1731.

ON a Message from the Council, by the Deputy Clerk of that Board, desiring that a Committee of this House, may be appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, to confer on the subject Matter of a Resolve and Order of this House, the 15th Instant;

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Capt. *Rutgers*; Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Gaasbeck*, and Col. *Philipse*, or any five of them, be a Committee, to meet a Committee of the Council accordingly, at the House of Mr. *Robert Todd*, this Evening at six of the Clock; and that the Clerk of this House, acquaint the Gentlemen of the Council therewith.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to support the Troops at* Oswego, *and to regulate the* Indian *Trade there*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Samuel Baker, *and others, to imploy proper Persons for the Service of this Colony, and to oppose whatever might be attempted in its Prejudice or Ruin, at the Court or in the Parliament of* Great-Britain.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 20, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 21, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1731.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *De Lancey*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and some other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange; without any Amendment.

He also brought a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots, and to establish their Pilotage between* Sandy Hook, *and the Port of* New-York; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House taking the said Amendments into Consideration, they were twice read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* do carry the said Bill to the Council and acquaint them, the House do agree to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added two Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauses, be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Samuel Baker, *and others, to employ proper Persons for the Service of this Colony, and to oppose whatever might be attempted to its Prejudice or Ruin, at the Court, or in the Parliament of* Great-Britain; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 22, 1731.

MR. *Gerritsen* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to impower* Samuel Baker, *and others, to imploy proper Persons for the Service of this Colony, and to oppose whatever might be attempted to its Prejudice or Ruin, at the Court, or in the Parliament of*

of Great-Britain; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made some Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 23, 1731.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Samuel Baker, *and others, to employ proper Persons for the Service of this Colony, at the Court, or in the Parliament of* Great-Britain; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Upon a Motion made, the Petition of *Andrew Law*, junr. presented to this House the third Instant, was considered, and after some Debate therein, it was

Ordered, That in Consideration of his present Circumstances, and that above One Hundred of the principal Inhabitants of the East-ward, have recommended his Case to the Compassion of the General Assembly, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for his Enlargement, on the following Conditions.

That he surrender all his Estate upon the Oaths of himself and his Wife, saving in Houshold Goods, and Apparel, not exceeding the Value of *Twenty Pounds*.

That the Estate so to be surrendered, shall be sold to the best Advantage, by the Person or Persons to be appointed in such Bill, and the Produce employed and paid to the Treasurer, towards discharging what has been employed or imbezzelled by the said Law, out of the Taxes received by him.

Upon his complying with the above Conditions, he shall be absolutely acquitted and discharged from any public Demands of the said East-ward, for, or by Reason of his having been Collector for the same.

That the Persons to be appointed, do collect what shall appear to be uncollected of the said Taxes; and if Persons, not marked, be paid in the Tax Rolls, have not taken, or do not produce Receipts, their Oath of the Payment shall be allowed.

What is so collected and gathered, is to be distinguished how much belongs to each Tax Roll, and paid to the Treasurer accordingly.

When the said uncollected Money is so received, it is to be added to the Produce of the surrendered Goods; and then an Account is to be stated how much remains due on each Tax, and delivered to the Mayor, Recorder, &c. who are in Years thereafter, to issue Warrants for assessing and collecting the same in the East-ward, as it was then circumscribed, in the same Manner as is directed by the Acts by Virtue of which those Taxes were laid; and the same is to be paid to the Treasurer as those Acts direct.

The above-named Persons, to be allowed the same Reward as is allowed in the Act; so likewise the Collectors that are to gather the Money, to be new raised.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *De Lancey*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to explain Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal some Parts, and to continue and inforce other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and for granting several Duties to his Majesty, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the first Day of* September, 1728, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733; without any Amendments.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Livingston*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to support the Troops at* Oswego, *and to regulate the* Indian *Trade there*; without any Amendments.

Col. *Beekman*, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Arrears of the several Taxes, for the Support of Government, due from the East-ward of the City of* New-York; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Gerritsen*, acquainted this House, that one *Margaret Westervelt*, of *Flatlands*, in *King's* County, has no other Way of maintaining and subsisting herself, and her Husband, *Abraham Westervelt*, and her Mother, but by peddling on Foot with small Wares, in the said County, and in the Western Parts of *Queen's* County, called *New-Jamaica*; and that she being unable to pay the Duty or Tax laid on Pedlers, by a Law of this Colony, humbly prayed she might be permitted to peddle with small Wares, in the Places above mentioned, for the Support of herself, her Husband, and Mother, without paying the Duty or Tax aforesaid.

Resolved, That in Case his Honour the President, and the Gentlemen of the Council, do agree to, and concur therein, that the said *Margret Westervelt*, shall, and may peddle with small Wares on Foot, in the above-mentioned Places, free from the said Tax or Duty, from the Date hereof, during the Law above-mentioned, entitled, *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*; passed in the third Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 24, 1731.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Arrears of the several Taxes, for the Support of Government, due from the East-ward of the City of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 24, 1731.

COL. *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the levying and collecting the Arrears of the several Taxes for the Support of the Government, due from the East-ward of the City of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, and made several Amendments, and added several Clauses to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauses, be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 25, 1731.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering his Estate in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time, and a Clause being added thereto on the Table;

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That the seven Tax Rolls, with the Warrants thereunto annexed, directed to *Andrew Law*, jun. and which are now in the House, be returned to Col. *Philipse*, (in whose Custody they have been for some Time) and by him, to be delivered to *David Van Brugh*, after the above-mentioned Act is published, he giving a particular and proper Receipt for the same.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 27, 1731.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk return to the President, the several Letters and Papers, he has been pleased to communicate to the House, this Session.

Ordered, That the said Clerk deliver back to the Speaker, the several Letters he has received from, and wrote to *Peter Le Heup*, Esq; late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 27, 1731.

THE House met, and adjourned till 11 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Martis, 11 ho. A. M. Sept. 28, 1731.

Resolved,

THE President be addressed, that a Warrant may be issued in Council, on the Treasurer, for the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds*

Pounds, payable out of the Fund for ſupporting this Government, unto *Gabriel Ludlow*, for the Uſe of himſelf, and the Perſons hereunder-mentioned.

That is to ſay, For the Uſe of the ſaid *Ludlow*, for extraordinary Services during this Seſſion, the Sum of - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - £. 5 0 0

For the Uſe of *Derick Egberts*, for white-waſhing the Aſſembly Chamber, and Lobby, and for removing Tables and Chairs, to Freſh Water, and back again to this Houſe, the Sum of - - - 4 0 0

For the Uſe of *Robert Crannel*, for his Attendance as Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe until this Time, the Sum of - - - - - - - - - - 4 0 0

And for the Uſe of *Abraham Lodge*, for engroſſing four Repreſentations to his Majeſty, the Sum of - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - £. 3 0 0

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1731.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1731.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Livingſton*, That they had agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendments, *to wit.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and releaſe* Andrew Law, *jun. upon ſurrendering his Eſtate in the Manner, and for the Uſe therein-mentioned*; and,

That they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Samuel Baker, *and others, to imploy proper Perſons for the Service of this Colony, at the Court, or in the Parliament of* Great-Britain; without any Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1731.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler*, brought from the Preſident, a Letter from the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, at *Albany*; as alſo a Minute of their Meeting, dated the 25th Inſt. importing, that the *French*, with about eighty Men, had built a Fort, and incloſed it with Stockadoes, at the *Crown Point*, on the South End of *Corlar*'s Lake, near the Carrying Place above *Saratoga*: That they had alſo built a Houſe of forty Feet, and were buſy to erect two more there, and that the Perſons who brought this Account, did add, that they were credibly informed in *Canada*, that the *French* deſigned to incloſe the ſaid Fort, and Buildings, with a Stone Wall, next Spring; and that they poſitively deſigned to go up at the ſame Time with 200 Men, to *Fiederodequat*, lying on the South Side of *Cadaraqua* Lake, above *Oſwego*, near the *Seneka*'s Country, in order to ſtop the *Engliſh* Trade at *Oſwego*.

The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, are juſtly apprehenſive that if thoſe Attempts and Encroachments are not prevented, they may prove of the laſt Conſequence, not only to this Colony, but alſo to ſeveral other of his Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent. In as much as the *French* can march from *Crown Point*, in three Days to *Albany* itſelf, (whereby the Frontiers would be extreamly expoſed) in Caſe a Rupture ſhould happen between that Crown and *Great-Britain*, and in the mean while, they may at *Fiederondequat*, obſtruct the Beaver and Fur Trade at *Oſwego*, which has been acquired there at a vaſt Expence; and therefore came to the following Reſolutions, *to wit.*

Reſolved, That the Preſident be addreſſed (as the Houſe hereby humbly do) to repreſent theſe Attempts of Encroachments, of the *French*, and the fatal Conſequences the ſame may be attended with, unto his Majeſty, or his Miniſters of State, in order to obtain ſuch Relief and Directions therein, as to his ſaid Majeſty, in his great Wiſdom, ſhall ſeem meet.

Reſolved, That his Honour be likewiſe addreſſed, that the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, at *Albany*, be directed to employ proper Perſons, and ſuch as have an Intereſt among the Six Nations, particularly among the *Senekas*, to diſpoſe them, to prevent the *French* from annoying them, or obſtructing our Trade with the *Indians*, either at *Fiederondequat*, or at any other Place in the Countries belonging to them: And that the Charge attending that Service, be defrayed out of the Money appropriated for the Support of this Government.

Reſolved, That his Honour be further addreſſed, that he will be pleaſed to ſend Copies of the above-mentioned Letter, and Minute, to the Governor of *Connecticut*, the *Maſſachuſetts*, and *Pennſylvania*, in as much as the aforeſaid Attempts, may affect them likewiſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk return the ſaid Letter, and Minute, to the Preſident.

A Meſſage from the Preſident, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Preſident, requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber, immediately.

The Speaker, and the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that his Honour had been pleaſed, in Preſence of this Houſe, to give his Aſſent to the nine following Acts, paſſed this Seſſions, and that the ſame were accordingly publiſhed at the City-Hall, in the uſual Manner, *That is to ſay*,

1. *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Safety and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned.*
2. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring ſhrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*
3. *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots, and to eſtabliſh their Pilotage between* Sandy Hook, *and the Port of* New-York.
4. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Tappan, *and ſome other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange.
5. *An* Act, *to explain ſome Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal ſome Parts, and to continue and inforce other Parts of the Act therein-mentioned; and for granting ſeveral Duties to his Majeſty, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *from the firſt Day of* September, 1728, *until the firſt Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1733.
6. *An* Act, *to ſupport the Troops at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the* Indian *Trade there.*
7. *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany.
8. *An* Act, *to impower* Samuel Baker, *and others, to imploy proper Perſons for the Service of this Colony, at the Court, or in the Parliament of* Great-Britain. And,

9. *An*

9. *An Act, to inlarge and releaſe* Andrew Law, *jun. upon ſurrendering his Eſtate in the Manner, and for the Uſe thereinmentioned.*

The Speaker likewiſe acquainted the Houſe, that the Preſident had made a Speech to them, of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy; which was ordered to be read, and is in the Words following.

Gentlemen,

AS I have now given my Aſſent to ſuch Laws, as, at this Time, ſeemed to be of abſolute Neceſſity for the Welfare of this Province, ſo I have conſidered, that by Reaſon of the Diſtemper (I mean the Small-Pox) now ſpread amongſt us, which has hindred ſome of the Members of the General Aſſembly, to meet this Seſſion; and cauſed others that were met, to deſire Leave to withdraw; you would be glad of a Receſs, have therefore thought fit, by, and with the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to direct the General Aſſembly, to adjourn themſelves until the ſecond Tueſday *in* December *next enſuing*, Annoq; Dom. 1731.

New-York, 30*th* of September, 1731. RIP VAN DAM.

Then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe, until the ſecond *Tueſday* in *December* next, and the Houſe was accordingly adjourned to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *December* next enſuing.

[Here begins the 6th of *George* the ſecond.]

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 9, 1732.

THE General Aſſembly having adjourned itſelf on the 30th of *September* laſt, until the ſecond *Tueſday* in *December* then next enſuing, the ſame was by ſeveral Proclamations of the Honourable *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; (then Preſident of his Majeſty's Council for this Colony) from Time to Time, further adjourned until the third of this Inſtant *Auguſt*; and his Excellency, *William Coſby*, Eſq; arriving at *New-York*, on the firſt Day of the ſaid Month, with his Majeſty's Letters Patent, conſtituting him Captain General, and Governor in Chief, of this Colony, did, by his Proclamation, iſſued in Council, on the third of *Auguſt*, further adjourn the ſaid Aſſembly until *Tueſday* the eighth following: And by another Proclamation, dated the eighth Day of *Auguſt*, prorogue the ſame until this Day; and 14 Members being, in purſuance thereof, met at the Aſſembly Chamber, in the City of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be prepared, to congratulate his Excellency on his ſafe Arrival in this Colony, and to return him the Thanks of this Houſe, for his generous Aſſiſtance to oppoſe the Attempts of the Sugar Iſlands; and that the Members for *New-York*, prepare the Draught of ſuch an Addreſs accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, and Capt. *Rutgers*, wait on his Excellency, to acquaint him that this Houſe are met, in order to proceed on Buſineſs; and that they intend to adjourn till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 10, 1732.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and informed the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech to them; of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy; and being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

'WHEN his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to appoint me Governor of this Province, I intend-
'ed to embark early in the Spring; but upon the Appli-
'cation of your Agents, I quitted that Reſolution, in
'order to give the beſt Aſſiſtance I was able, towards
'defeating the Bill then depending in Parliament, in
'Favour of the Sugar Iſlands: What Succeſs it has had,
'you very well know.

Gentlemen,

'I am extreamly pleaſed to ſee you ſo ſoon in Aſſembly,
'after my Arrival; the Seaſon of the Year, and Exigence
'of Affairs, requiring not only a ſpeedy Application, but
'your utmoſt Attention; and I do not in the leaſt doubt
'but you are met together determined to ſupport his
'Majeſty's Government, by ſettling upon him a Re-
'venue, in as full and ample a Manner, and at leaſt, for
'as long a Time as you, or any former Aſſemblies have
'at any Time given it; and to make ſuch Proviſion for
'the Maintenance of the Garriſon of *Oſwego*, and for the
'Repairs of that Place, as well as the Reſt of the Garri-
'ſons, as their ruinous Condition requires. This will
'encourage the Soldiers to do their Duty cheartully, give
'the five Nations a full Aſſurance of Protection, and
'make your Trade more extenſive amongſt the remote
'*Indians*, and in all Things, anſwer the End to which
'it is deſigned: Thoſe Things his Majeſty, the beſt of
'Kings, whoſe univerſal Care of his Subjects, he makes
'his greateſt Glory, thinks, for your own Sakes, you
'ſhould do; therefore expects it from this Aſſembly, of
'whoſe Loyalty, and dutiful Affection to his Perſon and
'Government, he is fully ſatisfied.

Gentlemen,

'I am commanded to aſſure you of his Majeſty's Pro-
'tection in your Religion, and all your juſt Rights and
'Liberties, and of his gracious Inclination to encourage
'your Trade, on which the Strength and Proſperity of
'the Province, does in a great Meaſure depend. If any
'new Laws are neceſſary for the Encouragement and
'enlarging of your Trade, in any of its Branches, you may
'depend upon my concurring with you; and if there be
'any Thing wanting to make you a flouriſhing and happy
'People, you may be aſſured I will uſe my utmoſt Power
'and Intereſt, to ſerve you.

Auguſt the 10th, 1732. *W. COSBY.*

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech, be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes, and other Proceedings of this Houſe, be printed, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's Speech, into Conſideration, on *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 11, 1732.

MR. *De Lancey*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Addreſs of this Houſe, to his Excellency, preſented a Draught thereof accordingly; which being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be ingroſſed.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, preſented to the Houſe, an Account of Meſſieurs *John De Peyſter*, and *John Schuyler*, Commiſſioners of the Duties on Strouds and Rum, for the Support of *Oſwego*, where it appears, that the Duty of thoſe Goods entred before them from *October*, to the 29th of *July* laſt paſt, amounted to *Five Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds*, *Twelve Shillings*, and *Ten Pence Half-penny*.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the electing a Member to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for the Borough of *Weſt Cheſter*, in the Room of *Gilbert Willet*, Eſq; deceaſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Mathews* have Leave to go home on extraordinary Occaſion.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 11, 1732.

THE Speaker, from the Chair, communicated to the Houſe, the following Letters, relating to the Affairs of this Colony, which he had received ſince the laſt Adjournment, *viz.*

Three from Mr. *Le Heup*, late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*; dated the 6th of *Auguſt*, the 7th of *January*, and the 2d of *March* laſt paſt.

One from Captain *Fayrer Hall*; dated the 20th of *July*, 1731.

Two from Mr. *Richard Patridge*, dated the 27th of *November* following, and the 2d of *May* laſt.

And, another from Mr. *Rodrigo Pacheco*, dated the 14th of *February* laſt, with a Poſtſcript of the 18th ditto.

He likewiſe communicated to the Houſe, Copies of the Anſwers to theſe Letters, and of what himſelf, and Mr. *De Lancey*, had wrote to Mr. *Samuel Baker*, and the other Gentlemen appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, to oppoſe the Attempts of the Sugar Iſlands; the Dates whereof are, *viz.*

Two to Mr. *Le Heup*; dated the 6th of *November*, and the 13th of *May laſt*.

One to Capt. Hall; dated the 6th of *November* laſt.

One to Mr. *Patridge*, of the ſame Date.

One to Mr. *Pacheco*; dated the 13th of *May* laſt. And,

One from Mr. *De Lancey*, and himſelf, and Mr. *Baker* and Company; dated the 6th of *November* laſt; at which Time they tranſmitted to thoſe Gentlemen, a Bill of Exchange for *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, Sterling, purſuant to the ſaid Act, and for the Uſe and Purpoſe therein-mentioned.

And the ſaid Letters, and Copies, being ſeverally read,

Ordered, That the Thanks of the Houſe, be given to the Speaker, for his having ſo fully expreſſed the Sentiments and Inclinations of this Houſe, in the Behalf of the Colony; and that he, and Mr. *De Lancey*, be thanked in a particular Manner, for their ſaid Remittance to the Gentlemen above-mentioned; for their giving them ſuch full and ample Inſtructions; and for their having therein ſo clearly ſet forth, that if the Sugar Planters ſhould ſucceed in their Attempt, it would prove of the laſt Conſequence to this, and all the other *Britiſh* Colonies on the Continent of *America*, and at the ſame Time, conſiderably diminiſh the Navigation of *Great-Britain*, and the Conſumption of its Manufactures.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters and Copies, lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members of the Houſe.

The Speaker laid alſo before the Houſe, ſeveral printed Papers, ſent to him by Capt. *Holland*, by Mr. *Pacheco*, *to wit*. Several Caſes, as well of the Sugar Iſlands, as of the Northern Colonies, particularly of *New-York*, *Virginia*, *Rhode-Iſland*, *Providence* Plantation, and *New-Jerſey*. And likewiſe a Copy of the Sugar Bill, as it had paſſed the honourable Houſe of Commons, in their two laſt Seſſions; and ſeveral other principal Papers, and Pamphlets, for and againſt the ſaid Bill; as alſo the following Papers, tranſmitted to him by Mr. *Patridge*, with his ſaid laſt Letter, *viz.* Copy of a Report, relating to the Plantations, from the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, to the Honourable the Commiſſioners of *Great-Britain*, in Parliament aſſembled; dated the 15th of *February* laſt. And an Act of Parliament, relating to Hats, and Hat or Felt-makers in the Plantations.

And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers and Report, lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered, That at the Cloſe of this Seſſion, the Letters, Copies, Papers, and Report before-mentioned, be returned to the Speaker.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 12, 1732.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer of this Colony, lay before this Houſe, on *Thurſday* next, the following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account of what has been paid into the Treaſury, on the Tax upon Wigs, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of victualing his Majeſty's Troops poſted at* Oſwego, *and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; ſince he delivered his laſt Account thereof to this Houſe.

An Account for how much and to whom the Exciſe has been let to Farm, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony, from the firſt Day of *November* laſt, until *primo November* next enſuing.

An Account how much has ariſen by the Act, for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, and of what he has paid thereon, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account thereof, until the firſt Day of this inſtant *Auguſt*.

And an Account how much has ariſen from and to the ſame Time, by Virtue of an Act, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, lay before this Houſe, on *Thurſday* next, a Liſt of Warrants iſſued in Council, for ſupport of his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *September* laſt, until the firſt Day of this Inſtant.

Ordered, That the Weigh Maſter, lay before this Houſe, on *Thurſday* next, an Account of what has ariſen for weighing, at the Weigh-Houſe in the City of *New-York*, from the Time he delivered his laſt Account thereof to this Houſe, until the firſt Day of this inſtant *Auguſt*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, deliver the aforeſaid Orders unto the reſpective Officers above-mentioned.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Major *Plat* and Col. *Philipſe*, or any two of them, be a Committee, to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued; as likewiſe what new Acts they ſhall judge proper to be made, for the Benefit of this Colony and the Inhabitants thereof.

The engroſſed Addreſs of this Houſe to his Excellency, being read, was agreed unto by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as follows:

To his Excellency *William Coſby*, Eſq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of *New-York*, *New-Jerſey*, and Territories depending thereon in *America*, and Vice Admiral of the ſame, and Colonel in his Majeſty's Army, *&c.*

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly for the Colony of *New-York*.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE *his Majeſty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the General Aſſembly of this Colony, receive a double Pleaſure and Satisfaction in your coming to govern it, at a Time, when we have ſo early an Opportunity to congratulate you on the ſafe Arrival of your Excellency, your Lady and Family, among us; which we humbly beg Leave to do, in the moſt ſincere and reſpectful Manner, as well in Behalf of ourſelves, as of the People, whom we have the Honour to repreſent.*

And ſince your Excellency is choſen for this high Station, by the ſame royal Maſter that appointed your immediate Predeceſſor, and that both of you prefered the Government of this Colony, before that of another; we have juſt Cauſe to hope and believe, that the ſame mild Adminiſtration over us, and the Rights, Liberties and Properties of the People, which we had the Happineſs to enjoy under him, will be continued and ſecured to them, according to the illuſtrious Example of our gracious Sovereign, who places his chiefeſt Glory in the Happineſs of his Subjects.

We beg Leave, moſt gratefully to return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your vigilant and generous Aſſiſtance in England, *to oppoſe an Attempt of the Sugar Iſlands, which (if it had taken Effect) muſt not only have proved of the utmoſt Prejudice to this Colony, and diſabled it to ſupport his Majeſty's Government here, in an honourable Manner, but likewiſe have conſiderably decreaſed the Navigation of* Great-Britain, *and diminiſhed the Conſumption of its Manufactures.*

On our Part, we beg Leave to aſſure your Excellency, that we ſhall chearfully contribute every reaſonble Thing in our Power to make your Adminiſtration eaſy, whilſt we ſhall have the Honour to be under it.

We embrace this Opportunity to return your Excellency, our hearty Thanks for your favourable Speech, and beg Leave to aſſure you, that the ſeveral Matters therein recommended to us, ſhall in the Courſe of our Proceedings have their due Weight, ſo far as the Circumſtances of the Colony will reaſonably allow; for we are met together, with a real Diſpoſition to have equally at Heart the Services of his Majeſty, and the Intereſt of our Country.

And we do in a more particular Manner, return your Excellency our ſincere Thanks, for the obliging Aſſurances you have been pleaſed to give from his Majeſty, not only of his royal Protection in our Religion, and in all our juſt Rights and Liberties, but alſo of his gracious Inclination to encourage our Trade; and for your Aſſurance to concur in any new Laws, that may be neceſſary for Enlarging and Encouraging the ſame, and for making us a flouriſhing and happy People, as we have good Reaſon to hope you'll do, in all other Lawful

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that may tend to the Welfare of this Colony, and the Benefit of its Inhabitants.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the said Address in Behalf of the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* and Major *Rensselaer*, wait on his Excellency, to know when he will be attended by this House, with their Address.

Col. *Philipse* reported, that he and Major *Rensselaer*, having for that Purpose been at the Fort, were informed his Excellency was gone over to *Nutten-Island*, and intended to be back by One o'Clock.

Resolved, That this House will wait on Excellency, at One o'Clock this Afternoon, with their said Address.

Resolved, That the Speaker, and eleven Members, have Power to adjourn the House, during this Session.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 14, 1732.

THE Speaker from the Chair, reported that the House and himself, having (according to Order) waited upon his Excellency on *Saturday* last, with the Address of this House; he had read and presented the same to him: That his Excellency had been pleased to receive it very favourably, and to give the following Answer thereto.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for your Address, in which you express so much Duty and Loyalty to the King.

I again take this Occasion of telling you, that his Majesty has ordered me to take Care to preserve you, your just Rights and Liberties; in Return, I expect you will comply with what I have demanded for the Support of his Goverment, as well as for your own Honour and Safety of the Province.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Aug. 14, 1732.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in, to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony; and that Col. *Philipse* and Major *Rensselaer*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 15, 1732.

MAJOR *Rensselaer* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Aug. 15, 1732.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 16, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And after some Time spent therein, Col. *Beekman*, reported from the said Committee, That they had come to the following Resolution, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same was again read, and unanimously approved of by the whole House; and is as follows, *to wit*.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Act for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, passed in the Year 1728, be repealed; and that from the Time of such Repeal, an ample and honourable further Support, be given and granted to his Majesty, until the first Day of *September*, which will be in the Year 1737; that out of these Supports be cancelled, the remaining Bills of Credit, to the Value of 5000 Ounces of Plate, struck and issued for Suport of Government in the Year 1720; that if any Deficiency happen in the Support, at or before the said first Day of *September* 1737, this House will make the same good; and that whatever Overplus may happen therein, shall be imployed towards a future Support of this Government.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Aug. 16, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 17, 1732.

LEWIS Morris, jun. Esq; presented to this House, an Indenture, that he was duly elected and returned to serve in this Assembly, for the Borough of *Westchester*.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* and Col. *Philipse*, do wait on his Excellency, with Mr. *Lewis Morris*, and desire he may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*; *and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, and added a Clause to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Aug. 17, 1732.

COL. *Philipse* reported, That he and Col. *Willet*, had seen Mr. *Lewis Morris*, jun. take the Oaths, *&c.* according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lewis Morris*, jun. take his Place accordingly.

The Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House, the following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account of what Money has been paid into the Treasury, on Account of the Wig Tax, since his last Account delivered to the General Assembly; amounting to *Nine Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Five-pence.*

An Account to whom and for what the Excise has been let to Farm throughout this Colony, from the first Day of *November* 1731, to the first Day of *November* 1732; amounting to *One Thousand* and *Twelve Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Six-pence.*

An Account of what Money he had received from the several Hawkers and Pedlers, since his last Account delivered to this House, dated the 7th of *September* 1731; amounting to *Twenty Five Pounds.*

And, an Account how much the Duties, and other Money appropriated, for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, has amounted to, from the first Day of *September* last, until the first Day of this Instant *August*; and an Account how much he has paid thereon, during the same Time, by which there appears a Ballance of *Four Thousand, Two Hundred* and *Seventy Pounds, Ten Shillings* and *Five-pence Three-farthings*, in Favour of the Colony, out of which the Commission allowed to him is to be deducted, as likewise some Warrants already issued.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council (according to Order) laid before this House, a List of Warrants drawn in Council, from the

the firſt Day of *September* 1731, until the firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1732; amounting to *Three Thouſand, Seven Hundred* and *Seventy Eight Pounds, Nineteen Shillings* and *Nine-pence Half-penny*.

The Deputy Weigh Maſter (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, an Account of the Amount of Cocoa, weighed at his Majeſty's Weigh-Houſe in *New-York*, beginning the ſeventh of *September* 1731, and ending the firſt of *Auguſt* 1732; amounting to *Four Pounds, Three Shillings* and *Eight-pence Farthing*.

The Petition of *Maria Veldtman*, Widow, in Behalf of herſelf, and her three Children, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave a Bill may be brought in, for naturalizing the Petitioner, and her ſaid three Children.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 18, 1732.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Upon a Motion made, That the Houſe ought to be informed, what Perſons are in Arrear of the Duties, appropriated for Support of Government, in Order that proper Meaſures may be taken for the ſpeedy Recovery thereof;

Ordered, That the Treaſurer, by Advertiſements to be affixed by him, in the moſt uſual and publick Places, give Notice and Warning to all ſuch as are ſo in Arrear for Duties, beyond the Time allowed by Law, and do not ſpeedily pay it into the Treaſury, they muſt expect to be proſecuted for the ſame, without further Forbearance.

Mr. *Hume*, Adminiſtrator to his late Excellency *John Montgomerie*, Eſq; preſented to this Houſe a Liſt of ſundry Accounts, furniſhed and engaged by him for the Uſe of *Oſwego*; amounting to *One Hundred* and *Twenty Four Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *One Penny Half-penny*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take into Conſideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to *Oſwego*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 18, 1732.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That Capt. *Jacob Glen*, had by Direction and in Behalf of Capt. *John De Peyſter*, Capt. *John Schuyler* and Capt. *John Juryan Caſt*, undertaken to victual his Majeſty's Troops at *Oſwego*, in the ſame Manner, as *Harmanus Wendel*, deceaſed, had done; and to furfurniſh and perform, at their own Coſt and Charge all the other Matters and Services, which the ſaid Mr. *Wendel* was obliged to do, for the Term of three Years, to commence the firſt Day of *November* next, after the Rate of *Four Hundred* and *Fifty Six Pounds, per Annum*, payable Half yearly, out of the Funds to be provided for that Purpoſe.

Which Report being read, was approved of by the Houſe, and by the ſaid Capt. *Glen*, for and in Behalf of the three Perſons above-named; And thereupon an Agreement was concluded and confirmed accordingly.

Col. *Beekman* reported further, That the Committee deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, To-morrow, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 19, 1732.

THE Petition of *John Peter Zenger*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that he is indebted to the Publick *Forty Seven Pounds*; That Half of it is due from the Ward, which he was late Collector of, and that if he could be free from Arreſts by an Act for two Years, he ſhould be in a Capacity to ſatisfy the Publick; therefore humbly pray'd this Houſe, to take the Premiſſes into their ſerious Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Relief, as in their great Wiſdom they ſhould think proper.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to *Oſwego*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 20, 1732.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 20, 1732.

A Bill (according to Leave) entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Maria Veldtman, *and her three Children therein-named*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Matthews* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating, laying-out and repairing of Highways in thoſe Parts of the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulſter, *which lie to the Northward and Weſtward of the* Highlands, *and to the Southward of the Townſhip of the* New Plats *and of* Showangnuck Hills, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 21, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Maria Veldtman, *and her three Children therein-named*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, Col. *Philipſe*, Col. *Morris* and Mr. *Garritſen*, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating, laying-out, and repairing of Highways in thoſe Parts of the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulſter, *which lie to the Northward and Weſtward of the* Highlands, *and to the Southward of the Townſhip of the* New Plats *and of the* Showangnuck Hills, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Haring*, Col. *Matthews*, Col. *Gaaſbeck*, Col. *Morris*, Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Capt. *Rutgers* and Capt. *Pawling*, or any four of them.

The Speaker from the Chair, communicated to the Houſe, a Letter from Mr. *Richard Patridge*, dated the 25th of *May*, with his Anſwer to an Objection, which may be made to the Agent of *New-Jerſey*, being at the ſame Time Agent for this Colony; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members, and at the Cloſe of this Seſſion, be returned to the Speaker.

Major *Plat* from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, &c. reported from the ſaid Committee, that an Act for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony, is expired.

An Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs, in the City and County of* Albany, *the County of* Weſtcheſter, *the County of* Suffolk, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, Richmond *County and* Orange *County*, is likewiſe expired.

An Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*, is near expired.

An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces, in the Province of* New-York, *and for providing Remedies for that Purpoſe, in Caſes not provided for by the ſaid Act*, is expired; and,

An Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*, is near expiring; which Report being read, was approved of by the Houſe; and it was thereupon

Ordered, That the Bill be brought in to revive the Act, entitled,

titled, *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*; and that the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the same.

That instead of the Act to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs, &c. a general Bill, to the same Purpose, for the whole Colony, be brought in. And,

That Col. *Hicks*, Major *Plat*, Mr. *Gerretsen*, Col. *Philipse*, and Major *Rensselaer*, prepare and bring in the same.

That a Bill be brought in to continue the above-mentioned Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act, for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, &c.* and that Col. *Willet*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Hutchinson*, and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, prepare and bring in the same.

That a Bill be brought in to revive the above-mentioned Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, *&c.* and that the Members last named, prepare and bring in the same.

And that a Bill be brought in to continue the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; and that the Members of the said County, prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, To-morrow.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 22, 1732.

THE Petition of *Thomas Braine*, Surgeon, was presented to the House, and read, praying Provision may be made for paying his Account and Disbursements of Drugs, Medicines, Grocery Ware, Instruments of Surgery, and other Things for his Majesty's Garrison at *Oswego*.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

Col. *Mathews* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for destroying of Wolves, in the County of* Albany, Dutchess *County, and* Orange *County*; *and for giving a further Reward for killing of Wolves in the said Counties*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Petition of *Johan Jacob*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to consider of the said Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, *Thursday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to *Oswego*.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 23, 1732.

MR. *Gerritsen*, (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Motion was made, That as many of the Fees, taken and exacted from the People in this Colony, by the several Officers, and by the Practitioners of the Law, within the same, are very exorbitant and unwarrantable, a proper Remedy ought to be provided to prevent such Oppression.

And the House being sensible that the general Cry of the People, gives just Cause for that Motion, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the same;

And after some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That they had come to the following Resolutions; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same was again read, and approved of by the House, and are as follow.

Resolved, That no Fees can, or ought to be exacted from the People, by any Officer or Practitioner of the Law whatsoever, in this Colony, but such as are, or shall be established by Consent in General Assembly.

Resolved, That a Bill be prepared to regulate and establish Fees, in this Colony, with a Table, or Catalogue of all the Fees to be allowed to the respective Officers, and to the Practitioners of the Law, proportionable to the several Services to be performed by them.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Morris*, Col. *Philipse*, Col. *Beekman*, Major *Plat*, and Major *Rensselaer*, or any five of them, be a Committee, to settle and regulate the said Fees; and then to prepare and bring in a Bill to establish the same.

The Petition of sundry Masters of Vessels, Shipwrights, Blockmakers, Smiths, and other Tradesmen, of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, praying, That in the Bill for settling a Revenue on his Majesty, for the Support of this Government, some Clause may be inserted, to lay a Duty of Tonnage on all Vessels trading to and from this Colony; Ships and Vessels belonging to the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, and all Vessels whereof the greatest Part belongs to the Inhabitants of this Colony, excepted.

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration by this House.

Col. *Philip Schuyler*, (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act, for settling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for destroying of Wolves in the County of* Albany, Dutchess *County, and* Orange *County*; *and for giving a further Reward for killing of Wolves in the said Counties*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster*, *Albany*, *Dutchess*, and *Orange*, or any seven of them.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 23, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 24, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act, for settling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *King's* County, *Queen's* County, *Richmond* County, and *Orange* County; or any five of them.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 24, 1732.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to *Oswego*.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 25, 1732.

COL. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repeal-*

ing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time thereinmentioned; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Col. *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 25, 1732.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Clark*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; without any Amendment.

Col. *Philipſe* preſented to this Houſe, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public High Roads, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 26, 1732.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *an* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Weſtcheſter*, and *Dutcheſs* Counties.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 28, 1732.

THE following Accounts of Diſburſements for *Oſwego*, were laid before the Houſe.

One from Mr. *Van Dam*, amounting to *Forty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings*, and *Ten pence Half penny*.

One from Mr. *Philip Livingſton*, of *Eighty Nine Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Three-pence*.

And one other of Mr. *Livingſton*, of *Seventy Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, when they ſhall take that Part thereof relating to *Oſwego*.

Col. *Hicks* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on fire, or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 29, 1732.

THE Petition of *Abraham Van Horne*, and *Mary*, his Wife, Executors of his late Excellency *William Burnet*, Eſq; deceaſed, and Guardians of his Children, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſhewing that his ſaid late Excellency, while Governor here, did advance in ready Money, the Sum of *Fifty Six Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Nine-pence Half-penny*, for Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, for the Support of the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, ſome ſhort Time before his Departure from this Province, as by an Account of the Particulars thereof, (ſworn by *John Haſkal*) thereunto annexed; and prayed this Houſe to take the ſaid Account into Conſideration, and to make Proviſion for the Payment thereof.

The Petition of *Charles Hume*, Adminiſtrator to the Eſtate of his late Excellency *John Montgomerie*, Eſq; deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the late Governor did, at ſeveral Times, and for the public Service of this Government, pay the ſeveral Sums, and to the ſeveral Perſons a Liſt thereunto annexed, praying that the Eſtate of Col. *Montgomerie*, may be reimburſed of all ſuch Sums as ſhall appear to have been paid for the Services aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, when they ſhall take that Part thereof into Conſideration, relating to *Oſwego*.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and Owners of Veſſels, Inhabitants of this City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying, that in a Bill for ſettling a Revenue on his Majeſty, for the Support of this his Government, a Clauſe may be inſerted to lay a Duty of Tonnage, on all Ships, and Veſſels, trading to and from this Colony; Ships and Veſſels belonging to the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, and other Veſſels, the greateſt Part whereof belongs to the Inhabitants of this Colony only, excepted.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Major *Plat* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, for reviving an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on fire, or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or any five of them.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, and Major *Renſſelaer*, laid before this Houſe, the three following Accounts, relating to *Oſwego*, *viz.* 1ſt, One Account of *Johannis Lanſing*, and Major *Renſſelaer*, to tranſport Captain *Butler*, and other Diſburſements, dated the 8th of *Auguſt*, 1732, *Nineteen Pounds, Nineteen Shillings*, and *Three-pence*. One from *Abraham Cuyler*, for an Expreſs from *Oſwego*, dated the 28th of *April*, 1732, *Four Pounds, Two Shillings*. And one for riding twelve Loads over the Carrying Place, by *Johan Joſt Petrie*, and three others, in the Year 1729, *Five Pounds, Eight Shillings*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, when they ſhall take that Part thereof into Conſideration, relating to *Oſwego*.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forts in the Province of* New-York, *and for providing Remedies for that Purpoſe, in Caſes not provided for in ſaid Act*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Gerretſen* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*; That they had gone through the Bill and made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Major *Plat* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the After-noon. *Die*

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 29, 1732.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 30, 1732.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Plat*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act, for deſtroying of Wolves, in the County of* Albany, Dutcheſs *County, and* Orange *County*; *and for giving a further Reward for killing of Wolves in the ſaid Counties*; That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, *and for providing Remedies for that Purpoſe, in Caſes not provided by the ſaid Act*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in the County of* Suffolk; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or any four of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 30, 1732.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces, in the Province of* New-York, *and providing Remedies for that Purpoſe, in Caſes not provided in the ſaid Act*; That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Col. *Morris* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy puniſhing and releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences in this Colony, under the Degree of grand Larcency*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Philipſe* preſented to the Houſe, an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, within the County of* Weſtcheſter, *as ſhall be charged in Execution, for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Coſt of Suit*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Willet* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 31, 1732.

THE Petition of *Hero Ellis*, and *Johannis Franciſcus Walter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before the Houſe.

Ordered, The ſame be refered to the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, *and for providing Remedies for that Purpoſe, in Caſes not provided in the ſaid Act*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lott* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col *Haring* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Hutchinſon* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways, in the County of* Suffolk; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 31, 1732.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on fire, or burning the old Graſs, on* Hempſtead Plains; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the ſame were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy puniſhing and releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences, in this Colony, under the Degree of grand Larceny*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1732.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on fire, or burning the old Graſs, on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves, in the County of* Albany, Ulſter *County*, Orange *County*, Dutcheſs *County, and County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, within the County of* Weſtcheſter, *as ſhall be charged in Execution, for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Coſts of Suit*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Capt. *Rutgers* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act of General Aſſembly, of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland of* Naſſau; *and for moderating ſome Rates of the former Ferriage*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 1, 1732.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act, of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act *for continuing an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ferry between the City of* New-York *and the Iſland* Naſſau, *and for moderating ſome Rates of the former Ferriage*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and the Members of the Iſland *Naſſau*.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That they having been on Ways and Means to make good the Reſolve of this Houſe, on the 16th of *Auguſt* laſt, to ſupport his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, until the firſt Day of *September*, which will be in the Year 1737; had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, for that Purpoſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the Houſe, and are as follow, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Act, for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government, paſſed in the Year 1728, ſhall be repealed on the firſt Day of *December* next enſuing.

Reſolved, That out of the Money ariſen or to ariſe by that Act, the Bills of Credit to the Value of 5000 Ounces of Plate, iſſued for the Support of Government, in the Year 1720, ſhall be cancelled and deſtroyed.

Reſolved, That all the Remainder of the Money, ſo ariſen or to ariſe as aforeſaid, ſhall be imployed to and for the Support of his Majeſty's Government, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Reſolved, That for the further making Good the Support of the ſaid Government, until the ſaid firſt Day of *September* 1737; there be given and granted to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, the following Duties and Impoſitions on the ſeveral Goods and Merchandizes here-under-mentioned, which ſhall be imported or manufactured in this Colony, from the ſaid firſt Day of *December* next enſuing, until the ſaid firſt Day of *September*, which will be in the Year 1737; *That is to ſay*,

For every Negro or other Slave, of four Years old and upwards, imported directly from *Africa*, five Ounces of *Seville*, Piller or *Mexico* Plate, or *Forty Shillings*, in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony.

For every Negro, Mulato or *Indian* Slave, of four Years old and upwards, from all other Places, *Four Pounds*, in like Money.

For every Pipe of Wine imported, the Sum of *Two Pounds Five Shillings*, in like Money; and in that Proportion for a greater or leſſer Quantity, and that no Abatement be made for prick'd Wine, nor any other Allowance than Ten *per Cent.* for Leakage, in Caſe the ſame are not fill'd up, either on board or a-ſhore, and that no Perſons be exempted from paying the ſaid Duty, on any Pretence whatſoever, except his Excellency, of Wines for his own Uſe.

For every Gallon of Shrub, Rum or other diſtilled Liquors imported, the Sum of *Two-pence Half-penny*, in like Money.

For every Gallon of Rum or other diſtilled Liquors, diſtilled wholly, or in Part, from Molaſſes, within this Colony; the Sum of *Two-pence Half-penny*, in like Money.

For all dry Goods, imported from the *Britiſh* Iſlands in the *Weſt-Indies*, *Five Pounds* in like Money, for every *Hundred Pounds* Value prime Coſt; and after that Rate, for a greater or leſſer Quantity.

For every hundred Weight of Cocoa imported, reckoning 112lb. to the Hundred, the Sum of *Four Shillings*, in like Money, and after that Rate for a greater or leſſer Quantity; to be computed from the reſpective Invoices; and if in *Dutch* Weight, to allow four *per Cent.*

Reſolved, That all the ſeveral Duties and Impoſitions abovementioned, ſhall be paid directly to the Treaſurer of this Colony.

Reſolved, That all the Money to ariſe thereby, as likewiſe the ſaid Remainder of the Support, granted in the Year 1728, ſhall be imployed and iſſued, to and for the Support of his Majeſty's Government in and over this Colony, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to theſe Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the Members of *New-York*, prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, reſolve in a Committee, on *Tueſday* next, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 4, 1732.

COL. *Gaaſbeck* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to build a Court Houſe and Goal in the ſaid County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to build a Court Houſe and Goal in the ſaid County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulſter* County, Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Haring*, Col. *Matthews* and Mr. *Livingſton*.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 5, 1732.

HIS Excellency was pleaſed to ſend to this Houſe, the humble Repreſentation of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, and the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, ſetting forth the defenceleſs State and Condition of that City and County, in Caſe of a Rupture with France; intreating his Excellency to recommend their naked and defenceleſs Condition to this Houſe, in the moſt preſſing Manner, to the End thoſe Frontiers may be put in a good Poſture of Defence, as well for the Security thereof, as to ſteddy the *Indians* in his Majeſty's Intereſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1732.

HIS Excellency having by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, ſent to this Houſe a large Parcel of counterfeited *Twenty Shilling* Bills of Credit, preſumed to have been printed in *Ireland*, with a Deſign to have them ſigned and iſſued here. But the Perſon guilty of that intended Fraud, being early detected in his villainous Deſign, abſconded, and ſoon after hanged himſelf on the Iſland *Naſſau*, and the ſaid Parcel of Bills being after found in a hollow Tree near *Jamaica*, were ſent to the then Governor in *May* 1723; and the Houſe conceiving it improper to have them remain undeſtroyed any longer,

Ordered, That Major *Renſſelaer*, Capt. *Hicks*, Capt. *Glen*, and ſome other Members, ſhould immediately burn the ſame; who returning, reported they had ſeen them burnt to Aſhes accordingly.

Capt. *Van Horne* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Beekman*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to conſider of his Excellency's Speech, That the had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 7, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 7, 1732.

COL. *Hicks* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Penning or Folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, upon* Hempstead Plains, which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 8, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Penning or Folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, upon* Hempstead Plains; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the Island *Nassau*.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 8, 1732.

COL. *Beekman* reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of his Excellency's Speech, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1732.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Penning or Folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, upon* Hempstead Plains, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clause be ingrossed.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews* have Leave to be absent upon extraordinary Occasions.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 11, 1732.

MR. *De Lancey* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the Act, and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, and to grant unto his Majesty several Duties for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1737; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *De Lancey*, also presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming unto the City of* New-York, *its Rights and Privileges*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 12, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the Act, and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, and to grant unto his Majesty several Duties for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1737; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *confirming unto the City of* New-York, *its Rights and Privileges*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Penning or Folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, Feeding on* Hempstead Plains; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy Punishing and Releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences in this Colony, under the Degree of Grand Larceny*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 12, 1732.

COL. *Beekman* reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to consider of his Excellency's Speech, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Petition of several Shoemakers, Tanners, Curriers, and other Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, whose Names were there-under subcribed, was presented to the House, and read, praying, an Act may pass this House, to prevent the Transportation of raw Hides out of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 13, 1732.

COL. *Beekman* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in* Dutchess *County, and for exchanging some of the Commissioners in the Neighbourhood of* Wisayeck, *called* Dover; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming unto the City of* New-York, *its Rights and Privileges*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating, laying-out, and repairing of Highways in those Parts of the Counties of* Orange *and* Ulster, *which lie to the Northward and Westward of the* Highlands, *and the Southward of the Township of the* New-Plats, *and of* Showangnuck Hills, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Body, and added sundry Clauses to the same, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of such Insolvent Debtors, within the County of* Westchester, *as shall be charged in Execution for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Cost of Suit*, was committed, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 13, 1732.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming unto the City of* New-York, *its Rights and Privileges*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 14, 1732.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy Puniſhing and Releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads, in* Dutcheſs *County, and for Exchanging ſome of the Commiſſioners, in the Neighbourhood of* Wiſayeck, *called* Dover; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Col. *Beekman*. Col. *Willet* and Capt. *Rutgers*, or any two of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 14, 1732.

COLONEL *Beekman* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed, his Excellency's Speech, That they had inſpected into the preſent State of the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, and according to the beſt Diſcoveries they were able to make, found all the Demands thereon at this Time, to ſtand thus, *viz.*

To the Executrix of *Hermanus Wendel*, for victualing the Troops to the firſt of *Auguſt* laſt, including a Warrant of *Two Hundred* and *Three Pounds*, already iſſued,	£. 406	0	0
To *Charles Kerr*, for a Year's Salary as Doctor,	40	0	0
To *David Schuyler*, for his Service as Commiſſary, during the trading Seaſon this Year,	50	0	0
To *Joſeph Clement*, for Shingling the ſaid Houſe, and other Services there,	60	0	0
To *Rip Van Dam*, Eſq; for eight Barrels of Pork, Rum, Sugar, *&c.* ſent for the Troops this Summer,	46	13	10 ½
To *Philip Livingſton*, Eſq; for building three Battoes, and ſending Meal, Peaſe, and other Neceſſaries for the ſaid Troops,	166	5	6
To *Johannis Lanſing* and *Jeremiah Renſſelaer*, for tranſporting Capt. *Butler*, to *Oſwego*, &c.	19	19	3
To *Abraham Cuyler*, paid an *Indian* for bringing a Letter from *Oſwego*,	4	8	0
To *Thomas Brain*, for an Account of *Ninety Two Pounds, Ten-pence Half-penny*, of which there has been provided in an Act, paſſed *Anno* 1729, the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings* and *Eight-pence*, beſides which allowed him now in full of ſaid Account,	16	13	4
To the Adminiſtrator of his late Excellency *John Montgomerie*, Eſq; for the Paſſage of Soldiers paid by him, *viz.*			
To *Coenradt Ten Eyck*, £.	7	17	3
To *Jeremiah Renſſelaer*, deceaſed,	2	2	0
To *Jacob Fiſher*,	2	2	0
	12	1	3
In all, £.	821	15	2 ½

That the Committee find on the other Hand, that the following Articles are appropriated for the Uſe of the ſaid trading Houſe, and therefore ought to be imployed for and towards the Diſcharge of the Demands above-mentioned, *viz.*

In the Hands of Meſſrs. *Bleeker, De Peyſter* and *Ten Broek*, whilſt Commiſſioners of the Duty received by them, as appears by their Account, *Two Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds, Ten Shillings*; out of which they paid to Mr. *Wendel*,		
So that there is ſtill to be made good by them,	£. 164	18
Out of which their Commiſſion was to be deducted	53	14
It appears alſo by their Accounts, that there was ſtanding out by Recognizances,		
Which they ſtill ſtand accountable for.	91	13

It appears likewiſe by an Account of Meſſrs. *Gaaſbeck, Livingſton, Peyſter, Hanſen, Cuyler* and *Ten Broek*, that they ſtill are accountable for *One Hundred and Twenty Three Pounds, Two Shillings and Eight-pence Farthing*, of Duties on *Indian* Goods, whilſt they farmed the ſame.

It appears alſo, that ſome Battoes, Bags, Paddles, Setting Poles, *&c.* made Uſe of by Mr. *Wendel*, has not been accounted for.

And that for the other Battoes, *&c.* which then remained, no Account has been rendered.

And they are of Opinion, that the Battoes, Bags, *&c.* now furniſhed, ought to be ſold for the Benefit of the ſaid trading Houſe.

That the uniſſued Money of the Wig Tax, ſhould be imployed for the ſame uſe.

And ſo likewiſe all the Duties ariſen or to ariſe, by the Act paſſed in 1731.

And, that upon the whole, the Committee had come to the following Reſolutions, *to wit*.

Reſolved, That the Particulars above-mentioned, ſhall be applied for and towards the Diſcharge and Demands aforeſaid, in the Courſe they are ſet down, and that what falls ſhort, ſhall be made good by a Tax to be laid on the Perſons, trading with *Indians* at *Oſwego*, or to the Weſtward thereof, as likewiſe to *Oneida, Cajouga, Tuſcarora, Onondaga* or *Seneka's*.

Reſolved, That the Duties impoſed by the ſaid Act, paſſed in the Year 1731, ſhall be continued until the firſt Day of *November* 1735; and that the ſame ſhall be imployed, for and towards the Victualing the Troops at *Oſwego*, and diſcharging all other Coſt, Charges and Incidents annually requiſite for ſupporting the ſaid Houſe and Troops, during the ſaid Time. *That is to ſay*,

To Meſſieurs *De Peyſter, Schuyler* and *Caſs*, for the Victualing according to Contract,	£.	456 00
To a Doctor, *per Annum*, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of		40 00
To Medicines for each Year, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of		10 00
For ſundry Incidents, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of		20 00
For a Commiſſary to regulate the Trade at *Oſwego*, during the trading Seaſon there, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of		50 00
	£.	576 00

Reſolved, That if the above-mentioned Allowances and all other Coſt and Charges, neceſſary to the Support of the ſaid Houſe and Troops, in a good and ſufficient Manner, may in any of the Years during the Time aforeſaid, exceed the annual Amount of the ſaid Duties, the ſame ſhall yearly and every Year, during the ſaid Time, be paid and made by a Tax on the Perſons trading with the *Indians* aforeſaid, in Proportion to the Trade each of them ſo carry on, in every one of the ſaid Years.

Which Report, he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame, as alſo the Reſolutions above-mentioned, were again read and agreed to, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared in purſuance of the Report and Reſolutions above-mentioned, and that the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, prepare and bring in the ſame; and that it be an Inſtruction to them, to inſert proper Clauſes to regulate the *Indian* Trade, and to prevent all Manner of Impoſitions on the *Indians*, by thoſe that Trade with them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 15, 1732.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, as ſhall be charged in Executing for Debts, not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Coſt of Suit, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Ulster; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Pawling* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1732.

COL. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in* Dutchess *County*; *and for altering some of the Commissioners in the Neighbourhood of* Wisayeck, *called* Dover; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1732.

COL. *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the Act, and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned; and to grant unto his Majesty several Duties, for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1737; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livingston*, have Leave to be absent.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Tuesday* next.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 19, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1732.

COL. *Gaasbeck* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, in* Ulster *County, to build a Court House, and Goal, for the said County*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added several Clauses to the same; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauses, be ingrossed.

Ordered, That *David Van Brugh*, lay before this House, To-morrow Morning, an Account how much he has received of the Effects of *Andrew Law*, jun. as also how much he has received of the Inhabitants of the East-ward, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering of his Estate, in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned.*

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 20, 1732.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in* Dutchess *County, and for altering some of the Commissioners in the Neighbourhood of* Wisayeck, *called Dover*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 21, 1732.

COL. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Maria Veldtman, *and her three Children, therein-named*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

David Van Brugh, attending (according to Order) was called in, and delivered to the House, the Account he was ordered Yesterday to bring in, whereby it appears, that he had collected in the East-ward of this City, of seven Tax Rolls, formerly directed to *Andrew Law*, jun. the Sum of *Three Hundred Thirty Four Pounds, Twelve Shillings*, and *One Penny Half-penny*.

And that the said *Ward* was still in Arrear, on the said Taxes, the Sum of *Two Hundred Ninety One Pounds, Seventeen Shillings*, and *Three-pence Half-penny*.

And that he had received of the Effects and Debts, of *Andrew Law, Twenty Seven Pounds, Three Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence Half-penny*; and that on Account of Goods sold at Vendue, there was still standing out, *Four Pounds, Twelve Shillings*.

And the said Mr. *Van Brugh* informing the House, that many of the Persons in arrear of the said Taxes, decline to pay the same, and others delay'd to do it, whilst he was impowered to demand and collect the said Arrears;

Ordered, That the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering of his Estate, in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned*; be so far revived as to impower and inable the said Mr. *Van Brugh*, effectually to receive and recover the said Arrears, or at least such Part thereof as is recoverable, for the Benefit of the said *Ward*.

Ordered, That the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1732.

MAJOR *Plat*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this Colony*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1732.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Maria Veldtman, Geertruyda Veldtman, Hendrick Veldtman, Hans Veldtman, Johan Jacob Ell, Hero Ellis, *and* Johannis Franciscus Walter; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 22, 1732.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *De Lancey*, That they had agreed to the four following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs.* The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in the County of* Suffolk. And the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the County of* Westchester.

And that they had also agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep, and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains; with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, within this*

this Colony; *and for paying the Sum of* Sixty Pounds, *unto* Richard Bradley, *Esq*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lot* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 23, 1732.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Alexander*, That they had agreed to the eight following Bills, without Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in the County of* Ulster.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences, under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the several Counties therein-mentioned.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the setting on fire, or burning the old Grass on* Hempstead Plains.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, *and for providing Remedies for that Purpose, in Cases not provided by the said Act.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out publick High Roads in* Dutchess *County*; *and for altering some of the Commissioners in the Neighbourhood of* Wisayeck, *called* Dover.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wolves, in the County of* Albany, Ulster *County*, Orange *County*, Dutchess *County, and County of* Westchester.

And also, The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming unto the City of* New-York, *its Rights and Privileges.*

And that they had likewise agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of such insolvent Debtors, as shall be charged in Execution, for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Costs of Suit, in the several Counties therein-mentioned*; with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to discharge the several Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego; *to support his Majesty's Forces posted there*; *to regulate the* Indian *Trade*; *to prevent Abuses in the same*; *and for other Purposes herein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 25, 1732.

COL. *Philipse* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences, in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering of his Estate in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to discharge the several Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego; *to support his Majesty's Troops posted there*; *to regulate the* Indian *Trade*; *to prevent Abuses in the same*; *and for other Purposes herein contained*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 26, 1732.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences, in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and County of *Westchester*, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and inforce an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering of his Estate in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and the County of *Westchester*, or any five of them.

The Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the City of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that an Act may pass this House, that no Person may build any Houses, or other Buildings, at less than fifty Yards Distance from the Outside of the Fortifications, intended to be built round this City.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Consideration of this House.

The House taking into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of such insolvent Debtors, within the County of* Westchester, *as shall be charged in Execution for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Cost of Suit*; which being twice read, were agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House do agree to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

The House also taking into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains; which being read, were disagreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House disagree to their Amendments, made to the said Bill.

The House having for a long Time, found that the Want of a Room for the Speaker to write, and private Committees, to meet in, has not only been a great Inconveniency to them, but likewise a great Hindrance in the Dispatch of public Business of the House; and having observed that, of the upper Part of the Stairs, opposite to the Assembly Chamber, no Manner of Use has been made for many Years past, do propose to build a Room there for the Use aforesaid, reserving a sufficient Headway in the lower Part of the said Stairs, so as that the same may remain as commodious as it now is; but conceiving it improper to make that Alteration, without the Approbation of the Corporation of the City of *New-York*;

Ordered, That Alderman *Philipse*, and Alderman *Rutgers*, desire the Mayor, and Commonalty of the said City, in common Council convened, to allow and consent that such a Room may be built in the Place abovementioned; and that when built, it may be, and remain for the sole Use of the Speaker, and the General Assembly of this Colony, for the Time being.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 26, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 27, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 27, 1732.

COL. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering of his Estate in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 28, 1732.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inable the Justices of the Peace, in* Ulster *County, to build a Court House and Goal, for the said County, and enable them to dispose of the old County House and Goal, and the Lot of Ground it stands on, and to enjoin the Supervisors to raise the Charge of executing the* Negro *therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences, in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 28, 1732.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to inlarge and release* Andrew Law, *junior, upon surrendering of his Estate in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1732.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *De Lancey*, That they do adhere to their Amendment made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning, or folding of Sheep, and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains.

Resolved, That the House will take the said Amendment, into Consideration.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1732.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Maria Veldtman, Gertruyda Veldtman, Hendrick Veldtman, Hans Veldtman, Johan Jacob Ell, Hero Ellis, *and* Johannis Franciscus Walter; with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which were read twice, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House do agree to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to discharge the several Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego; *to support his Majesty's Forces posted there; to regulate the* Indian *Trade; to prevent Abuses in the same; and for other Purposes herein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added several Clauses to the same; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauses, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 2, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1732.

THE Petition of sundry Gentlemen, and others, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, praying the Permission of this House, for bringing in a Bill to establish a perpetual Support for a Master, to teach Latin and Greek.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for encouraging a public School, to teach Latin, Greek, Arithmetick, and the Mathematicks, in the City of *New-York*; and that for the Encouragement of a School Master for that Purpose, the unappropriated Money, to rise by the Act for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers, until the first Day of *December*, 1737, be applied for that End; and that the said City make up the Income of that Fund annually, during that Time, to the Sum of Pounds; and that in Consideration thereof, the said School Master shall be obliged to teach gratis, the Number of Children.

The House (according to Order) took into Consideration, the Petition of several Shoe-makers, Tanners, Curriers, and other Inhabitants, of the City of *New-York*, presented to the House the 12th of *September* last: After some Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and the Question put, that the further Consideration thereof, be refered to the next Meeting of the General Assembly?

It was carried in the Negative.

Then a Motion was made, and the Question put, that the said Petition be dismissed?

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1732.

THE House (according to Order) took into Consideration, the Petition of sundry Masters of Vessels, Shipwrights, Blockmakers, Smiths, and other Tradesmen, of the City of *New-York*. And the Petition of several Merchants, and Owners of Vessels, Inhabitants of this City of *New-York*, for laying a Duty on Vessels, except such as are therein excepted. And the said Petitions having been severally read, and debated for some Time, the Question was put, whether the same should be now taken into Consideration?

It passed in the Negative.

Then the Question was put, whether the said Petitions be taken into Consideration, the next Meeting of the General Assembly?

It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be refered to the Consideration of the House, at its next Meeting.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 4, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 5, 1732.

MAJOR *Plat* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act *for continuing an Act of General Assembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Island* Naſſau, *and for moderating ſome Rates of the former Ferriage*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and had made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage a publick School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 5, 1732.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe do diſpatch the Buſineſs now before them, and admit of no new Matter in this preſent Seſſion, ſaving the Conſideration of an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſeveral Salaries of the Officers, and the neceſſary Contingences of the Government; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, being as follows, *to wit*.

Reſolved, That the Money to ariſe by Virtue of the Bill, ordered on the ſecond Day of *September*, and now ingroſſed in Order to be paſſed; ſhall be annually imployed and iſſued from the firſt Day of *December* next enſuing, until the firſt Day of *September*, which will be in the Year 1737; to and for the ſeveral Salaries, Contingences, and other Services following, *that is to ſay*,

To his Excellency the Governor for his Salary, during the ſaid Time, *One Thouſand, Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, per Annum*; and upon his Death or Abſence (within the Meaning of his Majeſty's Inſtruction) one Half of that Salary to the Preſident, or Commander in Chief for the Time being.

For Firewood and Candles, for the Garriſon at *New-York*, during the ſaid Time, *Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

For repairing Fortifications, during the ſaid Time, *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

For Preſents to the *Indians*, during the ſaid Time, *Four Hundred Pounds, per Annum.*

For the Governor's Voyage to *Albany*, during the ſaid Time, *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, per Annum.*

For Firewood and Candles for the Garriſons in the City and County of *Albany*, during the ſaid Time, *Twenty Pounds, per Annum.*

For the Salary of the Chief Juſtice, for holding the Supream Court in the City of *New-York*, at the four Terms, now or hereafter to be eſtabliſhed, *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, per Annum.*

And for going the Circuits, *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* more, provided he yearly holds the Circuit Courts in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony, at the reſpective Times, now appointed, or hereafter to be appointed for that Purpoſe.

To the Salary of the ſecond Juſtice of the ſaid Supream Court, for the above-mentioned four Terms in *New-York, Seventy Five Pounds, per Ann.* And for going the Circuits, *Seventy Five Pounds, per Ann.* more, provided he yearly aſſiſt to hold the Circuit Courts, or hold the ſame in the ſaid ſeveral Counties, at the reſpective Times above-mentioned.

To the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, *One Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds, per Ann.*

To the *Indian* Interpreter at *Albany*, for his Salary, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* and for all ſuch Meſſages and other Services, as he ſhall be directed to do by the Governor or the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, and his performing the ſame, *Sixty Pounds, per Ann.* more.

To the Secretary, for ingroſſing and inrolling the Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.*

To the Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.*

To the Printer, for printing the Votes and Acts of the General Aſſembly, and delivering a Set thereof to each of the Members, and to each of the Council, and a Set or Sets to each of the County Clerks, and for printing Proclamations, and what ſhall be ordered more for the Government, *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.*

To a Searcher of the Colony Duties, *Forty Pounds, per Ann.*

To a Land and Tide Waiter of the ſaid Duties, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.*

To a Gauger, *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.*

To the Door Keeper of the Council, *Twenty Pounds, per Ann.*

To the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, for his Service as Clerk, for ingroſſing all public Acts, and all other Incidents of his Office, *Twelve Shillings, per Diem*, upon a Certificate from the General Aſſembly, ſigned by the Speaker, for the Number of Days he ſerved in each Seſſion.

To the Door Keeper of the General Aſſembly, *Five Shillings, per Diem*, upon a like Certificate for the Number of Days ſerved in each Seſſion.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 6, 1732.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, and for paying the Sum of* Sixty Pounds, *to* Richard Bradley, *Eſq*; without any Amendments.

And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to build a Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County, and to enable them to diſpoſe of the old County Houſe and Goal, and Lot of Ground it ſtands on, and to enjoin the Superviſor to raiſe the Charge of executing the Negro therein-mentioned*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which Amendments being twice read, were agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaaſbeck*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the Act, and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, and to grant unto his Majeſty ſeveral Duties, for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *until the firſt Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1737; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 6, 1732.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 7, 1732.

THE Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to the ruinous Condition of the Fortifications, as likewiſe of the Plan of a Fort, with Baſtions, a Dry Ditch, a Covert Way, Draw Bridges, *&c.* which his ſaid Excellency had cauſed to be laid before them; as alſo a Plan of the preſent Fort at *Albany*, delineated by Mr. *Gilbert Livingſton*. And after ſome Debate thereon, Col. *Beekman* reported from the ſaid Committee, That the three following Motions had been made, and that the Queſtions having been ſeverally put thereon, the ſame paſſed in the Manner following, *to wit*.

1. Whether it was the Opinion of this Houſe, that a Fort ought to be built at *Albany*, for the Security and Defence of that City?

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

2. Whether it was the Opinion of this Houſe, that the City of *New-York*, ought to be better fortified for the Defence and Security thereof?

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

3. Whether it was the Opinion of this Houſe, that ſome Fortifications ought to be built in ſome Part of *Suffolk* County, for the better Security and Defence thereof?

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

The Chairman reported further, that the Committee conceiving his Excellency, when he has viewed the City of *Albany*, together with the Situation and Nature of the Ground about it, would be more able to judge what Sort and Form of a Fort, would be moſt proper to be erected there, than he can do

do before he has seen the Place; were come the following Resolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same were again read, and approved of by the House, being as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, His Excellency be addressed, That at the first Time he comes to *Albany*, he will be pleased to view that City, and the Situation and Nature of the Land and Ground about it, in Order to judge what Sort and Form of a Fort, will be most proper to be erected there, as well for the Security of that City, as for the Defence of such a Fort, against such Forces or Attacks as may be apprehended that can come to attempt the same; and that he will be pleased to cause a Plan of such a Fort, together with an Estimate of the Cost to build the same, to be laid before this House, at their first Session thereafter.

Resolved, That the Consideration of building a Fort at *Albany*, be defered until that Time.

Ordered, That the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, wait on his Excellency with the Resolution first abovementioned, and desire that such a Plan and Estimate may be laid before the House, at the Time therein-mentioned.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and of a Reward to his Excellency, for his extraordinary Assistance in opposing the late Attempts of the Sugar Islands; and after some Time spent therein, Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, That they had come to the two following Resolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same were again read, and approved of by the House, being as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That the Speaker and Mr. *De Lancey*, desire Messieurs *Samuel Baker*, *George Straatfield*, *Samuel Storke*, *Richard Janeway*, *Joseph Low* and *Rodrigo Pacheco*, Merchants in *London*, to nominate and appoint such Person (excepting any that is already appointed by any other Colony to be their Agent) as they or the major Part of them, shall judge most proper to be Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, for one Year, to commence from the first Day of *January* next ensuing; and that the Person so appointed, shall have the same Power and Authority to appear and act in Behalf of this Colony, and for the Interest thereof, before his Majesty, his Ministers of State, and both Houses of Parliament, as any former Agent or Agents had, by Virtue of any Act or Acts, heretofore passed for that Purpose; and that the Person so to be appointed, shall, in Consideration thereof, be allowed the same Reward as former Agents have had, which is *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, current Money of this Colony, for his Salary, and *Fifty Pounds*, more in like Money, for Fees, Solicitations, and other Charges and Expences, in and about the Affairs of this Colony.

Resolved, That in grateful Acknowledgment of the vigilant and generous Assistance, which his Excellency himself, and by his Means, his noble Relations and Friends, have been pleased to afford in *England*, to oppose an Attempt of the Sugar Islands, which, had it taken Effect, must have proved of the utmost Prejudice to this, as well as all the Northern Colonies; that a Warrant or Warrants, issue in Council for the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, payable to his said Excellency, out of the first Money that may arise by Virtue of the Act passed Yesterday, for supporting this Government, after the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, are sunk and destroyed, at the Time, and in the Manner thereby directed, provided such a Warrant or Warrants, do not issue until the said Bills of Credit are destroyed; and that the Gentlemen of the Council do concur therein.

Upon a Motion made, that this House address his Excellency they may be dissolved, after the Acts passed this Session, are published;

Ordered, That the said Motion be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1732.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to discharge the several Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego; *to support his Majesty's Troops posted there*; *to regulate the* Indian *Trade*; *to prevent Abuses in the same*; *and for other Purposes therein-contained*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House (according to Order) taking into Consideration, a Message from the Council, that they did adhere to their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep, and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains;

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do acquaint the Council, this House cannot agree to the said Amendments, and therefore desire a Conference upon the subject Matter thereof, and that they will appoint a Committee of that Board, and a Time and Place, to meet a Committee of this House, for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1732.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1732.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Island of* Nassau, *and to establish the Ferriage thereof*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage a public School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching Latin, Greek, and Mathematicks*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1732.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Van Horne*, that they had agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and inforce part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to enlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering of his Estate, in the Manner and for the Use therein-mentioned*; and also the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment*

ment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences in the City of New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *De Lancey*, that they had appointed, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Harriſon* and Mr. *Cortlandt*, to be a Committee, to join a Committee of this Houſe, to confer upon the ſubject Matter of their Meſſage of the 9th Inſtant, To-morrow Morning, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Coffee-Houſe in this City.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Capt. *Hicks*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr. *Garritſen*, Mr. *Lot* and Mr. *Merril*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to meet the Committee of Council, to confer upon the ſubject Matter of the ſaid Meſſage, at the Time and Place aforeſaid, and that the ſaid Committee draw up Reaſons, why the Houſe diſagree to the Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 11, 1732.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of this Houſe, appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, that they had been at the Conference with the Committee of the Council, and tendered their Reaſons, why this Houſe could not agree to the Amendments made by them, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Penning or Folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains, and that both Committees had concluded to poſtpone the Bill, until the general Inclinations of the People at a Town Meeting, ſhould be ſignified at the next Seſſion, by Petition or otherwiſe; which was approved of by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 12, 1732.

MR. *Garritſen* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage a publick School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, that they had agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the Act and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, and to grant unto his Majeſty ſeveral Duties for ſupporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York, *until the firſt Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1737; and alſo the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to diſcharge ſeveral Demands on the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *to ſupport his Majeſty's Troops poſted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuſes in the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein contained.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, that they had paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Boundaries of the Counties of* Weſtcheſter, Albany *and* Dutcheſs, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 12, 1732.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage a publick School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Greek, Latin *and Mathematicks*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Renſſelaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 13, 1732.

A Meſſage from the Common Council of the City of *New-York*, in anſwer to a Meſſage of this Houſe, on the Twenty-ſixth of *September* laſt, was this Day preſented to the Houſe, in the Words following, *viz.*

Which Meſſage being taken into Conſideration; it was unanimouſly agreed, and this Court do allow and conſent, that the General Aſſembly may Order ſuch a Room to be built in the Place above-mentioned, and that when built, the ſame may be for the ſole Uſe of the Speaker and General Aſſembly of this Colony, for the Time being.

Per Order of Common Council,
William Sharpas, *Clerk.*

Which Meſſage being read;

Ordered, That Alderman *Philipſe* and Alderman *Rutgers*, do imploy Workmen and Materials to build and compleat a Room, in the Place and for the Uſe mentioned in the Meſſage of this Houſe, on the ſaid 26th Day of *September* laſt.

Reſolved, That his Excellency be requeſted, as he hereby is, that when ſuch a Room is built, he will be pleaſed, with the Approbation of the Council, to iſſue Warrants in Council on the Treaſurer, for the Charge of Building and Finiſhing the ſame, payable out of the Fund for ſupporting this Government, upon an Account to be rendered of the ſaid Coſt to the Governor and Council, by the Aldermen above-named.

Reſolved, That his Excellency be likewiſe requeſted, to iſſue by the Approbation aforeſaid, the following Warrants in Council, on the ſaid Treaſurer, and payable out of the Fund aforeſaid, to the Perſons and for the Services here-under-mentioned, *viz.*

To *Daniel Gautier*, for Materials and Workmanſhip of ſeveral neceſſary Buildings and Repairs, for the Service of this Houſe; amounting to the Sum of *Ten Pounds, Six Shillings* and *One Penny.*

To *Dirck Egberts*, for cleaning the Aſſembly Room and Lobby, the Sum of *Two Pounds.*

To *Gabriel Ludlow*, for extraordinary Services during this Seſſion, the Sum of *Five Pounds.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 13, 1732.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland* Naſſau, *and to eſtabliſh the Ferriage thereof*; without any Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Boundaries of the Counties of* Weſtcheſter, Albany *and* Dutcheſs; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe, reſolved into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee, That as well becauſe ſome of the Boundaries in the Bill, are otherwiſe than in the Act thereinmentioned, as becauſe ſeveral of the Members, have had Leave ſome Time ago to return Home, they judged it proper to refer the Conſideration thereof, until there be a full Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be refered to the Conſideration of a full Houſe in the next Seſſion.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 14, 1732.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage a publick School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe immediately.

The Speaker and the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and

and being returned, he resumed the Chair; and reported, that his Excellency had been pleased, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council and the Members of the House, to give his Assent to 22 Acts, passed this Session, and that the same were published at the City-Hall in the usual Manner; the Titles whereof are, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*
2. *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, during the Time therein-mentioned.*
3. *An* Act, *to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs.*
4. *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, public Highways in the County of* Suffolk.
5. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, public High Roads, in the County of* Westchester.
6. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, public High Roads, in the County of* Ulster.
7. *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences, in this Colony, under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the several Counties therein-mentioned.*
8. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the setting on fire, or burning the old Grass, on* Hempstead Plains.
9. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Province of* New-York, *and for providing Remedies for that Purpose, in Cases not provided in the said Act.*
10. *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County.*
11. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, public High Roads, in* Dutchess *County; and for altering some of the Commissioners in the Neighbourhood of* Wysetack, *called* Dover.
12. *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wolves, in the County of* Albany, Ulster *County*, Orange *County*, Dutchess *County and County of* Westchester.
13. *An* Act, *for confirming unto the City of* New-York, *its Rights and Privileges.*
14. *An* Act, *for the Relief of such insolvent Debtors, as shall be charged in Execution for Debts, not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Cost of Suit, in the several Counties therein-mentioned.*
15. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Maria Veldtman, Geertruyda Veldtman, Hendrick Veldtman, Hans Veldtman, Johan Jacob Ell, Hero Ellis, Johannis Franciscus Walter, *and* John De Wint.
16. *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Ulster *County, to build a Court House and Goal for the said County, and to enable them to dispose of the old County House and Goal, and the Lot of Ground it stands on, and to enjoin the Supervisors to raise the Charge of executing the Negro therein-mentioned.*
17. *An* Act, *to revive and inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to enlarge and release* Andrew Law, *jun. upon surrendering of his Estate in the Manner, and for the Use therein-mentioned.*
18. *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny.*
19. *An* Act, *to repeal an Act, and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned; and to grant to his Majesty several Duties, for supporting his Government in this Colony of* New-York, *until the first Day of* September, *which will be in the Year* 1737.
20. *An* Act, *to discharge the several Demands on the trading House at* Oswego, *to support his Majesty's Troops posted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuses in the same, and for other Purposes therein contained.*
21. *An* Act, *to regulate the Ferry, between the City of* New-York, *and the Island of* Nassau; *and to establish the Ferriage thereof.*
22. And, *An* Act, *to encourage a public School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks.*

The Speaker reported likewise, that his Excellency had recommended, that the House should be adjourned, until the second *Tuesday*, in the Month of *April* next ensuing.

Then the Speaker adjourned the House to the second *Tuesday* in *April* next, and the House is accordingly adjourned, until the said second *Tuesday* in the said Month of *April* next ensuing.

[*Here begins the 7th of* George *the IId.*]

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1733.

MEMORANDUM.

THE General Assembly having adjourned itself on the 14th Day of *October* 1732, until the second *Tuesday* in *April*, then next ensuing, the same was further adjourned, by several Proclamations of his Excellency *William Cosby*, Esq; on and until the respective Days here-under-mentioned, *to wit.*

On the 18th Day of *April*, until *Tuesday* the 17th of *July*.
On the 13th Day of *July*, until *Tuesday the* 28th of *August*.
On the 28th Day of *August*, until *Thursday* the 11th of *October*. And,
On the 11th Day of *October*, until *Monday* the 15th of the same Month.

The House being met, in pursuance of the last Adjournment (as above-mentioned) at the Assembly Chamber, in the City-Hall of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair; and a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Speaker by the Approbation of the Members, appointed *Alexander Lamb*, to be Door-Keeper of this House, in the Room of the late Door Keeper, *Dirck Egberts.*

Ordered, That the Speaker issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ to chuse a Representative for the County of *Westchester*, in the Room of Col. *William Willet*, deceased.

Ordered, That Major *Rensselaer* and Mr. *Merril*, wait on his Excellency, to acquaint him, that this House are met, and have proceeded on Business, and intend to adjourn until To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1733.

Ordered,

THAT Major *Plat* and Major *Rensselaer*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Major *Plat* and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, or any two of them, be a Committee, to examine what other Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report from Time to Time, which of them they judge necessary to be revived or continued, and what new Acts they shall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony.

Resolved, That the Speaker and eleven Members, have Power to adjourn the House during this Session.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr. *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and informed the House, his Excellency had made a Speech to them, of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy, and being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE *Season of the Year being so far advanced, I shall only at this Time, recommend to your Consideration, a thorough Repair of the Barracks in this Fort. The Work has been already begun on some of them, and a moderate Expence may finish it, and make them useful for many Years; but if they are neglected, they will in a short Time, be incapable of a Repair, and must of Necessity be new built; the Charge whereof, will be much heavier, than that of a present Repair.*

There are some temporary Laws expired, or near expiring, which it will be necessary to revive or to continue; I need not point them out to you; you know them, and the Usefulness of them. These, and whatever else, are necessary for the Welfare of the Province, I will readily concur in.

October 16, 1733. W. COSBY.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech, be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and other Proceedings of this House, be likewise printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1733.

MAJOR *Plat* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed within this Colony, for the Time thereinmentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 17, 1733.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed within this Colony, for the Time thereinmentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Jacob Boſs*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Speaker from the Chair, communicated to the Houſe, a Copy of a Letter which Mr. *De Lancey* and himſelf, had wrote on the 30th of *October* laſt, to Mr. *Samuel Baker*, and Company, upon the ſubject Matter, recommended to them by a Reſolve of this Houſe on the 7th of the ſame Month.

He likewiſe communicated the following publick Letters, relating to the Affairs of this Colony, which he had received ſince the laſt Seſſions, *to wit*.

Three from Mr. *Rodrigo Pacheco*, dated *September* the 28th, 1732, *February* the 16th, and *April* the 6th laſt.

And two from Mr. *Richard Patridge*, dated *February* the 27th, and *April* the 5th laſt paſt.

He alſo laid before the Houſe, the two following Prints, which he had received from *London*, with ſome of the Letters above-mentioned, *viz.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for better ſecuring and encouraging the Trade of his Majeſty's Sugar Colonies, in* America.

And the Caſe of the Province of *New-York*, one of the *Britiſh* Colonies, with Relation to the Bill, entitled as above.

He likewiſe communicated Copies of the following Letters, wrote by him, as well in anſwer to the foregoing Letters, as in Relation to other Affairs of this Colony, *to wit*.

Three to Mr. *Pacheco*, dated the 13th of *December*, and the 26th and 29th of *May* laſt.

And one to Mr. *Richard Patridge*, dated the 30th of *November* laſt paſt.

Which Letters, Copies, and Prints, being ſeverally read,

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Speaker, and Mr. *De Lancey*, for their Trouble therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers lie on the Table, for the Peruſal of the Members; and that towards the Cloſe of this Seſſions, the ſame be returned to the Speaker.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 17, 1733.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and what new Acts they ſhall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony: That they conceive the following Laws proper to be continued for a longer Time; *That is to ſay*,

An Act, for the further continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling*.

An Act, for reviving an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners*. And,

An Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*.

Which Report being approved,

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinſon*, and Major *Plat*, prepare and bring in a Bill for the further Continuance of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, and Mr. *Merril*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the further continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Philip Schuyler*, and Capt. *Rutgers*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the further continuing of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 18, 1733.

MAJOR *Plat* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for Encouragement of Whaling*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, whether it was not proper that the Houſe endeavour to procure a Copy of a Letter, mentioned by Mr. *Pacheco*, to have been writ by his Excellency, to Mr. *Baker*, concerning an Agent for this Colony?

It was carried in the Affirmative; and thereupon

Reſolved, That Mr. *De Lancey* be deſired to write to Mr. *Baker* for a Copy thereof.

Reſolved, That an Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, be appointed.

Ordered, A Bill be brought in for that Purpoſe, and that Col. *Hicks*, and Major *Renſſelaer*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 18, 1733.

COL. *Hicks* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, an Act for continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 19, 1733.

CAPT. *Rutgers* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; which was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *King's*, *Queen's*, and *Suffolk* Counties.

The Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take his Excellency's Speech into Conſideration, and reſolved into a Committee thereon: After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 19, 1733.

MAJOR *Plat* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Capt. *Rutgers* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for repealing ſo much of the Bill, entitled, *A Bill for the vacating, brtaking, and*

and annualling ſeveral extravagant Grants of Land, made by Col. Fletcher, *late Governor of this Province, under his Majeſty, paſſed in the eleventh Year of King* William *the Third, as relates to the Swamp and freſh Water, formerly granted to Captain* John Evans; *he declaring that the Governor has no Objection to the obtaining of ſuch an Act.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1733.

Reſolved,

THAT this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, take his Excellency's Speech into further Conſideration.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Leave) preſented a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *concerning the Swamp and freſh Water, near the City of* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1733.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jocob Boſs; was preſented to the Houſe; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Major *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1733.

THE humble Petition of Forty eight *Indian* Traders, of the City and County of *Albany*, trading at *Oſwego*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That ever ſince *Indian* Goods have been liable to pay a Duty there, they have chearfully paid the ſame; that the Officer now poſted at *Oſwego*, has not only impoſed on the *Indians* that came to trade there, by threatning to ſhoot them if they would not come on ſhore where, and when he thought it might tend moſt to his private Intereſt, but retarded them from trading with the Traders who had paid the ſaid Duties, until they made him ſuch Preſents as he was contented to take; and during that Time, permitted the Soldiers full Liberty to Trade with ſuch *Indians*; and to ſupport the ſaid Allegations, they refered the Houſe to ſeveral Affidavits annexed to the ſaid Petition; and for preventing the like Abuſes, and Diſcouragements, and putting the Trade at *Oſwego*, under better Regulations for the future, they humbly propoſe that a Commiſſary may be appointed, who underſtands the *Indian* Trade, and is qualified for that Truſt, and ſeveral other Methods, to be eſtabliſhed for the Eaſe and Benefit of that Trade; all which they humbly ſubmit to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Which Petition and Affidavits, having been ſeverally read,

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into Conſideration on *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1733.

COL. *Hicks* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Jamaica*, to imploy the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, now in the Hands of the Church Wardens, raiſed in the ſaid Pariſh after the Death of Mr. *Poyer*, and before the Induction of the preſent Miniſter, to ſuch publick Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Pariſh, as the ſaid Veſtry ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *concerning the Swamp and freſh Water, near the City of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1733.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Friday* next, conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1733.

MAJOR *Plat* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed within this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jacob Boſs; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1733.

THE Petition of *Frederick Becker*, was read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the *Indian* Traders, of the City and County of *Albany*, and the Affidavits produced therewith, be taken into Conſideration on *Saturday* Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1733.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Plat* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating*

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ing to the ſame; as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Hicks* having ſatisfied the Houſe, of the general Inclinations of the Inhabitants of *Hempſtead*, according to a Minute of this Houſe the 11th of *October*, 1732, preſented a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1733.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep and neat Cattle on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Monday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1733.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *concerning the Swamp and freſh Water, near the City of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Jamaica, *in* Queen's *County, to diſpoſe of* Sixty Pounds, *now in the Hands of the Church Wardens of ſaid Pariſh, for the Uſe and Benefit of that Pariſh*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee, to conſider of the Petition of the *Indian* Traders, of the City and County of *Albany*, trading at *Oſwego*, and of the Affidavits produced therewith: And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the ſaid Committee, That as it appears to them, the Conduct of the Officer who commanded at *Oſwego* the laſt trading Seaſon, had very much diſcouraged the *Indians* who came to trade there, and been very prejudicial to many of our People that went thither to trade with them: And for removing thoſe Inconveniences for the future, are of Opinion, that his Excellency ſhould be intreated to appoint *David A. Schuyler*, and in Caſe of his Death, Sickneſs, or Refuſal, ſuch other fit Perſon, underſtanding the *Indian* Trade and Language, as the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs ſhall recommend, to be the Commiſſary at *Oſwego*; and that he ſhould have the ſole ordering and regulating of the Trade there, during the trading Seaſon, conformable to the Rules and Directions of an Act, paſſed in the Year 1731, and confirmed by another, paſſed in the Year 1732. And that he will be pleaſed to direct and order the Officer that does, or ſhall command there, to be aiding and aſſiſting to ſuch Commiſſary therein, agreeable to the Rules and Directions of the ſaid Acts; and that both of them may be enjoined not to trade with the *Indians* on their own Account, or in Company with others, as in and by the ſaid Acts is provided and directed; and the Committee conceive that an Obſervance of thoſe Methods will not only increaſe a Trade, which has been ſo expenſive to acquire, but tend to the Benefit of his Majeſty's Subjects of this Colony, and enable them to vend much larger Quantities of the *Britiſh* Woollen Manufactures, in Return for the Beaver, Furs, and other Skins, they have the Proſpect to procure by that Trade; which Report being read and approved of,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerritſen*, and Major *Renſſelaer*, wait on his Excellency with a Copy thereof, and to acquaint him that it is the humble Requeſt of the whole Houſe, that he will be pleaſed to give proper Directions accordingly, for the Purpoſes therein-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1733.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of* Engliſh *Pheaſants, in the Colony of* New-York; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe taking Conſideration, that the Seaſon of the Year is ſo far advanced, *Reſolved*, That no new Matters be admitted in the Houſe during this Seſſion.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of a Clauſe in the Act therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Jamaica, *in* Queen's *County, to diſpoſe of* Sixty Pounds, *now in the Hands of the Church Wardens of ſaid Pariſh, for the Uſe and Benefit of that Pariſh*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland *Naſſau*, or any four of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1733.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Wedneſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Major *Renſſelaer* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly, or Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of* New-York, *to have and appoint an Agent or Agents, when, and as often as the ſaid General Aſſembly, or Houſe of Repreſentatives, ſhall judge it convenient, to ſolicit the public Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *and to pay the ſaid Agent or Agents, from Time to Time, ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as they ſhall judge neceſſary to pay and diſcharge the Expences of his or their Solicitations, and reward the ſaid Agent or Agents, for his or their Services*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Jamaica, *in* Queen's *County, to diſpoſe of* Sixty Pounds, *now in the Hands of the Church Wardens of ſaid Pariſh, for the Uſe and Benefit of that Pariſh*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1733.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Jamaica, *in* Queen's *County, to diſpoſe of* Sixty Pounds, *now in the Hands of the Church Wardens of ſaid Pariſh, for the Uſe and Benefit of that Pariſh*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Benjamin Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of* Engliſh *Pheaſants, in the Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond

second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the said Bill. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report from the Committee, That they had amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1733.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to preserve the Breed of* English *Pheasants, in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Van Horne*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling*. And the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners*; without any Amendments.

Mr. *Gerritsen* reported, that Major *Rensselaer* and himself, had waited on his Excellency, according to the Order of this House, with their Address on the Petition of the *Indian* Traders, trading to *Oswego*; and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, he would take especial Care that what the House had requested therein, should be complied with.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jacob Bos; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1733.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Horsmanden*, That they have agreed to the six following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

1. The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*
2. The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same; as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued.*
3. The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep, and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains.
4. The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of a Clause in the Act therein-mentioned.*
5. The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to preserve the Breed of* English *Pheasants in this Colony.*
6. The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Vestry of the Parish of* Jamaica, *in* Queen's *County, to dispose of* Sixty Pounds, *now in the Hands of the Church Wardens of said Parish, for the Use and Benefit of that Parish.*

The House resolved into a Committee, to consider of that Part of his Excellency's Speech which relates to the repairing of the remaining Part of the Officers Barracks, in his Majesty's *Fort-George*, in *New-York*; And after some Time spent therein, Major *Rensselaer* reported from the said Committee, that they had come to a Resolution thereon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same was again read, and approved of by the House, being as follows, *to wit.*

Resolved, That the Consideration of repairing the remaining Part of the said Barracks, be refered to the Consideration of this House, at their next Session.

Resolved, That his Excellency be desired, and hereby is requested, that by, and with the Approbation of the Gentlemen of the Council, please to issue the following Warrant in Council, on the Treasurer, on the Money granted for support of this Government, payable to Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, or Order, for the Sum of *Twenty Seven Pounds, Nine Shillings*; *That is to say*, for himself for a new Cloth and Nails, for a new Table in the Assembly Chamber, the Sum of *Twenty One Pounds, Two Shillings.* And for the Use of *Daniel Gautier*, the Sum of *Six Pounds, Seven Shillings*, for Materials and Workmanship of the said Table.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1733.

LEWIS MORRIS, Sen. Esq; presented to this House, an Indenture that he was duly elected, and returned to serve in this Assembly, for the County of *Westchester*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris*, Jun. and Mr. *Gerritsen*, do wait on Mr. *Morris*, Sen. and desire he may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Jacob Bos, *and* Frederick Becker; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* and Capt. *Rutgers*, do take Care, early in the ensuing Spring, to build and compleat a Room in the Place, and for the Use as mentioned in the Journal of this House, on the 26th of *September*, and 13th of *October*, 1732.

Mr. *Morris*, Jun. reported that he and Mr. *Gerritsen*, had seen Mr. *Morris*, Sen. take the Oaths, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lewis Morris*, Sen. take his Place accordingly.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, in Fort-George, *immediately.*

The Speaker and the House, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported that his Excellency had, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and the Members of this House, given his Assent to the eight following Acts, passed this Sessions; and that the same were published at the City-Hall, in the usual Manner; the Titles whereof are, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed within this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*
2. An Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia, in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued.*
3. An Act, *for the further continuing an* Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling.*
4. An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep, to their Owners.*
5. An Act, *to repeal Part of a Clause, in the Act therein-mentioned.*
6. An Act, *to prevent the penning or folding of Sheep, and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains.
7. An Act, *to impower the Vestry of the Parish of* Jamaica, *in* Queen's *County, to dispose of* Sixty Pounds, *now in the Hands of the Church Wardens of said Parish, for the Use and Benefit of that Parish.*
8. An Act, *to preserve the Breed of* English *Pheasants, in this Colony.*

The Speaker likewise reported that his Excellency had recommended that the House should adjourn itself until the third *Tuesday* in the Month of *April* next ensuing.

Then the Speaker adjourned the House to the third *Tuesday* in *April* next, and the House is accordingly adjourned until the said third *Tuesday*, which will be in the Month of *April* next ensuing.

MEMORADUM.

THE General Assembly, having on the first Day of *November* 1733, adjourned itself until the third *Tuesday* in *April* then next following, the same was by his Excellency's Proclamation in Council, on the 4th Day of this instant *April*, prorogued until *Thursday* the 25th Day of the same Month.

Die Jovis, 4 ho. P. M. April 25, 1734.

THE House being, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Prorogation, met at the Assembly Chamber in the City of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* and Col. *Rensselaer*, wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House is met, in order to proceed on Business.

A Message from the Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber, in a quarter of an Hour.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and informed the House, his Excellency had made a Speech to them of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy, and being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

'AS I knew there was nothing of greater Concern or higher Importance to the Prosperity of the 'Province, than the Encouragement of Trade, whereon 'the Welfare, and even the Subsistence, both of the Far- 'mer and Tradesmen depends; I have made it my Busines 'to inform myself of its present Situation, and of the Discou- 'ragements it labours under, hoping that by discovering 'the Causes of its Decay, I might find a Remedy: I 'will first Point out some of the principal Causes of the 'Decay of Trade, and then propose some Remedies for 'them.

'The first and principal Cause is, that your Neigh- 'bours, especially the *Bermudians*, have, by Degrees, got 'such Footing, that they are now become your common 'Carriers, whereby not only building, which is a vast 'Advantage to a Country, is discouraged, and almost wholly 'disused; Artificers without Imploy, their Familie reduced 'to great Necessities at present, and no Prospect before 'them, but extream Poverty, or a forsaking their Country; 'but likewise vast Sums of Money are yearly carried out 'of the Province by Strangers, who, as I am well informed, 'spend hardly any Thing even for their daily Subsistence 'while here, nor import any Thing useful or profitable 'into it.

'Another Cause of the Decay of Trade is owing to 'the Want of having your Flour, the staple Commodity 'of the Country, put under such Essays, and strict Search 'and Inspection, as may be necessary to prevent the Ex- 'portation of any, but such as may equal in Goodness, 'the best that is exported from your neighbouring Pro- 'vinces, whose Flour has gained a Reputation superior to 'yours, from the wholesome Laws they have made to 'prevent Frauds and Abuses.

'I propose therefore, and earnestly recommend to you, 'Gentlemen, to pass some Law or Laws, for the Encou- 'ragement of your own Building and Navigation, for the 'Discouragement of those who supplant you in your 'Navigation, by laying a Duty of Tonnage on them, 'and for putting all Flour to be exported, under a strict 'Essay and Inspection; this will prevent Frauds and A- 'buses in bolting, give Life to the expiring Hopes of 'your Ship Carpenters and other Tradesmen; recall their 'unwilling Resolutions to depart the Province, and en- 'courage others to come into it; fill your Harbours with 'Vessels of your own, inspire the Youth with warm In- 'clinations to become Seamen; and by giving new Vi- 'gour to a declining Trade, fill your Country with 'Riches, and spread its Reputation far and wide: Nor 'are these the only Things of high Concern, that I have 'to recommend to you, the Safety and Protection of the 'Harbour and Town of *New-York*, and of the Frontiers, 'are greatly necessary; nor is any Time so fit to guard 'against our future Enemies, as a Time of Peace; how 'long the present Peace may continue, is uncertain. I 'therefore, earnestly recommend to you to make Use of 'the present Time, and to give a sufficient Sum for the 'Erecting of a Battery at the Point of Rocks by *White- 'Hall*, and of new Forts at *Albany* and *Schenectady*: I 'have drawn such Plans for those Purposes, as I think 'will best answer the End, and made an Estimate of the 'Expence, which I will order to be laid before you; if 'these Expences appear large, consider the Benefits that 'you are to receive from them, which are no less than 'the Defence of your Country, and Protection of your 'Families, and let the Management of the Money, be 'put into honest and frugal Hands, such as reside con- 'stantly in the respective Places; and who more proper 'than the Representatives, or some of the Corporation 'of the two Cities, and some of the most substantial In- 'habitants of the other Town, where there is no Cor- 'poration? And let a strict Account be required and ren- 'dered of the disposal of it; and I am persuaded you will 'think your Money well laid out.

'If any Branches of your Trade be overladen with 'Duties, I wish some effectual Method could be taken 'to ease them, by an Imposition on some other Parts bet- 'ter able to bear it, or on something that may not at all 'affect Trade: For my own Part, I think a Duty upon 'Paper to be used in the Law, and in all Conveyances 'and Deeds of every Denomination, may, if rightly ma- 'naged, bring a considerable Sum of Money yearly to 'the Treasury; and if upon Trial, you find it will answer 'your Expectations, you may then ease such Branches 'of Trade as most want it, of so much as that Duty 'will amount to; I propose it as an Experiment, with no 'other View than for the Ease and Encouragement of 'Trade, in the Prosperity whereof, every one of you is 'concerned: But as it is uncertain what such a Duty will 'amount unto clear of all Charges, you may direct the 'Money arising from it to be paid into the Hands of the 'Treasurer, and there lodged, till by an Act you apply 'it to some particular Uses.

'I see with Concern, that whilst the neighbouring Pro- 'vinces are filled with honest, useful and laborious white 'People, the truest Riches, and surest Strength of a 'Country, this Province seems Regardless of the vast Ad- 'vantage which such Acquisitious might bring them, 'and of the Disadvantages that attend the too great Im- 'portation of Negroes and Convicts; these Things are 'worthy your Consideration, and require your speedy 'Attention; as the greatest Good is to be expected from 'one, and the greatest Evil to be apprehended from the 'other.

'The six Nations of *Indians*, are often in want of 'Smiths, and their proper Tools to mend their Arms; 'I recommend it to you to make Provision for that Pur- 'pose; the *French* not only do that, but constantly send 'some Men of Art and Interest to reside among them, 'furnished with Brandy, Lead and Powder, which they 'give from Time to Time to the *Indians*, whereby they 'ingratiate themselves with them, and alienate their Af- 'fections from us; it is our Interest to defeat the At- 'tempts of the *French* by the like Arts, and to preserve 'the Friendship of the six Nations though at a greater 'Expence.

'If there are any other Laws wanting for the Defence 'of the Province, for the Advancement of Trade, for the 'Encouragement of Husbandry, or for promoting Ma- 'nufactures, Arts and Sciences among you, you may de- 'pend upon my chearful Concurrence with you; well 'knowing, that I cannot recommend myself to his Ma- 'jesty, the best of Kings, more effectually, than by pro- 'moting the Happiness and Prosperity of the Province, 'who being full of Affection to his People, and tender 'of their civil and religious Rights, expects from them 'the grateful Return of Loyalty and Duty to his Per- 'son, and Reverence and Submission to his just Prero- 'gative and Authority.

W. COSBY.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and other Proceedings of this House be likewise printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That this House will, *Saturday* Morning next, take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. April 26, 1734.

Ordered,

THAT the Treasurer of this Colony lay before this House, on *Monday* the 6th of *May* next, the following Accounts, *viz.* An

An Account how much has arisen by the Act, for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, from the Time he delivered in his last Account thereof, until the 1st Day of *March* last past; as likewise of what he has paid thereon, during the same Time, and that he therein state the exact Ballance thereof, until the said 1st Day of *March*.

An Account or List for how much, and to whom the Excise on strong Liquors has been let to Farm, in the several Cities and Counties within this Colony, from the first Day of *November* 1732, to the first of *November* 1733, and the like from *primo November* 1733, to *primo November* next ensuing.

An Account how much has arisen by Virtue of an Act, for licensing Pedlers and Hawkers, from the Time he delivered in his last Account thereof, until the first Day of *March* last past, and of how much he has paid thereon, during the said Time.

And an Account of how much has been paid into the Treasury on the Wig Tax, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An Act, to discharge the Victualing his Majesty's Troops at* Oswego, *and for other the Purposes therein-mentioned*; from the Time he delivered in his last Account thereof, until the first Day of *March* last past.

Ordered, That the Weigh Master, lay before this House, on the said 6th Day of *May* next, an Account of what has arisen for Weighing, at the Weigh-House in the City of *New-York*, from the Time he delivered in his last Account thereof, until the first Day of *March* last.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council, lay before this House, on the said 6th Day of *May* next, a List of all the Warrants issued in Council, on the Act for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony; from the Time he delivered in a List thereof, until the first Day of *March* last past.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, deliver the aforesaid Orders unto the respective Officers above-mentioned.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 26, 1734.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *De Lancey*, *Lewis Morris*, Esq; Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Matthews*, Mr. *Garritsen*, Col. *Hutchinson*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Col. *Rensselaer*, Col. *Philipse*, Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers* and Col. *Beekman*, or any seven of them, be a Committee of Grievances, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records; and to meet every *Thursday*, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. *John De Honeur*, in the City of *New-York*.

The Petition of *Cornelius Cuyler*, of the City of *Albany*, Merchant, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House, to give effectual Directions to the Treasurer of this Colony, to cancel and release the Security, given by the Petitioner to the said Treasurer, for the Payment of *One Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds*, for the Reasons alledged in the said Petition.

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration by this House, and that the Petitioner serve the Treasurer of this Colony, with a Copy of the said Petition this Week, and that the said Treasurer do thereupon attend this House on *Wednesday* Morning next, upon the subject Matter of the said Petition.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, write by the first Opportunity to all the absent Members, That they attend the Service of this House with all convenient Speed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1734.

Resolved,

THAT the Speaker and eleven Members have Power to adjourn the House during this Session.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Major *Plat* and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, or any two of them, be a Committee to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report from Time to Time, which of them they judge necessary to be revived or continued, and what new Acts they shall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Resolved, That as the said Speech tends for the Security of the Colony, the Encouragement of Trade and Navigation thereof, and the Welfare of its Inhabitants, his Excellency be addressed upon his favourable Speech, and to assure him that the several Matters therein recommended to us, shall, in the Course of our Proceedings, have their due Weight.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Philipse* and Capt. *Rutgers*, prepare and bring in such an Address accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1734.

MR. *Morris*, the Deputy Secretary (by his Excellency's Command) laid before this House, the following Plans, delineated and described by him, as proper Fortifications for the Defence of this Colony, in the following Places, *viz.* Of a Battery at the Rocks at *Whitehall*, in the City of *New-York*, and another for a Fort in the City of *Albany*. Mr. *Morris* farther informed the House from his Excellency, That by his Computation, the Battery at *Whitehall*, would cost about *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, the Fort at *Albany*, about *Five Thousand Pounds*, and another at *Schenectady*, about *Three Thousand Pounds*; and that his said Excellency would lay before this House, the particular Estimate of the above Computations.

Ordered, That the said Plans lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members, and refered to the Committee of the whole House, to be considered of by them, when they take that Part of his Excellency's Speech into Consideration, relating to Fortifications.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1734.

COL. *Philipse* presented to this House, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, on his favourable Speech, such a Draught accordingly; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House: Then the House resolved into a Committee, to consider of the said Draught; after some Time spent therein, Col. *Philipse* reported from the said Committee, that they had considered the said Draught, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the said Draught, and Amendments, be ingrossed.

The Petition of *Samuel Bowne*, *Edward Burling*, *Joseph Latham* and *Thomas Rodman*, in Behalf of the People called Quakers, inhabiting within this Province, was presented to the House, and read, requesting Leave to bring in a Bill, that their solemn Affirmation, may be accepted, instead of an Oath, in all Cases where by Law an Oath is required, according to an Act of Parliament, made in the eighth Year of King *George* the First.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Request of the said Petition.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 30, 1734.

THE ingrossed Address of this House, to his Excellency, being read, and agreed unto by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as follows.

To his Excellency *William Cosby*, Esq; Captain General, and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, and the Territories thereon depending in *America*, Vice-Admiral of the same, and Colonel in his Majesty's Army, *&c.*

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of this his Colony, do, in the most sincere and respectful Manner, return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your obliging Speech; which we do with the greater Alacrity, not only because the Revival and Encouragement of the languishing State of our Trade and Navigation, the Security of the Colony, and the Welfare of the good Inhabitants thereof

thereof, are ſo earneſtly recommended to us; but likewiſe for the Pains and Trouble you have been pleaſed to take in ſurveying Places, and preparing Plans and Eſtimates, for fortifying this Colony, and making it defenſible both by Sea and Land, at this critical Juncture.

We humbly beg Leave to aſſure your Excellency, on our Part, that the ſeveral Matters ſo recommended, ſhall be maturely conſidered, and in the Courſe of our Proceedings, have their due Weight, being fully perſuaded, that in attaining thoſe good Ends, ſo far as our preſent Circumſtances will allow, we ſhall diſcharge our Duty to thoſe who we have the Honour to repreſent, and at the ſame Time, recommend both them and ourſelves to the favourable Opinion of his moſt excellent Majeſty, who has the Good of all his Subjects at Heart.

And we likewiſe crave Leave to return your Excellency, our unfeigned Thanks, for the kind Aſſurance you have been pleaſed to give us, that you will chearfully concur in any other Laws which may be wanting for the further Encouragement of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſaid Addreſs in Behalf of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, and Major *Renſſelaer*, wait on his Excellency, to know when he will be attended by this Houſe with their Addreſs.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 1, 1734.

COL. *Philipſe* informed the Houſe, that he and Col. *Renſſelaer*, had waited on his Excellency, to know when he would be attended by this Houſe, with their Addreſs; his Excellency was pleaſed to appoint eleven of the Clock this Morning.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, waited on his Excellency with their ſaid Addreſs; and being returned, reported to the Houſe, that he had read, and preſented the ſame to his Excellency, who received it very kindly, and that he had been pleaſed to give the following Anſwer thereto.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this affectionate Addreſs, as there is nothing I have more at Heart, than the Proſperity and Welfare of the Province, ſo there is nothing will give me more Pleaſure than to ſee thoſe Things I have recommended to you for that Purpoſe, have the firſt and principal Place in your Conſultations.

W. COSBY.

The Treaſurer attending (according to Order) was called in, and informed the Houſe, he believed the Allegations of the Petition of *Cornelius Cuyler*, were fact.

And that Mr. *Cuyler* had paſſed his Bond, payable to him for *One Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds*, upon demand; for which he gave the Colony credit at that Time.

That Mr. *Cuyler*, ſeveral Times ſince, applying to the ſaid Treaſurer to cancel his Bond, which he refuſed, becauſe he was tied up by the Act, and had given the Country credit for the Money; upon which, the ſaid *Cuyler* declared he hoped to have Relief of this Houſe, and then withdrew.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, be on *Friday* Morning next, and that Mr. *Cuyler* do then attend.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 1, 1734.

COL. *Hicks* from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and what new Acts they ſhall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony, reported, They conceive the following Laws proper to be continued for a longer Time; *That is to ſay*,

An Act, *for the ſpeedy puniſhing and releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned.*

An Act, *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, as ſhall be charged in Execution, for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings *and the Coſts of Suit, within the ſeveral Counties therein-after-mentioned*; will expire the firſt Day of *December* next.

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Sbrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*

An Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces, in the Province of New-York, and for providing Remedies for that Purpoſe, in Caſes not provided by the ſaid Act.*

And, An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be refered to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 2, 1734.

THE Petition and Repreſentation of *Johannis Degraa, Edward Man, Gerardus Coniſort, Robert Richardſon, Alexander Allair*, and *Daniel Dunſcomb*, in Behalf of themſelves and the Reſt of the Coopers, inhabiting in the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that an Act of General Aſſembly of the ſaid Colony, entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty on empty Caſks, imported into the City of* New-York, (long ſince expired by its own Limitation) may be revived and continued, and the Rates and Duties upon the Importation of empty Caſks, may be conſiderably enlarged and increaſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 2, 1734.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Horſmanden*, that the Council had paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for granting to the People called Quakers, reſiding within this Province, the ſame Privileges, Benefits, and Indulgences, as by the Laws and Statutes, now remaining of Force in that Part of* Great-Britain, *called* England, *the People of that Denomination are entitled unto within thoſe Dominions*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read.

Then the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Abraham Huiſman*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may have Leave to bring in a Bill to naturalize the Petitioner.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech; and Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 3, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take into their further Conſideration, the Prayer of the Petition of Mr. *Cuyler*: After ſome Time ſpent therein, refered the further Conſideration of the ſame, till To-morrow Morning.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Abraham Huiſman; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That this House will, *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 4, 1734.

MR *Morris*, the Deputy Secretary, brought from his Excellency, the three following Estimates of what he computes the Costs will be of the Fortifications here-under-mentioned, *to wit*.

Of a Battery on *White-Hall* Rocks, the Sum of	£.	11010	0 0
Of a Fort at *Albany*, the Sum of		3925	0 0
And, of a Fort at *Schenectady*, the Sum of		2616	13 1
Amounting in all to	£.	17551	13 1

He likewise brought from his said Excellency, a Copy of an Examination of *Jacobus Myndertse*, before the Commissioners for *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, on the 18th of *April* last.

Also a Deposition of *Sybrant Van Schaick*, and *Hendrick Myndertse Rooseboom*, sworn to before the Mayor of *Albany*, on the 12th of *April* last, relating to the State and Disposition of the *Senekas*, and some others of the five Nations of *Indians*, and of the Endeavours of the *French* to gain them over to their Interest.

Which being severally read,

Ordered, That the said Estimates, Examination, and Deposition, be refered to the Committee of the whole House, when they take his Excellency's Speech into Consideration.

The House (according to Order) took into Consideration the Petition of *Cornelius Cuyler*, who attending, was called in, and made Oath, that the *Indian* Goods mentioned in his Petition, were sent from *Albany* to *Canada*, after the first Day of *November*, and before the 10th Day of the same Month, in the Year 1725, and then withdrew; and this House being of Opinion, That in Strictness, the Laws which inflict a Penalty for trading with *Indian* Goods to the *French*, during the Time above-mentioned, were not of Force;

Ordered, That Leave be given the Petitioner, to bring in a Bill for discharging and cancelling the Bond mentioned in the said Petition; and to enable the Treasurer to recharge the same to the Colony.

The engrossed Bill, from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the People called Quakers, residing within this Province, the same Privileges, Benefits, and Indulgences, as by the Laws and Statutes, now remaining in Force in that Part of* Great-Britain, *called* England, *the People of that Denomination, are intitled unto within those Dominions*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Abraham Huisman; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, and the Members of the County of *Westchester*.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 6, 1734.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) laid before this House, the following Accounts, *to wit*.

An Account of what has arisen by Virtue of an Act, for supporting his Majesty's Government in this Colony, from the first Day of *August*, 1732, till the first Day of *December* following; and an Account of what Warrants he has paid thereon during the said Time, whereby the Ballance then appeared to be, *One Thousand Seven Hundred* and *Forty Seven Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, and *Five-pence Farthing*, in Favour of the Colony.

The like Account from the said first Day of *December*, 1732, until the first Day of *March* last past, whereby the Ballance to that Time, appears to be, *Four Hundred* and *Eighty Seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, and *Five-pence*, in Favour of the Colony.

An Account of what he has received from Hawkers, and Pedlers, from the 17th of *August*, 1732, until the first Day of *March* last, amounting to *Fifty Pounds*.

A general Account of what has arisen by Pedlers and Hawkers, amounting to, *One Hundred* and *Forty Five Pounds*.

An Account of what he has paid thereon, amounting to, *One Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*.

By which it appears, *Fifteen Pounds* is advanced on that Fund.

An Account of what he has received on the Wig Tax, since the 17th of *August*, 1732, till the first Day of *March* last past, amounting to, *Twenty Six Pounds, Three Shillings*, and *Twopence Three Farthings*.

An Account to whom, and for what the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, has been let to Farm, from *primo November*, 1732, to *primo November*, 1733, amounting to, *Eleven Hundred* and *Eight Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *Twopence*, exclusive of Dutchess County, from whence no Recognizance has hitherto been transmitted to the Treasury.

The like Account from *primo November*, 1733, to *primo November*, 1734, amounting to, *Nine Hundred* and *Twenty Nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, exclusive of *Dutchess* and *Orange* Counties, the Recognizances whereof are not yet transmitted to the Treasury.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 7, 1734.

MR. *Heath*, the Deputy Weigh Master, (according to Order) attending, was called in, who informed the House, that as he had a general Order from the principal Weigh Master, that whenever he received any Orders from this House, he should first transmit the same to him, so he has sent the Order of this House, of the 26th *April* last, to him accordingly, and as yet, has received no Directions thereon, but that as soon as he receives the same, he will attend the House; and then withdrew.

Then the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Report of the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired, and what new Acts they conceived proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris*, Jun. reported from the Committee of the whole House, that they had come to a Resolution; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read, and approved of by the House, being as follows, *to wit*.

Resolved, That instead of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences, under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the several Counties therein-mentioned*; which will expire the first of *December* next.

A general Bill be brought in to the same Purposes for the whole Colony, except the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That the said Col. *Morris*, and Col. *Philipse*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *David Bos*, *John Mc. Farland*, *Thomas Stemson*, *Cornelius Romine*, *Walter Kippen*, and *Rowland Kendel*, the insolvent Debtors, now under Confinement in the City-Hall of the City of *New-York*, praying this House would be pleased to take Compassion on them, and enable them to have the Opportunity of following an honest Livelihood, and paying their Debts.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for the Consideration of this House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 7, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 8, 1734.

THE House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired, and what new Acts they conceived proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris*, Jun. reported that they had come to the following Resolutions; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read, and approved of, being as followeth.

Resolved, That instead of the Act, *for the Relief of such insolvent Debtors, as shall be charged in Execution, for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Costs of Suit, within the several Counties therein-mentioned*;

A general Bill be brought in to the same Purposes, for the whole Colony, except the City of *New-York*.

Resolved, That the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*, be further continued from the first of next *November*, till *primo November*, 1735.

Reſolved, That inſtead of the Act, for the further Continuance of an Act, entitled, *An Act, for ſettling and regulating the Militia in the Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued*;

A new Bill be brought in for the ſame Purpoſes, to commence from the firſt of *December* next.

Reſolved, That a new Bill be brought in to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Colony of *New-York*.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, and Col. *Morris*, Jun. prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors before-mentioned.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinſon*, and Mr. *Gerritſen*, prepare and bring in a Bill to let to Farm the Exciſe above-mentioned.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Col. *Hicks*, and Col. *Morris*, Jun. prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Militia within this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, and Col. *Renſſelaer*, prepare and bring in a Bill for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers*, and Col. *Matthews*, do prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces within this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 8, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 9, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 9, 1734.

THE Speaker from the Chair, communicated to the Houſe, a Letter from Mr. *Le Heup*, late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated in *London* the 5th of *March* laſt; and a Repreſentation from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, to the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled, relating to the Laws made, Manufactures ſet up, and Trade carried on in his Majeſty's Plantations in *America*; which were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter, and Repreſentation, lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe, and that at the Cloſe of this Seſſion, the ſame be returned to the Speaker.

The Petition of *John Grandain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 10, 1734.

A Bill entitled, *An Act, for diſcharging a certain Obligation entered into by* Cornelius Cuyler, *of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, to the Treaſurer of this Colony*; was (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 10, 1734.

THE Petition of *Jacob Boſs*, and *Frederick Becker*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Petition of *Johannis Fedderlin*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization, now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 11, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for diſcharging a certain Obligation entered into by* Cornelius Cuyler, *of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, to the Treaſurer of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Petition of *Jacobus Swartwoudt*, *William Prouſe*, *William Coel*, and ſeveral others, the Freeholders and Inhabitants, reſiding and living in *Miniſink*, in the County of *Orange*, and Part of *Ulſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That ſeveral Perſons in *Weſt-Jerſey*, and *Pennſylvania*, having no other way to tranſport their Produce, than through *Miniſink* Road, and that there is about 40 Miles more to repair before they come to *Kingſton*, and therefore prayed this Houſe will be pleaſed to enable the Petitioners to compel all ſuch Perſons as uſe the Road through *Miniſink*, to *Kingſton*, to work on the ſaid Road, and aſſiſt in repairing it to the Houſe of *Ebbert De Wit*, in the Townſhip of *Rochyſter*, in the County of *Ulſter*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 13, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 14, 1734.

Reſolved,

THAT there be given and granted to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, to, and for the Uſes hereinafter-mentioned, and to, and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever, a Duty of Tonnage for the Term of ſix Years, from the firſt Day of *July* next enſuing, on all Veſſels that ſhall, during that Term, trade in this Colony, or bring in, or carry out of the ſame, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, upon Freight or otherwiſe, the Sum of *Three Shillings*, in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony, or the Quantity of ſeven Penny Weight, and twelve Grains of *Sevill* Piller, or *Mexico* Plate, for every Tun ſuch Veſſels ſhall meaſure, according to the uſual Rule of Shipwrights, except on the Veſſels herein-after particularly excepted.

Reſolved, That the following Veſſels ſhall be exempted from the ſaid Duty of Tonnage, *That is to ſay*, All Veſſels built within this Colony; all Veſſels wholly owned by the Inhabitants of the ſaid Colony, and the Inhabitants of *Great-Britain*; all coaſting Veſſels Weſtward and Southward, as far as *Cape Henlopen*, and Eaſtward, as far as *New-Hampſhire*; and all Whaling

Whaling Veſſels, during the Time ſuch Veſſels are imployed in Coaſting or Whaling.

Reſolved, That of all Veſſels built out of this Colony, whereof the Inhabitants of the ſaid Colony, ſhall have, *Bona Fide*, owned in their own Right, one quarter Part or more, before the firſt Day of *May*, in this preſent Year 1734; the Part or Share ſo owned by ſuch Inhabitant, ſhall be exempted from the ſaid Duty of Tonnage, whilſt the Property thereof remains in ſuch Inhabitant; but the Part of ſuch Veſſel not ſo owned, ſhall be liable to the ſaid Tonnage, unleſs belonging to the Inhabitants of *Great-Britain*.

Reſolved, That all the Money to ariſe by the ſaid Duty of Tonnage, ſhall be imployed, either for erecting Fortifications in this Colony, or in ſuch other Manner, as ſhall be ordered and directed, by Act or Acts of the General Aſſembly, hereafter to be paſſed for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared and brought in purſuant to theſe Reſolutions, and that the Members for the City of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the ſame, with proper Clauſes for the effectual ſecuring and collecting of the ſaid Duty, and to prevent the eluding or defeating of the Payment thereof.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1734.

MR. *Garritſen* (according to Order) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*; *and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 15, 1734.

THE Petition of *Coenradt Rightmier*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before the Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the ſaid Committee, That on that Part which relates to the Inſpection of Flour, they came to the following Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Four out of this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, Capt. *Van Horne* and Capt. *Rutgers*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 16, 1734.

COL. *Morris*, jun. (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy puniſhing and releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Felony, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Renſſelaer* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 16, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed within this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 17, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy puniſhing and releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Felony, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Bill, was preſented to the Houſe (according to Leave) entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty on empty Caſks, imported into the City of* New-York, *and for laying an additional Impoſition thereon*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Heath* (the Deputy Weigh Maſter) attending without, was called in, and informed the Houſe, That he delivered their Order of the 26th *Ultimo*, to Mr. *Colden*, the principal Weigh Maſter, who had directed him to acquaint the Houſe, that as he had not weighed any dutiable Goods ſince his laſt Account, he had at this Time none to deliver in, and then withdrew.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 17, 1734.

COLONEL *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, as ſhall be charged in Execution for Debts, not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Coſt of Suit, within the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty on empty Caſks, imported into the City of* New-York, *and for laying an additional Impoſition thereon*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *New-York*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, as ſhall be charged in Execution for Debts, not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Coſt of Suit, within the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to Fortifications; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

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Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. May 20, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 21, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 21, 1734.

COL. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and delivered the ſame in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 22, 1734.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* preſented to the Houſe, a Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, ſetting forth, That the Wall, now begun to be built round that City, would be a Work of Time and of vaſt Expence, and to prevent any ſudden Surprize, in Caſe of a Rupture between *Great-Britain* and *France*, the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, are generally very much inclined to fortify the ſame with Stockadoes; and therefore humbly pray, an Act may be paſſed, to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, or the major Part of them, to aſſeſs and rate the Inhabitants, Freeholders, Reſidents and Sojourners of the ſaid City, to furniſh and ſet up Stockadoes, in Proportion to their Abilities, and to inflict a Fine upon thoſe who are remiſs, and to impower them to order and direct how, where, and in what Manner, the Stockadoes ſhall be ſet up; as likewiſe Power to raiſe the Sum of, *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, on the County, to defray the Charges of Materials, for building Batteries, making Gates and Carriages for the great Guns, and to oblige all Perſons to make good their Claim to any Lands along the Water, within three Months after the Publication of the ſaid Act, and dock out the ſame in three Years; which being read,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Speaker from the Chair, communicated to the Houſe, a Letter from Mr. *Le Heup*, late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, dated in *London*, the 12th of *February* laſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter lie on the Table, for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe, and that at the Cloſe of this Seſſion, the ſame be returned to the Speaker.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to Fortifications; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That Fortifications be erected in this Colony, for the Defence and Security thereof, at ſuch Places, in ſuch Manner, by ſuch Ways and Means, and under ſuch Management, as this Houſe ſhall agree, during this Seſſion.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 22, 1734.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 23, 1734.

THE Petition of *Johannis Van Wyck*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, appointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Upon a Motion made by Col. *Philipſe*, That as many of the Fees taken by the ſeveral Officers of the Government, and the Practitioners of Law, are very extravagant and unreaſonable, a Remedy ought to be provided to prevent ſuch Exactions;

Reſolved, That a Bill be prepared, to regulate and eſtabliſh Fees in this Colony, with a Table or Catalogue of all Fees, to be allowed to the ſaid Officers and Practitioners of the Law, proportionable to the ſeveral Services to be performed by them reſpectively.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Morris*, jun. Col. *Philipſe*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Renſſelaer* and Major *Plat*, or any five of them, be a Committee, to ſettle and regulate the ſaid Fees, and then to prepare and bring in a Bill to eſtabliſh the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 23, 1734.

THE Petition of *Johannis Spaler*, *Zacharias Haber* and *Peter Craller*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, The Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, apppointed to conſider of the ſaid Bill.

Upon a Motion made by Mr. *De Lancey*, That a Bill ought to be brought in, for the frequent Elections of Repreſentatives, to ſerve in General Aſſembly for this Colony;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That a Bill be brought in for the Electing of ſuch Repreſentatives, once in every three Years at leaſt.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Philipſe* and Col. *Morris*, jun. prepare and bring in a Bill, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 24, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. May 24, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to Fortifications; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 25, 1734.

COL. *Morris*, jun. reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Felony, in the several Counties therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which he read in his Place, and delivered the same in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

The Petition of *Abraham De Peyster*; *Henry Cuyler* and *Cornelius Van Horne*, Merchants of *New-York*, in behalf of themselves, and the Rest of the Proprietors of the Wharfs in this City, called *Burnet*'s Key, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave be given to lay a Bill before this House, *for regulating and ascertaining reasonable Crainage, Dockage and Wharfage, to be paid by Vessels. using the said Wharfs.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. May 27, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 28, 1734.

CAPT. *Van Horne*, presented to this House, a Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *New-York*, which was read, praying this House would settle the Fees of the Lawyers, and Officers of the Government, and the Courts of Justice, by an Act or Acts of the General Assembly, in such Manner as this House, shall judge to be most conducive to preserve the Liberties and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects from any Encroachments.

Col. *Morris*, jun. presented to this House, a Petition of several Inhabitants of the County of *Westchester*, which was read; praying this House would be pleased to settle the Fees of the Lawyers, and Officers of the Government, and the Courts of Justice, by an Act or Acts of the General Assembly, in such Manner, as this House shall judge to be most conducive, to preserve the Liberties and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects, from arbitrary Encroahments.

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into Consideration by this House, on *Friday* next.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 28, 1734.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to Fortifications; after some Time spent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Col. *Matthews* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces, in the Colony of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Rutgers* acquainted the House, That the Mayor, Commonalty, and many of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, had desired him to present a Petition of the Merchants and Tradesmen, inhabiting the said City, signed by upwards of one hundred Hands, which being received, the same was read, setting forth; That for many Years past, there had been a very great Decay in the Trade and Navigation of this City and Province, which daily increased; and that if there be not some speedy and seasonable Remedy applied by this House, they were of Opinion, the greatest Part of the Workmen and Labourers in the said City, with their Wives and Families, would shortly be obliged to Leave the same (as great Numbers of them have already done) or be reduced to great Extremities for want of Imploy, from the great Resort of *Bermudians*, who daily flock hither for Freight; and that as they observe from the Resolves of this House, that Affair hath been under their Consideration, they hope this House will be pleased to apply a Remedy, adequate to their present Wants; and also make such other suitable Provisions, for the Encouragement of Workmen, Trade and Navigation, as this House shall think reasonable.

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into Consideration, when the Bill is brought in, which is ordered to impose a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 29, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces, in the Colony of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 30, 1734.

A Motion was made by Col. *Matthews*, for Leave to bring in a Bill, *to prevent small Stallions running at large.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 30, 1734.

COL. *Rensselaer* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent small Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horses under the Size therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to Fortifications; after some Time spent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Upon a Motion of Col. *Philipse* and Col. *Morris*, jun. for Leave of Absence, during the Circuit Courts in *Dutchess* County, *Ulster* County, and *Albany* County; the several Members of the said Counties were asked, whether, there were any Causes criminal or civil at issue, or ready for Trial in any of the said Counties; they unanimously declared there were none at this Time, that they knew, or had heard of. And the House considering, that as there are still several Matters of Importance depending before them, they ought not to give Leave for the Absence of any Members, unless there was an absolute Occasion for it. And the House considering further, that as there is no Business in the said Coun-

ties, it would be an unneceſſary Charge to each of them, in Caſe the circuit Courts were held there at this Time; and are further of Opinion, That as well the Judges, as all other Officers of the ſaid Court, ought not to put themſelves to the Trouble, or thoſe Counties to the Charge, of holding the ſaid circuit Courts at this Time, when it would be to no Purpoſe; nor can the Houſe agree, that the Members above-named, do attend the Circuit in *Orange* County next Week, for the Reaſons aforeſaid.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 31, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein-mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 31, 1734.

MR. *De Lancey* preſented to this Houſe, a Petition and Repreſentation of *Andries Marſchalk*, *Evert Byvanck*, *Peter Marſchalk* and *Cornelius Kortwright*, in Behalf of themſelves, and the Reſt of the Bakers, Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, which was read, ſetting forth, that great Quantities of Bread, hath lately been imported into the ſaid City, from the neighbouring Colonies, to the great Damage of the ſaid Petitioners; who are ready to make it appear, by ſeveral Merchants, that great Quantities of Bread have been imported as aforeſaid; Part of which has been condemned, as unfit to ſend to the *Weſt-Indies*, and ſuch Part thereof as was ſent, was ſpoiled and could not be ſold; which has not only brought a Diſreputation abroad upon the Bread exported from hence, but has moreover leſſened the Imployment of Bakers, and will diſcourage them more, if a proper Remedy be not applied, and the Petitioners therefore humbly prayed, that a conſiderable Duty may be laid upon all Kind of Bread, to be imported into the City of *New-York*, from the neighbouring Governments.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Capt. *Hicks* preſented to the Houſe, a Petition of ſeveral of the Inhabitants of *Queen*'s County, which was read, praying, this Houſe would be pleaſed to ſettle the Fees of the Lawyers and Officers of the Government, and the Courts of Juſtice by an Act or Acts of the General Aſſembly, in ſuch Manner, as this Houſe ſhall judge to be moſt conducive, to preſerve the Liberties of his Majeſty's Subjects, from arbitrary Encroachments.

The Houſe (according to Order) took into Conſideration, the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*; and another of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, preſented to this Houſe, on the 28th Inſtant; as likewiſe the Petition above-mentioned. And after ſome Debate, on that Part which relates to Courts of Juſtice (a Bill having been ordered, on the 23d of the ſame Month, to be brought in for regulating and eſtabliſhing of Fees) it was reſolved, that the farther Conſideration of the ſame, be refered to *Friday* next; and that Mr. *Murray* and Mr. *Smith*, be deſired to attend at that Time, for the further Information of the Houſe, upon the ſubject Matter thereof.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 1, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of that Part of his Excelleney's Speech, relating to Fortifications and the ſix Nations of *Indians*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed, towards fortifying the City of *New-York*, the Sum of, *Six Thouſand Pounds*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the City of *Albany*, to erect and compleat a Stone Fort, Soldiers Barracks within the ſame, repairing the Officer's Houſe, or building a new one, and making of Carriages for the great Guns, &c. the Sum of, *Four Thouſand Pounds*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed, for erecting a Fort of Beams, on a Stone Foundation, at *Schenectady*; a good Block-Houſe, in each Corner thereof, Carriages for the great Guns, &c. the Sum of, *Eight Hundred Pounds*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed, for Meſſengers and Preſents to the *Seneka*'s Country, maintaining a Smith and ſome Men among that Nation, and for building Fortifications there, if found feazable and practicable; the Sum of, *Five Hundred Pounds*.

Reſolved, That for purchaſing of great Guns and making Carriages for the ſame, for the Security of *Suffolk* County, to be uſed and imployed there as Occaſion may require; and for diſcharging a Demand of the ſaid County, amounting to near *Forty Pounds*, expended in that County, in oppoſing a Pirate Veſſel, which infeſted them ſome Years ago; allowed to the ſaid County in all, *Two Hundred Pounds*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Thurſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Wedneſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1734.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Fortifying the City of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Beekman* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ruts of Carts, Waggons, or other Carriages in* Dutcheſs *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 5, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 6, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ruts of Carts, Waggons, or other Carriages in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Dutcheſs*, *Albany* and *Weſtcheſter* Counties, or any ſix of them.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Bakers of the City of* New-York, *and for laying a Duty on Bread imported into the ſaid City, from the neighbouring Colonies*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 6, 1734.

COL. *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clauſe to the ſame; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a certain Obligation entered into by* Cornelius Cuyler, *of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, to the Treaſurer of the*

this Colony, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 7, 1734.

THE House being informed, that Mr. *Murray* and Mr. *Smith*, did attend without, it was, *Resolved*, That they should be heard on the Subject Matter, of the three Petitions, mentioned on the 31st of *May* last, and be desired, that they would on that Part thereof, which relates to Courts of Justice, give their real Opinion candidly, sincerely and upon Honour; and that none of the Members should interfere or interrupt them therein.

Then the Gentlemen above-named, were called in, and the Doors opened for all Auditors, the several Members being first seated in their Places; the Speaker, then asked Mr. *Murray* and Mr. *Smith*, whether they were prepared to inform the House, of their real Opinion on the Subject above-mentioned, which he desired might be done candidly, sincerely and upon Honour; Mr. *Murray*, declared that some extraordinary Business, intervening since he had Notice, he had been prevented from prepairing himself fully upon that Subject; Mr. *Smith*, made an Apology of the same Nature, but adding, that as well on his own Score, as in Behalf of his Clients, he had for some Years, been obliged to search into, and inform himself of that Matter; he was desired to proceed: And the said Petitions being read, he laid it down as an undeniable Position, that no Grant, Commission or Letters Patent, can erect a Court of Equity or Chancery; and that it can only be by a Prescription or Act of Parliament, and in Support thereof, produced many Authorities, and urged several Arguments, to shew the Inconveniences of such a Court, if erected in any other Manner, than by the Legislature.

After he had spoke about three Hours to these Purposes, Mr. *Murray* was asked, whether he was ready to give his Opinion, he again declared he was unprepared for the Reasons aforesaid; then all Persons withdrew, and the House being desirous to have an Information from him likewise, he was again called in, and asked how soon he could be prepared, who declared, that he believed by *Wednesday* next; and he being withdrawn, the House agreed that he should be desired to attend at that Time; and he being again called in, the Speaker desired him, that he would attend the House, on next *Wednesday* Morning, which he promised, and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 8, 1734.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Extravagancy of the People of this Colony*; was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Motion was made by Col. *Morris*, Jun. That he may have Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent clandestine Marriages.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent small Stallions running at large, in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld such as shall be under the Size therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for discharging a certain Obligation entered into by* Cornelius Cuyler, *of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, to the Treasurer of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Glen*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the Bakers of the City of* New-York, *and for laying a Duty on Bread imported into the said City, from the neighbouring Colonies*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Philip Verplank, Esq; attending without, was called in, and produced to the House, an Indenture, that he was duly elected a Representative for the Manor of *Cortlandt*, in this present General Assembly, as likewise the Letters Patents, of the said Manor, dated in the Year 1697, whereby a Power and Privileges granted to choose such a Representative, living within the same, to commence twenty Years after its Date.

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of the worshipful his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the City and County of *New-York*, and of the Vestry Men of the said City, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That of late, the said City has increased in Poor, that the Tax for the Relief and Maintenance of them, is become a heavy Burthen to the Inhabitants of the said City, by Reason of the many foreign Vessels, Strangers, Merchants, and Supercargoes, not belonging to this Government, frequently arrive in this Port with large Cargoes of Merchandize, and dispose thereof for great Sums of ready Money, without contributing to the Relief of the said Poor; and for as much as all other of his Majesty's Plantations in *America*, have taken effectual care to oblige all Strangers, arriving there to trade, to contribute towards the Support of the Poor of those Places, to the Ease of their Inhabitants; therefore pray they may have Leave to bring in a Bill for the better Relief and Maintenance of the Poor in the said City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing the Extravagance of the People of this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Hire and Rates to be taken for Ships and other Vessels, using the Wharfs called* Burnet's *Quay, in the City of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent meeting and calling of the General Assembly of this Province*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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[*Here begins the* 8*th of* George *the IId.*]

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) took into Conſideration the Return of Mr. *Philip Verplank*, for the Manor of *Cortlandt*; and after ſome Debate, it was

Reſolved, That he be admitted as a Member of this Houſe, for the ſaid Manor, as ſoon as an Act is paſſed for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That he have Leave to bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1734.

MR. *Murray* attending without, purſuant to the Deſire of this Houſe, on the 7th Inſtant, it was reſolved to obſerve the ſame Methods as it had been on that Day when Mr. *Smith* gave his Opinion, concerning the jubject Matter then mentioned; after which he was called in, and the Doors opened for Mr. *Smith*, and all other Perſons that inclined to be preſent: Then he was aſked whether he was prepared to inform the Houſe of his real Opinion on the ſubject Matter aforeſaid, and he declaring he was prepared, the Speaker deſired that he would give the ſame candidly, ſincerely, and upon honour; he then did proceed, and laid it down, that the Courts of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, were, by the Laws of *England*, of original Juriſdiction by the Conſtitution of *England*, and as antient as the Kingdom itſelf: That as in this Colony, we are intitled to the ſame Laws, Liberties, and Privileges, and under the ſame Conſtitution, ſo we are intitled to the ſame Courts, and produced many Authorities in ſupport thereof; and by ſeveral Arguments, ſhewed, that if we ſhould put thoſe Courts upon any other footing here, than they are in *England*, our own Act would draw into Queſtion whether we are intitled to the Liberties and Privileges aforeſaid; but that he, however, conceived it would not be improper to regulate the Courts, *and that the Judges might be (during good Behaviour) by an Act, as it is in* England.

After he had ſpoke about three Hours, to theſe Purpoſes, he, and all other Perſons, withdrew; and he, and Mr. *Smith*, were deſired to attend without: After which, they were called in again, and the Speaker by Direction of the Houſe, gave them the Thanks of the Houſe for the Pains and Trouble they had taken in the Matters aforeſaid; and acquainted them, that the Houſe conceived they ſhould have no Occaſion to give them any further Trouble therein, and then both withdrew.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 13, 1734.

THE Memorial of Mr. *Bradley*, in Behalf of Mr. *Le Heup*, late Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying, that as well the Years Salary due to the ſaid Mr. *Le Heup*, by Virtue of an Act, as another Year, claimed upon a Reſolve of this Houſe, may be paid and diſcharged.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, and Col. *Philipſe*, do inquire of the Treaſurer of this Colony, whether the Tax, for the Year due, by an Act, be paid into the Treaſury, and that the other Part of the ſaid Memorial be taken into the further Conſideration of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 13, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the frequent Meeting and calling of the General Aſſembly of this Province*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 14, 1734.

ON a Motion made by Col. *Mathews*, *Reſolved*, That the further Conſideration of the Petitions from ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, from the County of *Weſtcheſter*, and from *Queen's* County, relating to the ſettling the Courts of Juſtice, be defered till after Harveſt, that the Members may have Time to conſult their Conſtituents; and that Mr. Juſtice *Philipſe*, and Col. *Morris*, Jun. deſire Meſſieurs *Smith* and *Murray*, to deliver a Copy of their Arguments, ſpoke before this Houſe upon that Subject, to Mr. *Bradford*, the King's Printer, who is hereby ordered forthwith to print the ſame, and deliver one Copy thereof to each Member of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 14, 1734.

AN Act, *for the better explaining, and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the ſixth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in* Ulſter *County, to build a Court Houſe and Goal, for the ſaid County, and to enable them to diſpoſe of the old County Houſe and Goal, and the Lot of Ground it ſtands on, and to injoin the Supervizors to raiſe the Charge of executing the Negro therein-mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1734.

COL. *Mathews* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the fortifying the City of* Albany; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and added ſome Clauſes to the ſame; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Choice of a Repreſentative, for the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution an Act of General Aſſembly, made in the ſixth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter County, *to build a* Court

Court House and Goal, for the said County, and to enable them to dispose of the old County House and Goal, and the Lot of Ground it stands on, and to injoin the Supervizors to raise the Charge of executing the Negro therein-mentioned; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany*, and *Ulster*, or any three of them.

On a Motion made by Major *Plat*,

Ordered, That Col. *Mathews*, and Mr. *Gerritsen*, wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House desires they may have a Recess next Week, till after Harvest.

Ordered, That Capt. *Pawling*, have Leave to go home on extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1734.

CAPT. *Rutgers* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating the Choice of a Representative, for the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Abraham Huisman; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read in his Place, and delivered the same in at the Table; which were again read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany, Schenectady, *and other Places in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Mathews* reported, That in pursuance of an Order, on *Saturday* last, he, and Mr. *Gerritsen*, had that Afternoon, waited on his Excellency with the Desire of this House, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, he was sensible that many of the Members were desirous to see their Harvest in, and therefore was ready to agree that they should have a Recess from *Saturday* next, until after Harvest, but desired, and recommended, that so much of the most necessary Business now before the House, might be dispatched, as it was possible during that Week.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 17, 1734.

MR. *Livingston* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining, and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of General Assembly, made in the sixth Year of his Majesty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, in* Ulster *County, to build a Court House and Goal, for the said County, and to enable them to dispose of the old County House and Goal, and the Lot of Ground it stands on, and to injoin the Supervizors to raise the Charge of executing the Negro therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Hire and Rates to be taken for Ships and other Vessels, using the Wharfs called* Burnet's *Key, in the City of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and *Westchester*.

Col. *Morris*, Jun. presented to the House (according to Leave) a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Clandestine Marriages*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Morris*, Jun. from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Choice of a Representative for the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the same, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clause, be ingrossed.

Col. *Beekman* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ruts of Carts, Waggons, or other Carriages in* Dutchess *County*; That they had amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 18, 1734.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Abraham Huisman, John Grandain, Jacob Bos, Frederick Beeker, Johannis Vedderlin, Coenradt Rightmier, Johannis Spaler, Zacharias Haber, Peter Craller, and Johannis Van Wyck; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ruts of Waggons, in* Dutchess *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining, and more effectual putting in Execution, the Act of General Assembly therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Choice of a Representative for the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 18, 1734.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the ingrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the People called Quakers, residing within this Province, the same Privileges, Benefits, and Indulgencies, as by the Laws and Statutes, now remaining of force in that Part of* Great-Britain, *called* England, *the People of that Denomination are intitled unto within those Dominions*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause thereto, which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, with the Amendments and Clause, and acquaint the Council, that this House had agreed to the said Bill, with the Amendments and a Clause, to which they desire their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 19, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Clandestine Marriages*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 19, 1734.

UPON a Motion made by Mr. *Livingston*, That at this Juncture, when the *French* use all Manner of Arts and Industry, to draw the *Senecka's* Nation of *Indians* unto their

Intereſt, and alienate their Affection from, and Dependance on the Crown of *Great-Britain*, it was highly neceſſary to ſend a Perſon of Intereſt, to confirm them in the *Engliſh* Intereſt. And the Houſe conceiving that Col. *Philip Schuyler*, as well upon the Score of his own Capacity, as becauſe his Father had the greateſt Intereſt, and was the moſt eſteemed by all the ſix Nations: He was aſked, whether he was willing to undertake a Journey for the Purpoſe above-mentioned, who declaring he would undertake it, he was deſired to make an Eſtimate of the Charge thereof, which he did accordingly; conſiſting in the Particulars following, *viz.*

Things neceſſary for a Voyage and Journey to the *Seneka*'s Country, to ſecure them at this Juncture in the *Engliſh* Intereſt.

To Goods for Preſents to the ſaid *Indians*, -	£.	100 0
To People to wait on the Perſon ſent, -		40 0
To Canoes or Battoes, and other incident Charges,		30 0
To a Smith and three Hands, to lie a Year among the *Seneka*'s, - - -		100 0
To Preſents for theſe People to diſtribute among the *Seneka*'s, while they remain there,		40 0
To *Philip Schuyler*, Eſq; as a Reward for his Trouble,		100 0
	£.	410 0

Reſolved, That Mr. *Livingſton* and Major *Glen*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that it is the Deſire of this Houſe, that his Excellency will be pleaſed to ſend the ſaid Col. *Philip Schuyler*, into the *Seneka*'s Country, to ſecure that Nation of *Indians*, in the *Engliſh* Intereſt, with proper Inſtructions for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That as Col. *Schuyler*, has offered to undertake that Journey, upon the Credit and Honour of this Houſe, that the ſaid Sum of *Four Hundred and Ten Pounds*, ſhall at his Return be paid to him, for the Particulars above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 20, 1734.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Veſſels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported that he and Major *Glen*, had waited on his Excellency, with the Requeſt of this Houſe, in Relation to the ſending of Col. *Philip Schuyler*, with a Smith and proper Preſents to the *Seneka's* Nation, and that his Excellency had been pleaſed to ſay, the ſaid Requeſt was very agreeable to him, and that he would take Care no Time ſhould be loſt, in putting the ſame in Execution.

Col. *Morris*, jun. reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Hire and Rates to be taken for Ships and other Veſſels uſing the Wharfs, called* Burnet's Key, *in the City of* New-York, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added two Clauſes thereto; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 20, 1734.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Rates to be taken for Ships and other Veſſels, uſing the Wharfs, called* Burnet's Key, *in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Garritſen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Horſmanden*, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning able and ſufficitnt Jurors in Trials at Law in this Colony*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which Amendments being twice read, were diſagreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendments, made to the ſaid Bill.

Mr. *Horſmanden*, alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee, had agreed to the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to the People, called* Quakers, *reſiding within this Province, the ſame Privileges, Benefits and Indulgences, as by the Laws and Statutes now remaining of Force in that Part of* Great-Britain, *called* England; *the People of that Denomination are intitled unto within thoſe Dominions, and to the Clauſe added thereto.*

He alſo acquainted this Houſe, that the Council had agreed, to the ſix following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large, in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld ſuch as ſhall be under the Size therein-mentioned.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Abraham Huſman, John Grandain, Jacob Boſs, Frederick Beeker, Johannis Vedderlin, Coenradt Rightmier, Johannis Spaler, Zacharias Haber, Peter Craller *and* Johannis Van Wyck.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Ruts of Waggons in* Dutcheſs *County.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Choice of a Repreſentative, for the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution, the Act of General Aſſembly therein-mentioned*; and,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging a certain Obligation entered into by* Cornelius Cuyler, *of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, to the Treaſurer of this Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 21, 1734.

AN Account of *Daniel Gautier*, was preſented to the Houſe, for building and compleating the Room, which was ordered on the 13th Day of *October* 1732, to be made for the Uſe of the Speaker and the Members of the Houſe; which being examined and audited by Col. *Philipſe* and Capt. *Rutgers*, it appears that the whole Charge of Carpenters, Joiners and Maſons Work, Glazing, Painting, and all the Materials to compleat the ſame, does amount to, *Thirty Seven Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Five-pence.*

Ordered, That in Purſuance of a Reſolve on the ſaid 13th of *October* 1732, Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the above-mentioned Account to the Governor and Council, for their Approbation: And to Requeſt his Excellency, that he will then be pleaſed to iſſue a Warrant in Council on the Treaſurer, for paying out of the Fund, for ſupporting this Government, the ſaid Sum of, *Thity Seven Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Five-pence*, unto the above-named *Daniel Gautier* or his Order.

Col. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Meeting and Calling of the General Aſſembly of this Province*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 21, 1734.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of that Board, to acquaint this Houſe, that they did adhere to their Amendments, made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning able and ſufficient Jurors in Trials at Law, in this Colony.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at their next Meeting, conſider further of the ſaid Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, to acquaint this Houſe, That Board hath agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Veſſels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Horſmanden*, to acquaint this Houſe, that Board hath agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for fortifying the City of* Albany, Schenectady, *and other Places in the County of* Albany; without any Amendments.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent electing and calling of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration to what Time after Harveſt it will be proper to take a Receſs,

Reſolved, That when the Houſe is ſent for to be preſent at the Governor's aſſenting to the Acts ready for that Purpoſe, The Speaker acquaint his Excellency, it is the Inclination of the Houſe, not to meet until the third *Tueſday* in *September* next. But leaſt ſome Emergency might require their Meeting ſooner, they are of Opinion, it will be adviſeable to make a ſhort Adjournment at preſent, and from thence to be adjourned

ed by Proclamation, from Time to Time, but the Members not to meet, until the said 3d *Tuesday* in *September*, unless it should be signified to them by circular Letters, that the public Service required to meet at a shorter Adjournment.

Mr. *Morris* moved, that he might have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Meeting of the House, for appointing an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, independent of a Governor.

Ordered, That he have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Morris*, jun. moved that he might have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Meeting of this House, that the Sheriffs to be appointed in this Colony, be either Persons of good and sufficient Estates, in the County of which they shall be appointed Sheriffs, or give good and sufficient Security, for the due Discharge of their Offices.

Ordered, That he have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourned till 9 Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 22, 1734.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, to acquaint the House, That they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Rates, to be taken for Ships and other Vessels, using the Wharfs called* Burnet's Key, *in the City of* New-York; without any Amendments.

Resolved, That at the Beginning of the Meeting of the House after Harvest, they will provide further Ways and Means (besides the Duty of Tonnage) to erect Fortifications in this Colony, at the several Places, and for the Services mentioned in the Journal of this House, on the first Day of this Month.

A Motion was made, by Mr. *Livingston*, That at the next Meeting of this House, the Treasurer of this Colony, do lay before this House, a State of the particular Accounts; of all the publick Money he has received and paid since he has been Treasurer, and the exact State of each Branch thereof; likewise, what the respective Counties are in Arrear, of the several Taxes laid during that Time; and also what Bills of Credit have been sunk on each Tax or Fund.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer, do accordingly prepare the exact State of the particular Accounts above-mentioned, That the same may be laid before this House, at their said next Meeting.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, serve the Treasurer with the said Motion and the Order thereon.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. *Morris*, the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber, in Fort George *immediately.*

The Speaker and the House, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported, that his Excellency had, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and the Members of this House, given his Assent to the 10 following Acts, passed this Session; and that the same were published at the City-Hall, in the usual Manner, the Titles whereof are, *to wit.*

1. *An* Act, *for granting to the People called* Quakers, *residing within this Colony, the same Privileges, Benefits* and *Indulgences, as by the Laws and Statutes now remaining of Force, in that Part of* Great-Britain, *called* England, *the People of that Denomination, are intitled unto within those Dominions.*
2. *An* Act, *to prevent small Stallions running at large, in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld such as shall be under the Size therein-mentioned.*
3. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Abraham Huisman, John Grondain, Jacob Bos, Frederick Beeker, Johannis Vedderlin, Coenradt Rightmier, Johannis Spaler, Zacharias Haber, Peter Craller *and* Johannis Van Wyck.
4. *An* Act, *for regulating the Ruts of Waggons, in* Dutchess *County.*
5. *An* Act, *for regulating the Choice of a Representativt, for the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester.
6. *An* Act, *for the better explaining and more effectual putting in Execution, the Act of General Assembly therein-mentioned.*
7. *An* Act, *for discharging a certain Obligation entered into by* Cornelius Cuyler, *of the City of* Albany, *Merchant, to the Treasurer of this Colony.*
8. *An* Act, *for Fortifying the City of* Albany, Schenectady, *and other Places in the County of* Albany.
9. *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned.* And,
10. *An* Act, *for regulating the Rates to be taken for Ships and other Vessels, using the Wharfs called* Burnet's Key, *in the City of* New-York. And,

A Motion was made, that as the Act is now published, which was ordered on the 11th of this Month, Mr. *Verplank*, the returned Representative for the Manor of *Cortlandt*, might be admitted accordingly. And he attending without, was called in.

Ordered, That Mr. *Le Count* and Mr. *Van Kleck*, do wait on his Excellency, with Mr. *Verplank*, and desire he may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, *&c.* according to Law.

Mr. *Le Count*, reported that he and Mr. *Van Kleck*, had seen Mr. *Verplank*, take the Oaths, *&c.* according to Law, before his Excellency.

Ordered, That the said Mr. *Philip Verplank*, take his Place as a Member of this House accordingly.

And the Speaker reported likewise, That in pursuance of Yesterday's Resolution, he had acquainted his Excellency, with the Inclination and Opinion of the House, concerning a Recess till after Harvest, and that his said Excellency approving thereof, had accordingly recommended the House to adjourn itself, until the 4th *Tuesday* in *July* next.

And then the Speaker adjourned the House to the 4th *Tuesday* in *July* next; and the House is accordingly adjourned until the said 4th *Tuesday* in *July* next ensuing.

MEMORADUM.

THE House having adjourned itself on the 22d of *June* last past, until the 4th *Tuesday* in *July*, then next ensuing, the same was, by several Proclamations of his Excellency, further adjourned on, and to the respective Days following, *That is to say*,

On the 23d of *July*, until the fourth *Tuesday* of *August*.
On the 22d of *August*, until the first *Tuesday* in *October*.
On the 1st of *October*, to the second Day of the same Month.

Die Mercurij, 11 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1734.

THE House being met, in pursuance of the Adjournment last mentioned, at the Assembly Chamber, in the City of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair, and communicated to the House, *viz.* A Letter from Mr. *Richard Patridge*, dated the 27th of *April* last, with the Resolutions, and Order, of the House of Lords on the 5th of the same Month, relating to the *British* Colonies and Plantations in *America*.

Copies of two Letters, wrote by him on the 6th of *August* last, to *Peter Le Heup*, Esq; and the said Mr. *Patridge*; as likewise Extracts of a Letter from Mr. *Le Heup*, on the first of *February*, 1729-30, and of the Speaker's Answer thereto, on the 27th of *April*, 1730; which being severally read, the Thanks of the House were given to the Speaker for the Trouble he had taken therein; and,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members, and at the Close of this Session, be returned to him.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, and Mr. *Gerritsen*, wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him that the House is met, and have proceeded upon Business, and that they intend to adjourn until *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 7, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, To-morrow.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 8, 1734.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk of this House do write to the absent Members, that they attend the Service of this House, with all convenient Speed.

The House adjourned to 9 Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 9, 1734.

MR. Speaker from the Chair, acquainted the House, his Excellency had delivered him a Letter from Mr. *Popple*, by order of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to his said Excellency, dated the 30th of *May* last, which being read, was ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House at large, and is in the Words following.

Whitehall, May the 30th, 1734.

SIR,

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to desire you will transmit to my Lords Commissioners, your Opinion what further Encouragements may be necessary to engage the Inhabitants of the *British* Colonies, on the Continent of *America*, particularly of those within your Government, to apply their Industry to the Cultivation of naval Stores of all Kinds, and likewise of such other Products as may be proper for the Soil of the said Colonies, and do not interfer with the Trade or Product of *Great-Britain*.

As my Lords Commissioners are to make a Report upon this Subject, to the House of Lords, at the Beginning of the next Session of Parliament, which may be about Christmas next, I am further to desire that your Return to this Letter, may be dispatched as soon as possible, that my Lords may have Time to consider thereof, before they make their said Report. I am,

Sir, your most humble Servant,

Mured Popple.

Honourable *William Cosby*, Esq; Governor of *New-York*.

Ordered, That the Clerk return the original to his said Excellency; and, *Resolved*, That the subject Matter thereof, be taken into Consideration by this House.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* laid before this House, his Excellency's Instructions to him on a Journey to the *Seneka's* Country, pursuant to a Resolve of this House on the 19th of *June* last, dated the 27th of the same Month; as likewise the Answer to him from the Sachems of the said Nation, on the 2d of *August* last, which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be given to Col. *Philip Schuyler*, for the great Care and Pains he hath taken in punctually discharging the Trust reposed in him by his Excellency and this House, so much to their Satisfaction, and that the Reward assigned for that Service, by the Resolve abovementioned, shall be duly complied with.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 10, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 10, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 11, 1734.

UPON a Motion of Major *Glen* for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Town of *Schenectady*, in the County of *Albany*, to raise within that Township, a Sum not exceeding *Fifty Pounds*, making their old Church defensible, and for other Fortifications in the said Town.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 12, 1734.

A Petition of *Samuel Loveridge*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that having been disabled by a Rheumatick Distemper, from carrying on his Occupation of a Shipwright, he has lately set up the Trade of distilling Cordial Drams, and agreed with the Farmer of the Excise to pay the Sum of *Five Pounds, per Annum*; but finding that Trade not to answer his Expectation, humbly prays to be excused and discharged of the said Excise, in such Manner, as to this House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act, to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 14, 1734.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerritsen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 15, 1734.

MR. *Bradford* presented to this House, his Account for printing One Hundred Set of the Arguments of Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Murray*, in pursuance of an Order of this House, on the 14th of *June* last, amounting to *Thirty Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings*, and what Numbers thereof are presented to his Excellency, the Council, the General Assembly, &c. how many are sold, and how many more are ready to be delivered; and as (in a Letter to the Speaker) he conceived this to be an extra Service, he hopes and prays the House will take care that he may be paid for the Labour and Materials therein; which being read,

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1734.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Albany*, and the Justices of the Peace of the said County, in Sessions, was read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Petitioners to lay a Tax on the Freeholders, Inhabitants, and Sojourners of the said City and County, not exceeding the Sum of *Nine Hundred Pounds*, to be raised in three Years Time, for building a new City-Hall and County Goal,

Goal, in such Part of the said City, and of such Demensions, as the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the said City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall think convenient; and that they may be impowered to dispose of the present City-Hall and County Goal, and Ground thereunto belonging, and the Money arising from the Sale thereof, to be applied towards the building the new one.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1734.

THE humble Petition of the insolvent Debtors, now confined in the City-Hall, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That in *May* last, they laid their distressed Case before the House, and now again humbly pray this House will be pleased to take their miserable Condition into Consideration, and provide such charitable and christian Relief for them, as to their great Wisdom shall seem meet.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, Col. *Morris*, Jun. and Col. *Beekman*, or any two of them, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, within the Colony of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*; and that they have Power to add such Clauses as they shall judge reasonable to answer the Ends intended by the said Act.

The Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, They had put up Advertisements in several public Places, within the City and County of *Albany*, desiring all Persons that have any Claim to any Lots lying along the River Side, on the East Side of the said City, to shew their Title for the same; and that if no Titles were shewn within the Time limited, the Corporation would make Application for an Act of Assembly, to enable them to dock out the same, the Time limited, being elapsed, and no Titles produced, they pray an Act may be passed to enable the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty, to dock out the same, according to an Act, laid before the General Assembly at their last sitting; and an Affidavit annexed to the said Petition, was likewise read, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

Goose Van Schaick, and *Isaac Kip*, both of full Age, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist, say, That they have seen an Advertisement, according to the Tenor of the within Petition, affixed up at one of the most public Places in the City of *Albany*: And they further say, that they have been credibly informed there was another of the said Advertisements affixed up at *Schenectady*, as likewise at *Kinderhook*; and further these Deponents say not. Sworn this 16th of *October*, 1734, before me, *JAMES DE LANCEY.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 17, 1734.

COL. *Morris*, Jun. presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating Costs upon Prosecutions by Information*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Morris* moved to have it made a Resolve of this House, that the Treasurer pay out of any public Money now in his Hands, or the first that should come into the Treasury, *Four Hundred* and *Ten Pounds*, due to Col. *Philip Schuyler*, for his late Journey to the *Seneka's* Nation; and the Question being put thereon, It passed in the Negative.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 17, 1734.

A Message from the Council, by *Philip Van Cortlandt*, Esq; in the Words following, *viz.*

That Board having had several of *Zenger's New-York Weekly Journals*, laid before them, and other scurrilous Papers, tending to alienate the Affections of the People of this Province, from his Majesty's Government; to raise Seditions and Tumults, among the People of this Province, and to fill their Minds with a Contempt of his Majesty's Government; and considering the pernicious Consequences that may attend such growing Evils, if not speedily and effectually put a Stop to, and conceiving that the most likely Method to put a Stop to such bold and seditious Practices, to maintain the Dignity of his Majesty's Government, and to preserve the Peace thereof, would be by a Conference between a Committee of this Board, and a Committee of the Assembly; *It is therefore ordered*, That the Gentlemen of this Board, now assembled, or any seven of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Representatives, in order to confer together, and to examine and inquire into the said Papers, and the Authors and Writers thereof; which Message being read,

Ordered, That the Members of this House, or any fourteen of them, do meet a Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place therein-mentioned.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 18, 1734.

MR. *Gerritsen*, from the Committee of this House, reported, That they had, last Night, met the Committee of the Council, on the subject Matter of their Message of Yesterday, to this House, and that after several Preliminaries between the said Committees, the Gentlemen of the Council reduced to writing, what they requested of this House, and delivered the same to the Chairman, who delivered it in at the Table; and being read, is in the Words following.

At a Committee of the Council, held the 17th of *October*, 1734.

PRESENT,

Mr. *Clarke*,	Mr. Chief Justice,
Mr. *Harrison*,	Mr. *Cortlandt*,
Dr. *Colden*,	Mr. *Lane*,
Mr. *Livingston*,	Mr. *Horsmanden*.
Mr. *Kennedy*,	

The Matters we request your Concurrence in, are that *Zenger's* Papers, No. 7, 47, 48, 49, and two printed Ballads, which were read, and which we now deliver to be burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman, as containing in them many Things derogatory of the Dignity of his Majesty's Government, Reflections upon the Legislature, and upon the most considerable Persons in the most distinguished Stations in this Province, and tending to raise Sedition and Tumults among the People thereof.

That you concur with us in addressing the Governor to issue his Proclamation, with a

Promiſe of Reward, for the Diſcovery of the Authors or Writers of thoſe ſeditious Libels.

That you concur with us in an Order for for proſecuting the Printer thereof.

That you concur with us in an Order to the Magiſtrates, to exert themſelves in the Execution of their Offices, in order to preſerve the public Peace of the Province.

Per Order of the Committee,
Frederick Morris, *Dep. Cl. Council.*

Mr. *Garritſen*, delivered likewiſe to the Houſe, the ſeveral Papers refered to in the ſaid Requeſt.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be lodged with the Clerk of this Houſe, and that the Conſideration thereof, and of the ſaid Requeſt, be refered to *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, for erecting Fortifications, &c. in this Colony, purſuant to the Reſolves of this Houſe, on the firſt of *June* laſt; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, this Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 18, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, for the Purpoſes above-mentioned; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 19, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, towards Fortifying this Colony; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be given and granted unto his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, towards erecting Fortifications in this Colony, and to and for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever, a Duty of *One Shilling*, on every Pound of Tea, that ſhall be imported within the ſaid Colony.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and that Col. *Gaaſbeck* and Major *Glen*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Tueſday* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of further Ways and Means, for the Fortifications above-mentioned.

The humble Petition of *Jeremiah Schuyler* and *Johannis Cuyler*, jun. of the City of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That although the ſaid *Jeremiah* was not conſcious of having traded with *Indian* Goods, contrary to the Laws of this Colony, after he had formerly paid the Sum of, *Thirty Pounds*, for tranſgreſſing the ſame; he had nevertheleſs, in Obedience and Conformity of an Act, paſſed in the 2d Year of his Majeſty's Reign, ſecured to the Treaſurer of this Colony, the Payment of *Forty Five Pounds* more, by a Bond, which is ſtill lying out againſt him; That the ſaid *John* had in like Manner, and in Obedience and Conformity of the ſaid Act, ſecured to the ſaid Treaſurer, the Payment of a like Sum of, *Forty Five Pounds*, by a Bond, which likewiſe is ſtill laying out againſt him; That all the ſeveral Laws of this Colony, have been repealed by his Majeſty, which relate to the *Indian* Trade, from the Year 1720 to the Year 1729, whereof the ſaid Act was one; and that ſince their executing the Bonds above-mentioned, they both had the Misfortune to have their Dwelling Houſes and Appurtenances burnt and utterly deſtroyed, in Conſideration of all which, they humbly pray effectual Directions may be given to cancel the ſaid Bonds, and that they may thereof, be acquitted and diſcharged.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 21, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 22, 1734.

MAJOR *Glen*, preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more equal repairing of the Road from* Towerjoine *to* Kaghnewaga Creek, *in the County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Requeſt of a Committee of the Council delivered to a Committee of this Houſe, on the 18th Inſtant; as likewiſe of the ſeveral Papers therein refered to, and after ſeveral Debates upon the ſubject Matter thereof; it was,

Ordered, That the ſaid Requeſt and Papers lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 22, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means, towards erecting Fortifications in this Colony, &c. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made a further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſame.

Mr. *De Lancey* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on empty Caſks imported into the City of* New-York, *and for laying an additional Impoſition thereon*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 23, 1734.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for diſcharging two certain Obligations, entered into reſpectively by* Jeremiah Schuyler *and* Johannis Cuyler, *junior, to the Treaſurer of this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Major *Glen* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Town of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *to raiſe a Sum not exceeding* Fifty Pounds, *current Money of this Colony, for making their old Church defenſible, and for other Fortifications in the ſaid Town*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 23, 1734.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of further Ways and Means, to make good the Coſt and Charge of the ſeveral Fortifications to be erected, and other Services in this Colony,

Colony, in pursuance of the Resolutions of this House, on the first Day of *June* last; and after some Time spent therein, Major *Plat* reported from the said Committee, That they had come to several Resolutions for that Purpose; and had directed him to report them to the House, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House, being as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That there be given and granted to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for and towards erecting of the Fortifications above-mentioned, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatever, a Duty or Imposition of two penny Weight and twelve Grains, of *Seville*, Piller or *Mexico* Plate, or one Shilling in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony, on every Barrel of Cyder, that shall be imported into this Colony, from and after the Publication of an Act, to be passed for that Purpose; and during the Term of ten Years from thence next ensuing.

Resolved, That there be given and granted to his said Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to and for the Uses aforesaid, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever; the following Duty or Imposition on all Barrel Meat, which shall be imported into this Colony, from all Parts, except from the Province of *New-Jersey*, *That is to say*, Seven penny Weight and a half, of *Seville*, Piller or *Mexico* Plate, or *Three Shillings*, in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony, on every Barrel of Pork; and five Penny Weight of like Plate, or *Two Shillings*, in like Bills of Credit, on every Barrel of Beef; to commence from the Publication of an Act, to be passed for that Purpose; and during the Term of ten Years, from thence next following.

Resolved, That there be given and granted to his said Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to and for the Uses beforementioned, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever, an annual Tax for the Term of ten Years, of two Penny Weight and Twelve Grains, in Plate as aforesaid, or *One Shilling*, in Bills of Credit of this Colony, on every Negro, Mulatto or *Indian* Slave, throughout this Colony, which shall be from fourteen to fifty Years of Age, to be yearly paid by the Respective Owners thereof, during the Term aforesaid.

Resolved, That on the several Funds above-mentioned, as likewise, on the Fund for Tonnage of Vessels, and on the Duty ordered to be laid on Tea, Bills of Credit to be struck to the Value of *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, as well for paying the Cost and Charges to erect the Fortifications aforesaid; as to defray the Charge in printing, signing and issuing of the said Bills.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the three first Resolutions above-mentioned; and that Major *Plat* and Mr. *Garritsen*, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to strike Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, pursuant to the Resolution for that Purpose last mentioned; and that Col. *Beekman* and Col. *Philipse*, prepare and bring in the same; and to add a Clause therein, that whenever the Funds aforesaid, shall prove sufficient to sink and cancel all the said Bills of Credit, the aforesaid Tax on Negroes, shall cease and determine, tho' the said ten Years are not expired. And another Clause, that whatever may arise by the other Funds, after the said Bills shall be so sunk, shall remain in the Treasury, until the same be applied or disposed of, by Act or Acts of the General Assembly, hereafter to be passed for that Purpose; and likewise another Clause, that if all the above-mentioned Funds should prove insufficient to sink the said Bills, at or within the Time above limited, the said Assembly shall provide Ways and Means, to make good such Deficiency. And lastly, a Clause to continue the Tonnage on Vessels, for four Year longer than it is settled by the Act for laying the same.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1734.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be brought in, to appoint Commissioners, for managing the Erecting and Building of the several Fortifications resolved to be made in this Colony, on the first of *June* last, and to apply for that Purpose;

Pounds, of Bills of Credit, to be made current in this Colony; and that Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Capt. *Rutgers* and Major *Glen*, prepare and bring in the same.

Major *Glen* (by Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on Tea, which shall be imported within this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating Costs upon Prosecutions by Information*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Town of* Schenectady *in the County of* Albany, *to raise a Sum, not exceeding* Fifty Pounds, *current Money of this Colony, for making their Old Church defensible, and for other Fortifications in the said Town*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, and the Members for the County of *Ulster*, or any three of them.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Jun. and Col. *Hicks*, do wait upon the Council, and desire to know what Progress they have made, in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Electing and Calling of the General Assembly of this Colony*, sent up by this House, the 21st of *June* last, for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1734.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on empty Cask imported in the City of* New-York, *during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for discharging two certain Obligations, entered into respectively, by* Jeremiah Schuyler *and* Johannis Cuyler, *jun. to the Treasurer of this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Leave be given to Col. *Beekman*, to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1734.

COL. *Morris*, jun. (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the appointing an Agent or Agents, at the Court of* Great Britain, *to solicit the Affairs of this Province of* New-York, *and for paying and rewarding the said Agent or Agents, and the Charges of such Solicitations*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on Tea, which shall be imported within this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank*, have Leave to be absent upon extraordinary Occasions.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1734.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Horsmanden*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which being read three Times, and agreed unto by the House;

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritsen*, do carry the said Bill with the Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to their said Amendments.

Mr. *Livingston*, reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equally Repairing the Road, from* Towerjoine *to* Koghnewaga Creek, *in the County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments to the same, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1734.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Felony, in the several Counties therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

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Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the County of* Albany, *to raiſe a Sum not exceeding* Fifty Pounds, *current Money of this Colony, for making their old Church defenſible, and for other Fortifications in the ſaid Town*, That they had altered the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Wharf in the City of* Albany, *where the ſame fronts* Hudſon's River; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the appointing an Agent or Agents, at the Court of* Great-Britain, *to ſolicit the Affairs of this Province of* New-York, *and for paying and rewarding the ſaid Agent or Agents, and the Charges of ſuch Solicitation*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews* have Leave to be abſent upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1734.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame; as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts, whereby the ſame has been revived and continued*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1734.

CAPT. *Rutgers* acquainted the Houſe, that ſome Time ſince, the Common Council, had deſired him to promote a Bill, for defraying the Charge of the Night Watch, in the City of *New-York*, in an equal Manner by all the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, and therefore moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners for managing, erecting and building, the ſeveral Fortifications therein-mentioned; and to apply for that Purpoſe,* *Pounds, of Bills of Credit in this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſtrike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of*, Twelve Thouſand Pounds, *on the Funds and for the Uſes therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Garritſen*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the Fences, and Horſes running at large in *King*'s County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Wharf in the City of* Albany, *where the ſame fronts* Hudſon's River; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame; as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lane*, That they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on empty Caſks imported in the City of* New-York, *during the Time therein-mentioned*; without any Amendments. And that they had alſo agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent electing and calling of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, with ſeveral Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which were twice read, and diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritſen*, do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do not agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1734.

CAPTAIN *Rutgers* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Eſtabliſhing the Night Watches, in the City of* New-York, *and for the more impartial defraying the Expence thereof, and for the Eaſe of the poor Inhabitants*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better eſtabliſhing the Night Watches in the City of* New-York, *and for the more impartial defraying the Expence thereof, and for the Eaſe of the poor Inhabitants*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, or any three of them.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equally Repairing of the Roads from* Towerjoine *to* Koghnewaga Creek, *in the County of Albany*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Fifty Pounds, *in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defenſible, and other Fortifications in the ſaid Town*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Glen* do carry the ſaid two Bills to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, To Diſpatch the moſt neceſſary Buſineſs, now before the Houſe, with all Expedition, and to admit of no new Matters into the ſame, becauſe the Seaſon is already ſo far advanced.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1734.

CAPT. *Van Horne* (according to Leave of the 10th of *June* laſt) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of the Poor in the City and County of* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *appointing Commiſſioners for managing, erecting and building, the ſeveral Fortifications therein-mentioned, and to apply for that Purpoſe*; *Pounds, of Bills of Credit made current in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Chief Juſtice, That they had paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutcheſs *County, granted to* Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Reger Mompeſon, Peter Fauconier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sacket *and* Robert Lurting, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and the ſaid Bill being read the firſt Time;

Ordered, The ſame be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame; as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued*, That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the ſame without an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſtrike and make current the Bills of Credit, to the Value of*, Twelve Thouſand Pounds, *on the Funds, and for the Uſes therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 31, 1734.

MR. *Verplank* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for discharging two certain Obligations entered into respectively by* Jeremiah Schuyler, *and* Johannis Cuyler, *jun. to the Treasurer of this Colony*; That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added a Clause to the same; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clause, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 1, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of the Poor in the City and County of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, or any three of them.

Mr. *Livingston* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Colony of* New-York; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 1, 1734.

MAJOR *Plat* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty upon all Beef, Pork, and Cyder, imported into this Colony from any of the neighbouring Provinces, except as is therein excepted, and for laying a Tax upon all* Negroes, Indian, *or Mulatto Slaves, from fourteen to fifty Years of Age, for and towards the erecting and building of Fortifications in this Colony, for the Defence thereof, and for the Uses and Purposes therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 2, 1734.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Wharf in the City of* Albany, *where the same fronts* Hudson's *River*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clause, be ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for discharging two certain Obligations entered into respectively by* Jeremiah Schuyler, *and* Johannis Cuyler, *jun. to the Treasurer of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty upon all Beef, Pork, and Cyder, imported into this Colony from any of the neighbouring Provinces, except as is therein excepted, and for laying a Tax upon all* Negroes, Indian *or Mulatto Slaves, from fourteen to fifteen Years of Age, for and towards the erecting and building of Fortifications in this Colony, for the Defence thereof, and for the Uses and Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Livingston*, desiring this House to return (by him) to that Board, the several seditious Journals of *Zenger*'s, No. 7, 47, 48, 49, and two printed Ballads, which were delivered by a Committee of that Board, to a Committee of this House, the seventeenth of *October* last, together with the Proposals of the Committee of that Board, delivered therewith, to a Committee of this House; and then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, produce the said Papers; then Mr. *Livingston* being called in, Mr. Speaker delivered to him all the said Papers, and Proposals, accordingly, and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 4, 1734.

MR. *Gerritsen* (by Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Heighth of Fences, and to regulate Horses in* King's *County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better establishing the Night Watches in the City of* New-York, *and for the more impartial defraying the Expence thereof, and for the Ease of the poor Inhabitants*; That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Desertion from his Majesty's Forces in the Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Wharf in the City of* Albany, *where it fronts* Hudson's *River*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to *Wednesday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 6, 1734.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Horsmanden*, to acquaint this House, that Board had passed the two following Bills, *viz.* One Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Forty Pounds, *in the Township of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defensible, and other Fortifications in the said Town.* And also, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equally repairing of the Road from* Towerjoine, *to* Koghnewaga Creek, *in the County of* Albany, without any Amendment.

Upon a Motion made, that some Members of this House enquire of the Council, whether they adhere, or receed from their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent electing and calling of the General Assembly of this Colony*; to which Amendments, this House sent a Message to them on the 29th of last Month, that they did not agree.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, and Col. *Morris*, jun. go to the Council, to make such Enquiry accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 6, 1734.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Heighth of Fences, and to regulate Horses in* King's *County*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Queen's* County, and *King's* County, or any three of them.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better establishing the Night Watches, in the City of* New-York, *and for the more equally defraying the Expence thereof, for the Ease of the poor Inhabitants*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether a Petition, preſented to this Houſe, ſhould be read? It was carried in the Negative, becauſe it was reſolved on the 30th of *October* laſt, to admit no new Matters in the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1734.

COL. *Philipſe*, (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the appointing and regulating Sheriffs, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Hicks*, and Col. *Morris*, jun. reported to the Houſe, that they had (according to Order) acquainted the Council, that the Houſe deſired to know whether they adhered to, or receded from their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent electing and calling of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*; and that the Council informed them, they had ſent a Meſſage Yeſterday for that Purpoſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lane*, that they adhered to their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent electing and calling of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 8, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1734.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Chief Juſtice, to acquaint this Houſe, that Board had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued*; without any Amendments.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov* 11, 1734.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Harriſon*, to acquaint this Houſe, that Board has agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Colony of* New-York; without any Amendment.

He alſo brought the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better eſtabliſhing the Night Watches, in the City of* New-York, *and for the more equal defraying the Expence thereof, for the Eaſe of the poor Inhabitants*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers*, do carry the Bill, with the Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to any Amendments to a Money Bill.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 12, 1734.

MAJOR *Plat* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty upon Beef, Pork, and Cyder, imported into this Colony from any of the Neighbouring Provinces, except as is therein excepted, and for laying a Tax upon all* Negroes, Indian, *or* Mulatto *Slaves, from fourteen to fifty Years of Age, and for towards the erecting and building of Fortifications in this Colony, for the Defence thereof, and for the Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, and added ſundry Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Table; and the ſame were again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 12, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 13, 1734.

MR. *Garritſen* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Heighth of Fences, and to regulate Horſes in* King's *County*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe at Fort George, *immediately*.

The Speaker and the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker re-aſumed the Chair, and reported that his Excellency had, in the Preſence of the Council, and this Houſe, been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to ſix Acts, paſſed this Seſſion, and that the ſame were publiſhed at the City-Hall in the uſual Manner; the Titles are as follows, *to wit*.

1. *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*
2. *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on empty Caſk imported in the City of* New-York, *during the Time therein-mentioned.*
3. *An* Act, *for raiſing the Sum of* Fifty Pounds, *in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defenſible, and other Fortifications in the ſaid Town.*
4. *An* Act, *for the more equally repairing the Road from* Towerjoine, *to* Kaghnewaga Creek, *in the County of* Albany.
5. *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued.* And,
6. *An* Act, *to prevent deſertion from his Majeſty's Forces in the Colony of* New-York.

The Houſe being of Opinion, that the Duty of Tonnage, which was reſolved on the 23d of laſt Month, to be continued for four Years longer than it's granted by the Act laying the ſame, and then ordered to be added in a Bill for ſtriking Bills of Credit to the Value of *Twelve Thouſand Pounds*, was more proper to be done in a ſeparate Bill.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe* do prepare and bring in ſuch a ſeparate Bill accordingly, and that a Clauſe for that Purpoſe, be omitted in the Bill for ſtriking Bills of Credit.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 13, 1734.

COL. *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Veſſels, and for the Time therein-mentioned, for the Term of four Years longer*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to Lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein-mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uſes mentioned in the ſame*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 14, 1734.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Heighth of Fences, and to regulate Horses in* King's *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lott* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned, for the Term of four Years longer*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Division of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutchess *County, granted to* Sampson Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeson, Peter Fauconier, Augustine Graham, Richard Sacket, *and* Robert Lurting; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 14, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 15, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, Tomorrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 16, 1734.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Lane*, to re-carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent electing and calling of the General Assembly of this Colony, to the House of Representatives*, for their Concurrence, with the Amendments made by that Board, to the said Bill formerly sent by them to this House.

Col *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to strike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thousand Pounds, *on the Funds therein-mentioned*; That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added sundry Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table, and the same were again read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Harrison*, to re-carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better establishing the Night Watches, in the City of* New-York, *and for the more equal defraying the Expence thereof, for the Ease of the poor Inhabitants*, with the Amendment made by that Board thereto, to this House, and acquaint them that Board do adhere to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, for the Time therein-mentioned, for the Term of four Years longer*; That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added sundry Clauses to the same; and the same were again read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauses, be ingrossed.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration, the Message from the Council by Mr. *Lane*, to re-carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent electing and calling the General Assembly of this Colony*, to this House, for their Concurrence, with the Amendments made by that Board to the said Bill, and by them formerly sent to this House.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Philipse*, and Mr. *Livingston*, do prepare and draw up the Reasons why this House cannot agree to their Amendments made to the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* the 18th of *November*, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 18, 1734.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prolong the Duty of Tonnage, laid by an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time thereinmentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 19, 1734.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Morris* have Leave to go home, being indisposed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 19, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 20, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 20, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, Tomorrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 21, 1734.

Ordered,

THAT Captain *Van Horne*, and Colonel *Morris*, jun. wait on the Corporation, now convened in Common Council, with a Copy of a Clause intended to be inserted in a Bill now under Commitment, for erecting a Battery on *Copsee* Rocks, and desire them to signify to this House, whether they have any Objection to the inserting of the said Clause.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Horsmanden*, to this House, that that Board had passed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Heighth of Fences, and to regulate Horses in* King's *County*; without any Amendment.

A Message from the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, by Alderman *Jansen*, and *Stephen Bayard*, in the Words following, *to wit*:

At a Common Council, held at the City-Hall of the said City, on *Thursday* the 21st Day of *November*, *Annoq; Domini*, 1734.

PRESENT,

Robert Lurting, Esq; Mayor, *&c.*

IN Answer to a Message from the General Assembly, and a Copy of a Clause to be inserted in a Bill now under Commitment, for erecting a Battery on *Copsee* Rocks, it is ordered

ordered by this Court, That Alderman *Janſen*, and Alderman *Bayard*, do wait upon the General Aſſembly, and acquaint them, That this Corporation have no Objection to inſerting the Clauſe mentioned in the Bill now under Commitment, for erecting a Battery on *Copſee* Rocks, ſaving to this Corporation the undoubted Right they have to the Soil, from High Water Mark, to Low Water Mark, from *White-Hall* to *Eld*'s Corner.

Per Order of Common Council,
William Sharpas, Clerk.

And the ſaid Alderman *Janſen*, and Alderman *Bayard*, verbally informed the Houſe, from the ſaid Court, that they did not deſire to make uſe of their ſaid Right, until ſuch Time, as that the ſaid Fortification ſhall happen to be removed or demoliſhed.

Ordered, That ſuch ſaving ſhall be added to the Clauſe above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 21, 1734.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 22, 1734.

MR. *Livingſton* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint Commiſſioners for managing, erecting and building, the ſeveral Fortifications therein-mentioned; and to apply for that Purpoſe, Pounds, of Bills of Credit, current in this Colony*, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and delivered in at the Table; and the ſame were again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 22, 1734.

A Motion was made, by Col. *Morris*, jun. that at the next Meeting of this Houſe, the Treaſurer of this Colony, do lay before this Houſe, a State of the particular Accounts of all the publick Money, he has received and paid, ſince he has been Treaſurer, and the exact State of each Branch thereof; likewiſe what the reſpective Counties, are in Arrear of the ſeveral Taxes laid during that Time; and alſo what Bills of Credit have been ſunk on each Tax or Fund, and that he publiſh Advertiſements, that each County pay in their ſeveral Arrears of Taxes and Exciſe forthwith, or that they ſhall be proſecuted; which being agreed to,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve the Treaſurer with a Copy thereof accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 23, 1734.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſtrike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thouſand Pounds, *on the Funds, and for the Uſes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 23, 1734.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint and impower Commiſſioners, for erecting Fortifications in this Colony, at the ſeveral Places therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, within the Colony of* New-York, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 29, 1734.

COL. *Morris*, jun. reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the ingroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutcheſs *County, granted to* Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeſon, Peter Fauconier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sackett *and* Robert Lurting, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read, and deliver'd the ſame in at the Table; which was again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill with the Amendment, is agreed unto by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Glen*, do carry the Bill, with the Amendment, to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 7, 1734.

IT being repreſented to this Houſe, that Mr. *Henry Barclay*, having gone through his Study in Divinity, at *Yale* College in *Connecticut*, is now among the ſix Nations of *Indians*, with a Reſolution to make himſelf perfect Maſter of their Language; and that he does intend then for *Great-Britain*, to take Holy Orders, in hopes the Society for Propagating the Goſpel in foreign Parts, will appoint him a Miſſionary among the ſaid Nations.

And it being conceived he will then be very Inſtrumental to bring many more of them over to the *Chriſtian* Religion, and at the ſame Time be very uſeful to preſerve and confirm them in his Majeſty's Intereſt, for the Benefit and Security of this Colony;

Reſolved, That for defraying the Expences of the ſaid Mr. *Barclay*, whilſt he lives among the ſaid Nations, there ſhall be allowed unto him, for the Term of two Years, from the firſt of *December* next enſuing, after the Rate of *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* during the Time aforeſaid; if he remain ſo long amongſt them, for the Purpoſe above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 26, 1734.

THE Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 26, 1734.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Horſmanden*, That they have agreed to the two following Bills, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a Wharf in the City of* Albany, *where it fronts* Hudſon's River; and alſo the Bill,

Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for discharging two certain Obligations, entered into respectively by* Jeremiah Schuyler *and* Johannis Cuyler, *jun. to the Treasurer of this Colony*; without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by the Chief Justice, that they have agreed to the Amendment made by this House, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Division of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutchess *County, granted to* Sampson Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeson, Peter Fauconier, Augustine Graham, Richard Sackett *and* Robert Lurting.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 27, 1734.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 27, 1734.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Horsmanden*, to acquaint this House, That Board has agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein-mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uses mentioned in the same*, without any Amendment. He also acquainted this House, they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to strike and make currrent Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thousand Pounds, *on the Funds and for the Uses therein-mentioned*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and he also acquainted this House, that they had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to appoint and impower Commissioners, for erecting Fortifications, in this Colony*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which Amendments to the Bill last mentioned, were twice read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritsen*, do carry the said last mentioned Bill with the Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House do agree to their Amendments thereto.

A Message from the Council, by the Hon. *James De Lancey*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Colony, to lay before this House, a Copy of the seventeenth Article of his Majesty's Instructions, to his Excellency the Governor, and to acquaint the House, that they have appointed a Committee, of three Members of that Board, to meet a Committee of this House, to consider of a joint Address to his Excellency, desiring his Favour and Consent, in passing the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to strike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thousand Pounds, *on the Funds and for the Uses therein-mentioned*; it appearing to that Board, by said Instruction, which his Excellency had been pleased to communicate to them, That the said Bill is contrary to said Instruction, and that they cannot advise his Excellency to pass the same, unless the immediate Use and Necessity thereof be set forth to his Excellency, in a more particular and express Manner, wherefore that Board, desires this House would please to appoint a Committee of this House, to meet a Committee of that Board, at Five of the Clock this Evening, at the House of Mr. *Robert Todd*, of this City, Vintner.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, Mr. *Verplank*, Mr. *De Lancey*, Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Rensselaer*, Mr. *Merril* and Major *Glen*, or any six of them, be a Committee of this House, to meet a Committee of the Council, at the said Time and Place accordingly.

Ordered, That the above-mentioned 17th Article, of his Majesty's Instructions to his Excellency, be entered at large in the Journal of this House; being in the Words following.

Article the 17th. Whereas Acts have been passed in some of our Plantations in *America*, for striking Bills of Credit, and issuing out the same in Lieu of Money, in Order to discharge the publick Debts and for other Purposes, from whence several Inconveniences have arisen; it is therefore our Will and Pleasure, that you do not give your Assent to, or pass any Act in our Province of *New-York*, under your Government, whereby Bills of Credit may be struck and issued in Lieu of Money, without a Clause be inserted in such Act, declaring that the same shall not take Effect, until the said Act shall have been approved and confirmed by us, our Heirs or Successors. And it is our further Will and Pleasure, that you do not give your Assent to, or pass any Act in our said Province of *New-York*, under your Government, for Payment of Money, either to you the Governor, or to any Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, or to any of the Members of our Council, or to any other Person whatsoever, without a Clause be likewise inserted in such Act, declaring that the same shall not take Effect, until the said Acts shall have been approved and confirmed by us, our Heirs and Successors.

Truly copied from the original Instructions.

Nov. 27, 1734.

Per Frederick Morris, *Dep. Cl. Council.*

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 28, 1734.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Cortlandt*, to acquaint this House, that Board had agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prolong the Duty of Tonnage, laid by an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; without any Amendment.

The House taking into Consideration, the Amendment of the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to strike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thousand Pounds, *on the Funds and for the Uses therein-mentioned*; do disagree to the said Amendments.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House, do not agree to their Amendment made thereto.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Horsmanden*, that they do receed from their Amendment, made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to strike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thousand Pounds, *on the Funds and for the Uses therein-mentioned.*

Upon a Motion made in the House concerning a Dissolution;

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* and Capt. *Van Horne*, wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, it is the unanimous Desire of this House, that he will be pleased to dissolve the present General Assembly, after the several Acts passed this Session are published.

Col. *Philipse* from the Committee appointed by this House, to meet a Committee of the Council, upon the subject Matter of an Address to his Excellency, reported both Committees had met, and made a Draught of an Address accordingly; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same were again read, and approved of by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, acquaint the Gentlemen of the Council, That this House do approve of the said Draught, and desire them to have it ingrossed, and then sent to this House.

Resolved, That his Excellency be addressed, as he hereby is, to issue in Council, by and with their Advice and Consent, the following Warrants on the Treasurer, payable out of the Funds, granted for support of this Government, *That is to say*, To *Daniel Gautier*, for a Dozen of Chairs in the Speaker's Room and Sashing it, which was omitted in his Account last Year, for making of the said Room, and for some small Repairs, now in the Assembly Chamber, the Sum of *Four Pounds, Seven Shillings* and *Two-pence*. To *Alexander Lamb*, Doorkeeper, for cleaning the Assembly Chamber, for Firewood and other Services of this House, the Sum of *Four Pounds*; and to *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk, for extraordinary Services for this House, during some former and this present Session, the Sum of *Six Pounds*.

The Honourable *James De Lancey*, from the Council, presented to this House, the ingrossed Address of his Majesty's Council, and the General Assembly of this Colony, to his Excellency, and then withdrew; which was read, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

To his Excellency William Coſby, *Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of* New-York, New-Jerſey, *and the Territories thereon depending in* America, *Vice-Admiral of the ſame, and Colonel in his Majeſty's Army*, &c.

The humble Addreſs of his Majeſty's Council and the General Aſſembly of this his Colony of New-York.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

THE Experience we have had of your Excellency's Regard for this Colony, throughout the whole Buſineſs of this Seſſion, during which you have been pleaſed to recommend to us ſuch Things only, as are abſolutely neceſſary for our immediate Safety and Defence, and our future Welfare and Proſperity, without propoſing to yourſelf any other Intereſt therein, than that Pleaſure which your Excellency receives in promoting the publick Good; we have great Reaſon to hope that the ſame generous Motives will induce your Excellency to favour us yet further; we therefore beg Leave to Requeſt your Excellency, that by your Aſſent to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſtrike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thouſand Pounds, *on the Funds, and for the Uſes therein-mentioned*; you would be pleaſed to put the laſt Hand, to the Erecting thoſe Fortifications, which we hope to ſee riſe under your Direction, and which will remain to our Poſterity, as Monuments of your Excellency's Care, for the Safety and Security of this Colony, over which it hath pleaſed his Majeſty, to appoint you Captain General and Governor.

And ſince ſeveral good Funds are granted and applied for ſinking of the ſaid Bills, we are well aſſured they will keep up their Reputation and Credit.

Sir, The preſent War in *Europe*, the Diligence of the *French* our Neighbours, the decayed Forts and defenceleſs State of our principal trading City and Frontiers, compel us to beſeech your Excellency to paſs this Bill; and we flatter our ſelves, that when his Majeſty ſhall be graciouſly pleaſed to conſider the naked and defenceleſs Condition of this Colony, he will be convinced of the Loyalty and Zeal of his Subjects, to put it in a Poſture of Defence by the only Method in their Power.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſaid Addreſs in Behalf of the Houſe, and that he deliver the ſame to the Council, they being firſt mentioned therein.

Col. *Philipſe* reported that he and Captain *Van Horne*, had, according to an Order of this Morning, concerning a Diſſolution, waited on his Excellency with a Copy thereof, and that he had been pleaſed to deliver them, a written Anſwer thereto; which was read, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THIS Meſſage is ſome what out of the ordinary Courſe, the Houſe muſt know, that it is the undoubted Prerogative of the Crown, to adjourn, prorogue or diſſolve the Aſſembly; and ſince his Majeſty has been pleaſed to intruſt me with that Power, I ſhall always make Uſe of it, as I find it conducive to his Majeſty's Service, and for the Benefit of this Province, which I cannot apprehend it to be at this Time.

W. COSBY.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 28, 1734.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at Fort George *immediately.*

The Speaker and the Houſe went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported, that he had (according to Order) delivered the Addreſs of this Houſe, and of the Gentlemen of the Council, to his Excellency, unto *James De Lancey*, Eſq; who having in the Preſence of the Council and Aſſembly, read, and preſented the ſame to his ſaid Excellency, he had been pleaſed to give the following Anſwer thereto, *to wit.*

Gentlemen of the Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives,

I Thank you for the Juſtice you do me in this Addreſs; and notwithſtanding, the paſſing this Bill, be againſt his Majeſty's 17th Inſtruction, yet my own Inclination to promote and advance the Safety and Proſperity of this Colony, and the Conſideration of it's naked and defenceleſs Condition, will induce me to give my Aſſent to this Bill, and I hope, upon a full Repreſentation of the whole Matter, his moſt Sacred Majeſty, will be graciouſly pleaſed to approve of the only Method in your Power, to put this Province in a Poſture of Defence.

W. COSBY.

The Speaker reported likewiſe, that his Excellency had, in the Preſence of the Council and the Members of this Houſe, given his Aſſent to the following eight Acts, paſſed in this Seſſion; and that the ſame were publiſhed at the City Hall, in the uſual Manner, the Titles whereof are, *to wit.*

1. *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Heighth of Fences, and to regulate Horſes in* King's *County.*
2. *An* Act, *for building a Wharf in the City of* Albany, *where it fronts* Hudſon's River.
3. *An* Act, *for diſcharging two certain Obligations, entered into reſpectively, by* Jeremiah Schuyler *and* Johannis Cuyler, *jun. to the Treaſurer of this Colony.*
4. *An* Act, *to prolong the Duty of Tonnage, laid by an Act,* entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Veſſels, and for the Time therein-mentioned.*
5. *An* Act, *for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutcheſs *County, granted to* Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeſon, Peter Fauconier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sackett *and* Robert Lurting.
6. *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein-mentioned; during the Time, and for the Uſes mentioned in the ſame.*
7. *An* Act, *to ſtrike and make current Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Twelve Thouſand Pounds, *on the Funds, and for the Uſes therein-mentioned.*
8. *An* Act, *to appoint and impower Commiſſioners, for erecting Fortifications*

Fortifications in this Colony, at the ſeveral Places therein-mentioned.

And the Speaker did alſo report, That his Excellency had recommended the Houſe to adjourn itſelf to the firſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *April* next; and then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe to the ſaid firſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *April* next enſuing; and the Houſe is accordingly adjourned until the ſaid firſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *April* next following.

[Here begins the 9th of *George* the IId.]

MEMORADUM.

THE General Aſſembly having on the 28th Day of *November*, 1734, adjourned themſelves to the 1ſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *April* then next enſuing, the ſame was, by ſeveral Proclamations, further adjourned on, and to the reſpective Days following, *to wit*.

On the 31ſt of *March*, until the 2d *Tueſday* in *May*.
On the 12th of *May*, until the 2d *Tueſday* in *July*.
On the 7th of *July*, until the laſt *Tueſday* in *Auguſt*.
On the 25th of *Auguſt*, until the 2d *Tueſday* in *October*.
On the 14th of *October*, until the 15th of the ſame Month.
And,
On the 15th of ditto, to the 16th of ſaid Month.

Die Jovis, A. M. Oct. 16, 1735.

THE Houſe being met, according to the Adjournment laſt mentioned, the Speaker took the Chair.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer lay before this Houſe, on *Wedneſday* next, the ſeveral Accounts mentioned in the Journal of this Houſe the 22d of *November* laſt; as likewiſe a Liſt for how much, and to whom the Exciſe was let to Farm, from *primo November*, 1734, to the firſt of *November* next enſuing.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, deliver a Copy of the above Order to the Treaſurer.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to ſecure and collect the Duties laid on Goods ſold to the *Indians* at *Oſwego*, *&c.* do with all convenient Speed, lay before this Houſe, an Account of the particular amount of the ſaid Duties, during the Time they have been appointed Commiſſioners, and that the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, do forward to them a Copy of this Order.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to erect a Battery on *Copſee* Rocks, in the City of *New-York*, do with all convenient Speed, lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Money has been employed and expended by them until this Day, in and about the ſaid Fortifications.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to erect a Stone Fort, in the City of *Albany*, do with all convenient Speed, lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Money has been employed and expended by them until this Day, in and about the ſaid Fortification.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to erect a Fort in the Town of *Schenectady*, do with all convenient Speed, lay before this Houſe, an Account of what Money has been expended by them until this Day, in and about the ſaid Fortification.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, and Major *Glen*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him that the Houſe is met, and have proceeded on Buſineſs, and intend to adjourn until To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1735.

COL. *Philip Schuyler*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived, reported, That they find an Act to diſcharge the ſeveral Demands on the Trading Houſe at Oſwego, to ſupport his Majeſty's Troops poſted there, to regulate the *Indian* Trade, to prevent Abuſes in the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein-contained, will expire the firſt of *November* next, and are of Opinion it ought to be continued for a longer Time.

And that the Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*, will expire the firſt of *November* next, and do conceive that the ſame ought to be continued for a longer Time.

And that the Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*, will expire the firſt Day of *December* next, and that they are of Opinion the ſame ought to be continued to a further Time.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Philip Schuyler*, and Col. *Philipſe*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing the above-mentioned Act relating to *Oſwego*, until the Day of which will be in the Year and that they add proper Clauſes to prevent Abuſes, not ſufficiently provided for in the ſaid Act.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Horne*, and Mr. *Verplank*, prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the above-mentioned Act, for letting the Exciſe to Farm, until the

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Gaaſbeck*, and Captain *Rutgers*, do prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the above-mentioned Act to ſettle and regulate the Militia, until the

A Meſſage from the Governor, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Excellency had made a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy; and being read, is as follows, *to wit*.

Gentlemen,

'THE Obligation I was under to meet the Six Nations of *Indians*, at *Albany*, to renew the 'covenant Chain, has prevented my calling you together 'ſooner; but that the Garriſon of *Oſwego* might not be 'diſappointed of the Proviſions that are neceſſary for the 'enſuing Year, I did, (before I went to *Albany*) with the 'Advice of his Majeſty's Council, direct Mr. *De Peyſter*, 'and Mr. *Schuyler*, who ſignified to us their Willingneſs 'to undertake it, to make Proviſion before the Winter 'ſhould ſet in, promiſing them, as I now do, to recommend it to you.

'There are ſome Things that I recommended to you at 'your laſt ſitting, which require your further and effectual 'Care, particularly the Encouragement of the Trade of 'the Province, and the peopling it with honeſt induſtrious 'Men. They are Things of the utmoſt Concernment 'to you, wherein, as in all other Things, for his Ma'jeſty's Service, and the Good of the Country, you may 'depend upon my Concurrence.

New-York, October 17, 1735. *W. COSBY.*

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this Houſe, be likewiſe printed, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech be taken into Conſideration on *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1735.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1735.

MR. *Verplank*, (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1735.

CAPT. *Rutgers* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence*

Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame; as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to diſcharge the ſeveral Demands on the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *to ſupport his Majeſty's Troops poſted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuſes in the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler* preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High-Roads in the City and County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Col. *Haring* moved that he may have Leave to bring in a Bill to build a new Court Houſe and Goal, in *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1735.

COL. *Matthews* complained of a Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe, by having a Warrant ſerved on him ſigned by Col. *Harring*, and other Juſtices, during the Adjournment of this Houſe; and read in his Place, a long Speech upon that Subject.

After which Col. *Morris* produced, and read in his Place, ſeveral Reſolutions relating to the Privileges of the Members of the Houſe, and moved that the ſame might be approved of, and made Reſolves of the Houſe.

And a Debate ariſing thereon, the previous Queſtion was put, whether the Queſtion about the ſaid Motion, be now put? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, The Motion aforeſaid, be taken into Conſideration on *Friday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1735.

A Petition of about fifty Perſons, by the Name and Title of Proprietors of the Lands lately taken out of *Connecticut*, and added to the Province of *New-York*, ſetting forth, That a Bill is filed before the Governor as Chancellor, to make void a Patent under the Seal of this Province, for Fifty Thouſand Acres of the ſaid Land; which Proceeding they conceive unwarrantable and of dangerous Conſequence to them, and to the Liberties and Properties of the People in general, and therefore pray the Houſe to take ſuch Steps as may ſecure the Liberties and Properties of the Petitioners, and other his Majeſty's good Subjects in this Colony.

And Col. *Morris* made a long Speech upon the ſame Subject, but few other Members being apprized of the ſaid Petition, or its Content, it was

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration, on *Saturday* the firſt of *November* next.

Reſolved, That his Excellency's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Friday* next.

The Members for the City and County of *New-York*, at the Requeſt of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, in Common Council convened, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, to pay on the Inhabitants thereof, a Tax not exceeding *Two Hundred Pounds, per Annum*, for the Term of two Years, for new ſhingling one Part of the City-Hall, and for defraying the Charge of the Night Watches in the ſaid City.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1735.

COL. *Haring* (according to Leave) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Orange *County, to build a new Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of *William Corcilius*, *Peter Corcilius*, *Chriſtian Novber*, *William Popelſdorff*, *Cobis Peter Sneiter*, *Matys Melſbagh*, *Hendrick Chriſt*, *Stephanus Chriſt*, *Laurens Chriſt*, *Philip Melſbag*, *Jacob Roochſtaver*, *Johannis Jong Bloet*, *Jacob Seeſebagh*, *Johannis Schneg*, and *Michael Chriſt Row*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying they may have Leave to bring in a Bill for naturalizing them.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Petition of ſeveral inſolvent Debtors, now confined in the City-Hall of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying the Aſſiſtance of this Houſe for Relief in their diſtreſſed Caſe.

Ordered, That the Petition lie for Conſideration.

The Petition of *James Alexander*, and *William Smith*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this Houſe to appoint them a ſhort Day, that they may, in the moſt fair, public, and open Manner, lay their Complaint at large before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Committee of Grievances.

Ordered, That each Judge of the Supreme Court, be ſerved with a Copy of the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Le Count*, and Major *Glen*, be added to the Committee of Grievances, appointed the 26th of *April*, 1734.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1735.

COL. *Myndert Schuyler* preſented to the Houſe, from *John De Peyſter*, and *John Schuyler*, jun. appointed Commiſſioners to ſecure and collect the Duties laid on Strouds and Rum, tranſported to the Northward and Weſtward of the City of *Albany*, a particular Account of the ſaid Duties, as alſo a general Account thereof, by which it appears that the ſaid Duties, from the firſt of 1731, until the firſt of *October*, 1735, do amount to the Sum of, £. 1645 16 11 ½

And that the Victualing of the Troops poſted at *Oſwego*, and other Payments made by the ſaid Commiſſioners, together with their Commiſſion, on the ſame above-mentioned, does amount to the Sum of, £. 1726 11 1 ½

So that they make a Ballance due in their Favour, 80 14 2 ½

And they note of the other Hand, that there is ſtill ſtanding out of the ſaid Duties by Recognizance, *viz.*

Of the Year 1734,	£. 34 11 00	
And of the Year 1735,	316 17 4 ½	
	£. 351	8 4 ½

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members of the Houſe.

Major *Glen*, in Behalf of *Simon Vromen*, and *Johannis Harmanis Wendel*, appointed Commiſſioners to erect a Fort at *Schenectady*, &c. an Account of the Coſt employed and expended in and about the ſaid Fortifications, amounting in all, (including their Commiſſions) until the 11th of this Month, the Sum of, £. 803 7 1

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

The Treaſurer attending without, was called in, and delivered to the Houſe (according to Order) the ſeveral Accounts hereunder-mentioned, and acquainted the Houſe, that by Reaſon

Reason of a very sore Finger on his right Hand, he had been disabled from writing for several Weeks, but would perfect the Remainder of the public Accounts as soon as it was possible, and then withdrew.

The Titles of which Accounts are, *viz.*

'General Account of what the Monies applied for supporting this his Majesty's Government, has amounted to, from the first Day of *March*, 1733, until the first Day of *September*, in this present Year 1735; as also what he has paid thereon, during the same Time.

And an Account of what the Duties have amounted to by the Act commonly called the second Long Bill, passed the 23d of *December*, in the Year 1717, from the said Time, until the 23d Day of *December*, 1734, as likewise how many of the Bills of Credit, issued by Virtue of that Act, have been cancelled, and how many has been paid to the Persons appointed by the said Act to examine and audit the Accounts thereof.

And a List for how much, and to whom the Duty of Excise has been let to Farm from *primo November*, 1734, *to primo November*, 1735, amounting to the Sum of, £. 869 6.

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

And the House being sensible that the Treasurer was at present, unable to use his Pen, *it was ordered*, That he prepare all the other public Accounts mentioned in the Journal of this House in *November* last, with all convenient Speed, and from Time to Time, to lay the same before the House.

Then the Treasurer was called in again, and the Speaker acquainted him with the Order of this House, relating to the remaining publick Accounts, which he promised to comply with, and then withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1735.

CAPT. *Rutgers*, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise Money for the Term of two Years, as well for the more equal defraying the Expence of the Night Watches in the City of* New-York, *and the Ease of the poor Inhabitants, as for the new Covering and repairing the East End of the City-Hall of the said City*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Verplank* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Manor of *Cortlandt*, to defray the extraordinary necessary Charges of the said Manor.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Matthews* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Swine running at large in *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. Philip Schuyler *presented to the House, a Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Corporation of* Albany, *which was read, setting forth, That as the Five Nations of* Indians *are their chief Security against the* French *and their* Indians, *in Time of War, so they pray Leave to bring in a Bill that certain Lands, mentioned in the said Petition, may be settled and secured to the* Mohawk Indians; *and that after those* Indians *are extinct, the Reversion, or Part of the said Lands, may be unto the said Corporation of* Albany, *and the other Part thereof, to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors.*

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into Consideration by this House, *Tuesday* next.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1735.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to discharge the several Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego, *to support his Majesty's Troops posted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuses in the same, and for other Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Col. *Hicks* reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1735.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow Morning, consider on a Motion made by Col. *Morris*, that several Resolutions, relating to the Privileges of the Members of this House, might be approved of and made Resolves of this House.

Mr. *Garritsen* reported from the Committee of Grievances, that, pursuant to an Order of this House, refering to them the Petition of *James Alexander*, and *William Smith*, presented to the House the 22d Inst. they accordingly met at the House of Mr. *John De Honneur*, of this City, where the Petitioners were heard according to the Prayer of the Petition.

And as the Matters complained of are against the Judges of the Supreme Court, for what they have acted in their judicial Capacities, they are of Opinion, that this House should make an Order, that the Chief Justice be served by the Complainants, with a Copy of the Complaint they offered to the Committee.

And likewise, that the House should affix a Time for the said Judges to answer the Complaints offered to this Committee against them.

Ordered, That the Petitioners above-named, do, within 20 Days, deliver to the Judges of the Supreme Court, a full and compleat Copy, upon Oath, of what they offered and said before the said Committee, at the Time and Place above-mentioned; and that in 40 Days after such Copies are delivered, the said Judges make their Answer thereto, who are hereby desired to acquaint the House, when the same is prepared, that they may give Notice thereof to the said Petitioners.

Ordered, That the said Petitioners be served with a Copy of the above Order.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews*, and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, do carry to the said Judges the above-mentioned Report and Orders.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1735.

MR. *Verplank* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and necessary Charge in the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Matthews* presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* William Corcilius, Peter Corcilius, Christian Nouber, William Popelsdorff, Cobis Peter Suciter, Matys Melsbagh, Hendrick Ghrest, Stephanes Ghrest, Larens Ghrest, Philip Melsbagh, Jacob Booch Staver, Johannis Joag Bloet, Jacob Sensebagh, Johannis Schnog, *and* Michael Christopher Row; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Chambers* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled,

entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out of public High Roads in the County of* Ulster; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Commissioners appointed to erect a Battery on *Copsee* Rocks, in the City of *New-York*, (according to an Order of the 16th Instant) laid before this House, an Account of what Money has been employed and expended in and about the said Battery, for Materials and Workmanship, until the said 16th Inst. by which it appears, that they have actually employed and paid from the Time they began that Battery, until the said 16th Inst. for Materials and Workmanship, the Sum of *Four Thousand Seven Hundred* and *Forty Pounds*, *Seven Shillings*, and *One Penny*.

That the Materials they have contracted for, and the Labour and Workmanship which remains unpaid, will, according to the best Computation they are able to made, amount to the further Sum of about *Eight Hundred* and *Seventy Five Pounds*.

And that of the *Six Thousand Pounds* allowed for that Service, they had received from the Treasurer in all, until the said 16th Inst. the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*.

And as this is only a short State of the Costs and Expence, until the Time above-mentioned, they do assure the House that they are ready to lay before the House when they require the same, the Books and Accounts of the Particulars of the first Article, together with the Vouchers thereof, as they shall likewise readily do of the second Article, and of what shall be more employed and expended by them.

Ordered, The said Account lie on the Table for the Members to peruse.

The House (according to Order) proceeded upon the Complaint of Col. *Matthews*, against Col. *Harring*, for a Breach of the Privileges of this House; and both Parties having been heard upon that Subject, withdrew.

And the House being of Opinion that Col. *Haring*, through Inadvertency, has been guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this House;

Ordered, That he come to the Bar of the House, and not only acknowledge, but beg the Pardon of this House for the same.

And Col. *Matthews* being called in, took his Place.

And Col. *Haring* being likewise called in, did accordingly acknowledge at the Bar, that he had, through Inadvertency, been guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this House, and begged the Pardon of this House for the same.

Ordered, That Col. *Harring* take his Place, and that he have Leave to be absent a Week to attend the Court in *Orange* County.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1735.

THE Bill, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise Money for the Term of two Years, as well for the more equal defraying the Expence of Night Watches in the City of* New-York, *and the Ease of the poor Inhabitants, as for the new covering and repairing the East End of the City-Hall of the said City*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and *Westchester*.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1735.

COL. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An Act for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same; as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* William Cotillius, *and others*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and County of *Westchester*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads, in the City and County of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany*, and *Ulster* County.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1735.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in the County of* Ulster; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the County of *Ulster* and *Albany*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and necessary Charge in the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the County of *Westchester*, and City of *New-York*.

The House (according to Order) proceeded to take into Consideration the Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Corporation of *Albany*; and after some Debates thereon, it was

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Col. *Matthews* moved the House would proceed upon a Resolution relating to the Privileges of the Members of this House.

And the previous Question being put, whether the House do now proceed thereon? It passed in the Negative.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1735.

THE House taking into Consideration, that the Bills of Credit, struck and issued by Virtue of the Act for paying several Debts claimed as Debts of this Colony, commonly called the first long Bill, passed in the Month of *July*, *Anno* 1714, were enacted to be current for the Term of 21 Years only, in Expectation that the Duty of Excise (upon which the said Bills were struck, and by which the same were gradually to be sunk) would have been sufficient to sink and cancel them before the End of those Years.

And that although the said Fund has not proved sufficient to sink all the said Bills, yet such Part of them as remains uncancelled, pass as current between Man and Man as they did at their first Emission.

But in as much as a Dispute upon that Head, might occasion Contensions among the good People of this Colony, which might moreover in some Measure, affect the Credit and Reputation which our Paper Currency has hitherto entirely preserved, it is the Opinion of this House, that such Inconveniences ought to be prevented.

And the House taking into further Consideration, That the Bills of Credit, struck and issued by Virtue of the Act commonly called the second Long Bill, passed in the Year 1717, were enacted to be current until the End of the Year 1739, are of Opinion, that it cannot exactly be known how much the Deficiency may prove in the Funds upon which both the said Bills of Credit were struck for the entire sinking of them, until the End of the said Year.

And that as the Emissions, and the Funds to sink them, are in a Manner of the same Nature, a Supply to make good such Deficiency as may happen in those Funds, can more effectually be provided at the End of the Year last mentioned than at present.

And for these Reasons it is by the House

Resolved,

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in to revive, and inforce, and continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit, issued in the Year 1714, until the End of the Year 1739.

And that at the Expiration thereof, or as soon as it can be known how much the Deficiences aforesaid may amount to, the General Assembly will provide Ways and Means to supply the same, to the End, that not only the Bills emitted in the Year 1714, but likewise those issued in the Year 1717, may effectually be sunk and cancelled.

Ordered, That the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the Purpoles abovementioned.

Col. *Matthews* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Goshen, *and some other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1735.

THE Petition of *Weit Timmer*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization, under the Committee of the House.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the said Committee.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinson*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of *Elias Pipon*, of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, praying, for the Reasons therein-mentioned, and upon producing proper Certificates, that he has complied with his Majesty's royal Instructions, relating to the passing of private Acts in this Colony, Leave to bring in a Bill, to impower the Petitioner to make Sale of Part of his Lands, that he may be enabled to improve the Rest.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 30, 1735.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1735.

CAPT. *Rutgers* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered the Bill, *To enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise Money for the Term of two Years, as well for the more equal defraying the Expence of Night Watches in the City of* New-York, *and the Ease of the poor Inhabitants, as for the new Covering and Repairing the East End of the City-Hall of the said City*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, added a Clause thereto; and made several Amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Clause, and Amendments, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1735.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the City and County of* Albany, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, added a Clause thereto, and made several Amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Clause and Amendments, be ingrossed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better securing the* Mohawk Indians *in the* British *Interest, and for the better preventing their being under any further Necessity or Inducement of leaving this Province, and going over to the* French; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1735.

THE House (according to an Order) of the 21st of *October*, proceeded to take into Consideration the Petition of several Persons by the Name and Title of the Proprietors of the Lands, lately taken out of *Connecticut*, and added to the Province of *New-York*; and after some Debate thereon, it was

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Committee of Grievances, and that the said Committee meet thereon, upon *Tuesday* next, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. *William English*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better securing the* Mohawk Indians, *in the* British *Interest, and for the better preventing their being under any further Necessity or Inducement of leaving this Province, and going over to the* French; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Captain *Van Horne* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive, enforce and continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, until the End of the Year* 1739; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Goshen, *and some other Parts contiguous thereunto, in the County of Orange*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange* and *Ulster* Counties.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to discharge the several Demands on the trading House at* Oswego, *to support his Majesty's Troops posted there, to regulate the Indian Trade, to prevent Abuses in the same, and for other Purposes therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments to the same; and added sundry Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauses, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 3, 1735.

AN Act, *to revive, inforce and continue the Currency of Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, until the End of the Year* 1739; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue the two several Acts relating to the publick High Roads in the City and County of* Albany, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Major *Glen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to raise Money for the Term of two Years, to and for the Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1735.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Orange *County, to build a new Court House and*

Goal for the ſaid County; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Counties of *Orange* and *Ulſter*.

Col. *Gaaſbeck Chambers*, reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Ulſter, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and the were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr. *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of this Houſe at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe attended accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and informed the Houſe, his Excellency had made a Speech to them, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy; and being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Find by the Treaſurer's Accounts of the preſent State of the Revenue, that there is already a large Deficiency, and from the enſuing Seaſon of the Year, it may be apprehended, that it will be much augmented before your next Meeting, if ſome timely and effectual Proviſion be not now made: Juſtice and your own Honour oblige you to it, and the Officers of the Government, whoſe Subſiſtence depends upon it, and his Majeſty's Service, make it my indiſpenſible Duty to recommend it to you in the ſtrongeſt Manner: Things of this Nature grow worſe by Delay; the Ways and Means to pay a large Debt, may become burthenſome to the Country, whereas a timely Proviſion will not be felt.

Had I known of this at your firſt Meeting, I had then mentioned it to you, and not have troubled you at this Time.

W. COSBY.

And the Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that his Excellency had likewiſe delivered to him, an Abſtract of the State of the Revenue, from the firſt Day of *March* 1733, to the firſt Day of *September* laſt, ſigned by the Treaſurer.

Ordered, That his Excellency's ſaid Speech be forthwith printed, and that the ſaid Abſtract lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Speech, as likewiſe his Excellency's former Speech, be taken into Conſideration on *Thurſday* next.

Capt. *Van Horne* preſented to the Houſe, a Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, which was read, ſetting forth, That as they conceive the long Continuance of the ſame Repreſentatives in General Aſſembly is a great Grievance, and that the frequent Election of them is a moſt valuable Privilege, and therefore flatter themſelves, that this Houſe will endeavour all they can to obtain a Diſſolution of this preſent Aſſembly.

Ordered, That notwithſtanding the Houſe, did of their own Motive, make Application for the Purpoſe above-mentioned, on the 28th of *November* laſt paſt, the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, do carry to his Excellency a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and at the ſame Time, acquaint him again, That it is the unanimous Deſire of this Houſe, that he will be pleaſed to diſſolve this preſent Aſſembly after the ſeveral Acts paſſed, and to be paſſed at this preſent ſitting, are publiſhed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1735.

COL. *Morris* reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive, inforce and continue the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, until the End of the Year* 1739, That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and added a Clauſe to the ſame; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Thurſday* next.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1735.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive, inforce and continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, until the End of the Year* 1739; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Ulſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Pawling* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 6, 1735.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge the ſeveral Demands on the trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *to ſupport his Majeſty's Troops poſted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuſes in the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take his Excellency's two Speeches into Conſideration, To-morrow.

The Speaker from the Chair, acquainted the Houſe, that himſelf and Capt. *Van Horne*, having (according to an Order of the 4th Inſtant) waited on his Excellency, he had read to him a Copy of the Petition, of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, for a Diſſolution of the preſent Aſſembly; that he likewiſe had read unto him, a Copy of the Order and Requeſt of the Houſe thereon, and that he had then delivered both the ſaid Copies, to his ſaid Excellency, who had been pleaſed to make an Anſwer thereto in Writing, which being delivered to the Houſe, was read, and is in the Words following, *to wit.*

Gentlemen,

SINCE your preſent Meſſages take Notice that the Houſe applied to me in *November* laſt, for the ſame Thing, they now deſire, they muſt allow it is ſtill more out of the ordinary Courſe now, than it was at that Time.

I muſt therefore, again Anſwer, that as the adjourning, proroguing and diſſolving of the Aſſembly, is the undoubted Prerogative of the Crown, and that as his Majeſty has been pleaſed to intruſt me with that Power, ſo I ſhall make uſe of it, as I find it for the Service of his Majeſty, and the Benefit of the Province, which I do not yet apprehend it to be.

Nov. 6, 1735. *W. COSBY.*

Mr.

Mr. *Garritsen*, Chairman of the Committee of Grievances, made a Report to the House, from the said Committee, in the Words following, *viz.*

That they had considered the Petition of several Persons, by the Name and Title of Proprietors of the Lands lately taken out of *Connecticut*, and added to this Province; and having maturely considered the same, They are of Opinion, that a Court of Chancery within this Colony, in the Hands, or under the Exercise of a Governor, without Consent in General Assembly, is contrary to the Law, unwarrantable, and of dangerous Consequence to the Liberties and Properties of the People; which being read, was approved of by the House, who thereupon came to the Resolution following, *to wit.*

Resolved, That a Court of Chancery within this Colony, in the Hands, or under the Exercise of a Governor, without Consent in General Assembly, is contrary to Law, unwarrantable, and of dangerous Consequence to the Liberties and Properties of the People.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1735.

COL. *Matthews* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Goshen, *and some other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments to the same, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clause, be ingrossed.

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants of *Queen's* County, which was read, setting forth, that they conceive themselves in Duty bound, to lay before this House, the Desire of the People in general, that this House would do all in their Power, to give the People a new Choice of Representatives.

Ordered, That the said Petion lie on the Table.

The further Petition of *James Alexander* and *William Smith*, containing their Complaint to this House, praying Relief, relating to their being debarred of their Practice in the Supream Court, and their Petition to obtain more speedy Relief, than is provided for by the Order of this House, of the 24th of *October* last.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the Petition be read? It was carried in the Negative.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and necessary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which being read, a Motion was made, that the same should be re-committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the said Committee.

Ordered, That all Members that come to have Voices.

Col. *Philipse* reported from the said Committee, That they had further considered the said Bill, made several Amendments to it, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report, which was read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be engrossed.

Col. *Morris* in Behalf of *Elias Pipon*, produced to the House a Certificate, that the said *Pipon's* Intention to prefer a Bill, for enabling him to dispose of one Half of his Lands, in the Township of *Harlem*, had been duly notified in the Church of *Harlem*, conformable to the Royal Instruction, dated at *Whitehall*, the 23d Day of *July* 1723; and that Affidavit thereof, had been made before the Governor and Council, on the 15th of *October* 1730; whereupon, was presented by the said Col. *Morris* (according to Leave)

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Elias Pipon, *to sell the Half of* 633 *Acres of Land, contained in* 16 *Lots, lying within the Bounds of* Harlem, *to enable him to cultivate and improve the other Moiety or half Part thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1735.

COL. *Philipse* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* William Corcilius, Peter Corcilius, *and others*, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The House, ordered the Petition of several of the Inhabitants of *Queen's* County, to be read again, and having duly considered the same,

Resolved, That the Petitioners presuming to set forth, that the visible Decay of Trade in this Colony, and the Lessening of the Value of the Lands in that County, and the Province in general; is owing in a great Measure, to the long Continuance of the Assembly, is an unjust and audacious Charge, highly reflecting on the General Assembly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1735.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech. And after some Time spent therein, Col. *Hicks* made the following Report from the said Committee, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table; where the same being again read, together with their Resolution thereon, both were agreed to and approved of by the House, being in the Words following, *to wit.*

The Committee considering on the one Hand, that it has not been signified to the House, until the 4th Instant, that there is a Deficiency in the Funds, appropriated for the Support of this Government, and that on the other Hand, the Season of the Year is so far advanced, That many of the Members are apprehensive, they cannot without much Difficulty, get to their Habitations, unless this present Sitting be closed in a very few Days; They are of Opinion, the Time will be too short, to examine how much the real Deficiency is, as well to make Provision to supply the same, and therefore had come to the following Resolution.

Resolved, That this House, at their first Meeting, after the present Sitting is closed, will consider of Ways and Means to supply, what shall then be found to be a real Deficiency, in the Funds which are appropriated to support his Majesty's Government, in and over this Colony.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Chief Justice, to acquaint the House, They have agreed to the following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Provice, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts, whereby the same has been revived and continued.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue two several Acts therein-mentioned; relating to the public High Roads in the City and County of* Albany.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Goshen, *and some other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Haring*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and neceſſary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable* Elias Pipon, *to ſell the Half of* 633 *Acres of Land, contained in* 16 *Lots, lying within the Bounds of* Harlem, *to enable him to cultivate and improve the other Moiety or half Part thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and County of *Weſtcheſter*.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* William Corcilius, Peter Corcilius, Chriſtian Stouber, William Popleſdorff, Jacobus Peter Sniter, Matys Melſbagh, Hendrick Chriſt, Stephanus Chriſt, Lawrence Chriſt, Philip Melſbagh, Jacob Roochſtaver, Johannis Jong Bloet, Jacob Senſenbagh, Johannis Schnog, Michael Chriſtopher Row *and* Weit Timmer; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Sabatii, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 8, 1735.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lane*, That they have agreed to the two following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Precinct of* Goſhen, *and ſome other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange.

And the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* William Corcilius, Peter Corcilius, Chriſtian Stouber, William Popleſdorff, Jacobus Peter Sniter, Matys Melſbagh, Hendrick Chriſt, Stephanus Chriſt, Lawrence Chriſt, Philip Melſbagh, Jacob Roochſtaver, Johannis Jong Bloet, Jacob Senſenbagh, Johannis Schnog, Michael Chriſtoper Row *and* Weit Timmer.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Horſmanden*, That they have agreed to the three following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to diſcharge the ſeveral Demands on the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *to ſupport his Majeſty's Troops poſted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuſes in the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive, inforce and continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, until the End of the Year* 1739.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Ulſter.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do, during the Receſs of the Houſe, prepare all publick Accounts from the Year 1714, to the 25th of *March* next enſuing; diſtinguiſhing every Act, by which Taxes have been laid, or Bills of Credit have been iſſued, and to make a true and exact State of each Branch, what Arrears may remain on each and every one of them; and ſo likewiſe, to what Value of the Bills, which have thereby been emitted, reſpectively have been ſunk, cancelled and deſtroyed. And that he have the ſame perfected and prepared, ready to be laid before the Houſe, at the firſt of their next Meeting, to the End they may then be fully informed, of the true State of all the publick's Funds of this Colony, from and to the Time above-mentioned.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe, at Fort George *immediately.*

The Speaker and the Houſe went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported, that his Excellency had, in the Preſence of the Council and the Members of this Houſe, given his Aſſent to the following eight Acts, paſſed this Seſſion; and that the ſame were publiſhed at the City Hall, in the uſual Manner, the Titles whereof are, *to wit.*

1. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*
2. *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame; as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts, whereby the ſame has been revived and continued.*
3. *An* Act, *to continue two ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned, relating to the publick High Roads, in the City and County of* Albany.
4. *An* Act, *to diſcharge the ſeveral Demands on the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *to ſupport his Majeſty's Troops poſted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuſes in the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned.*
5. *An* Act, *to revive, inforce and continue, the Currency of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, until the End of the Year* 1739.
6. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Ulſter.
7. *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the Precinct of* Goſhen, *and ſome other Parts contiguous thereto, in the County of* Orange. And,
8. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* William Corcilius, Peter Corcilius, Chriſtian Stouber, William Popelſdorff, Jacobus Peter Sniter, Matys Melſbagh, Hendrick Chriſt, Stephanus Chriſt, Lawrence Chriſt, Philip Melſbagh, Jacob Roochſtaver, Johannis Jong Bloet, Jacob Senſenbagh, Johannis Schnog, Michael Chriſtopher Row *and* Weit Timmer.

And the Speaker did alſo report, That his Excellency had recommended the Houſe to adjourn itſelf to the laſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *March* next; and then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe to the ſaid laſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *March*, next enſuing; and the Houſe is accordingly adjourned to the ſaid laſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *March* next following.

[Here begins the 10th of *George* the IId.]

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1736.

MEMORADUM.

THE General Aſſembly having adjourned themſelves on the 8th of *November* 1735, until the laſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *March*, then next enſuing, the ſame was, after the Death of his late Excellency, Governor *Coſby*, by ſeveral Proclamations, of the Honourable *George Clarke*, Eſq; Preſident of his Majeſty's Council for this Colony, further adjourned on, and to the reſpective Days following, *to wit.*

On the 18th of *March*, until the laſt *Tueſday* in *April*.
On the 27th of *April*, to *Thurſday* the 29th, ditto.
On the ſaid 29th, to *Tueſday* the 4th of *May*.
On the ſaid 4th of *May*, until the 1ſt *Tueſday* in *Auguſt*.
On the 24th of *July*, to the 2d *Tueſday* in *September*.
On the 14th of *September*, to the next Day being the 15th.
On the ſaid 15th of *September*, until the 2d *Tueſday* in *October*. And,
On the 12th of *October*, to *Wedneſday* the 13th of the ſame Month.

In purſuance of which laſt Adjournment 23 of the Members being met in the Aſſembly Chamber at the City of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* and Col. *Hutchinſon*, acquaint his Honour the Preſident, that the Houſe is met, and intend to adjourn themſelves until To-morrow Morning.

Col. *Morris*, acquainting the Houſe, that the publick Service of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, required his Preſence in that Government, moved for Leave to go thither.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Verplank*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for letting the Exciſe from the firſt of *November* next, until the firſt Day of *November*, which will be in the Year 1737.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1736.

COL. *Haring*, acquainted the Houſe, that the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Orange *County, to build a new Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County*; was on the 4th of *November* laſt, committed to the Members of *Orange* and *Ulſter*, and they not all appearing, moved that ſome other Members may be added to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to the Members above-mentioned, and to the Member for the Manor of *Cortlandt*, or any three of them.

Ordered, That the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame*; be further continued from the firſt

first Day of *December* next, to the first Day of *December*, which will be in the Year 1737; as likewise all the several Acts, whereby the said Act has from Time to Time, been revived and continued, and that Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers* and Col. *Philipse*, prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Message from the President, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported to the House, that his Honour had made a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy; and being read, is as follows, *to wit.*

Gentlemen,

THERE never was a Time, wherein your Sitting was more necessary than the Present; to heal the unhappy Divisions that have sprung up in this Province, to provide for the Safety, the Defence and Prosperity of it, to encourage Trade and Navigation, and to promote the raising and manufacturing such Commodities, as may be advantageous to yourselves, and useful to Great-Britain.

You have by a Resolve of your House, engaged the publick Faith (which ought to be sacred) to make good the Deficiences of the Revenue; and I promise myself, from your well-known Loyalty and Duty to his Majesty, that you will now chearfully and effectually provide for it, and it requires your earliest Attention.

Ship Building, which in some of your neighbouring Provinces, is carried on to a large Extent, and is become a considerable Part of their Returns to Great-Britain, *has for many Years been much neglected and little used in this Province; and yet Nature has been as bountiful to us as to them, in giving us as many Materials for that Use, a fruitful Soil for the Production of Hemp, and a cheap and safe Navigation for all, from most Parts of the Province to this City; as this is of the greatest Importance to you, I earnestly recommend it to your present Consideration, that by a timely and effectual Provision, you may retrieve that beneficial Branch of Trade, and carry it to a heighth superior to any other Province.*

The Markets for your Flour (the present Staple of the Province) are already so much overdone, by the great Importations that are made to them, from this and the other Northern Colonies, that unless some Manufactures be set on Foot, that are wanted in Great-Briain, *or do not interfere with theirs, there will be no Way to imploy the People to any Advantage;* Great-Britain, *has long extended her Bounty to us, in the Article of Hemp, but we have not yet taken hold on it, it wants some further Encouragement, and it is your Interest, though with a present Expence, to lay a Foundation for that useful and valuable Manufacture; some of your neighbouring Provinces have done it, and reap the happy Fruits of it.*

I heartily recommend to your Consideration, the Fortifications now on Foot, that if upon Inspection of the Accounts, you find the Money already given will fall short, you may effectually provide for the finishing of them.

Fort Hunter, *is in a very ruinous Condition, the Palisadoes, the Block Houses and Barrack are tumbling down, and hardly to be repaired at a less Charge than would build a new one, the principal End for which it was built, being to cover the Christian Settlements then made, and to encourage others to be made in that Part of the* Mohawk's *Country, is happily attained; and we may reasonably expect the like good Effects in settling the Rest, which is much the greatest Part of the* Mohawk's *Country; if a new Fort be built on the Carrying-Place, at the upper End of the* Mohawk's *Country, and the Garrison of* Fort Hunter, *be removed thither; this will cover the whole* Mohawk's *Country, fix an easier Communication between all the frontier Garrisons from* Albany *to* Oswego, *be a safe Repository for the Goods that must be landed there, in passing to and from* Oswego, *and be a sure Protection to that Trade and Country at all Times; a small Sum of Money will do the Work.*

The House at Oswego, *wants some present Repairs, and the upholding it, is of such Consequence to the Trade of the Province, that I am persuaded you will think it highly necessary, to put it in such a Condition against the Winter, as the Officers and Soldiers may be screened from the Inclemency of the Weather.*

The Commissioners for Indian *Affairs, having represented to me, that there was a necessity of sending a Smith and some other Persons to reside for a Year, in the* Seneka's *Country with some small Presents, to secure the Fidelity of that Nation to us, I hope, you will make proper Provision, to defray that Expence.*

These Things that I have recommended to you, being for his Majesty's Honour and Service, for the Encouragement and Advancement of Trade, and the general Good of the Country, I can safely and will chearfully concur with you in them, as I shall in all others of the like Tendency; they deserve your utmost Attention, and I hope you will give them Dispatch.

I make no doubt, but that you are come with Minds disposed to consult his Majesty's Honour, and the true Interest and Quiet of the Province; let therefore your Debates be quitted by Moderation, make Things of a private and inferior Nature give Way to those of a Publick, and your Electors will thank you, Posterity bless you, and future Assemblies make your Actions a Rule for theirs.

Oct. 14, 1736. GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, be likewise printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 14, 1736.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 15, 1736.

COL. *Gaasbeck Chambers* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Orange *County, to build a new Court House and Goal for the said County*, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1736.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the President's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Verplank* reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Mr. *Verplank* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1736.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; which was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Orange *County, to build a new Court House and Goal, for the said County*; was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, that the Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass,

Ordered, That Col. *Cornelius Harring* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That the President's Speech be taken into Consideration *Tuesday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, *Monday* Morning next.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1736.

THE Speaker, at the Request of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Assistants of the City of *New-York*, now convened in Common Council, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to revive an Act, for keeping in repair the Post Road from *New-York* to King's Bridge; and another Bill to revive an Act, for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit criminal Offences in *New-York*, under the Degree of Grand Larcency.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in the said Bills accordingly.

Col. *Harring* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1736.

CAPT. *Van Horne* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair the Post Road from* New-York, *to* King's *Bridge*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Major *Glen* informed the House, that the Fortifications directed by one Part of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising the Sum of* Fifty Pounds, *in the Township of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defensible, and other Fortifications in the said Town*; are mostly compleated, but that the Materials and Workmanship thereof, remain unpaid, by Reason the said Act did not come up Time enough to raise the Money thereby intended to be levied for that Purpose, and therefore moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to inforce that Part of the said Act, and instead of *Fifty Pounds*, to raise *Sixty Pounds*, and that a Clause may be added to amend and repair some Breaches or Gullies, at the End of three Streets in the said Town.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Purposes above mentioned.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1736.

THE Bill, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair the Post Road from* New-York, *to* King's *Bridge*; was read the second Time, and committe to the Members of *New-York*, and *King's* County, or any four of them.

The Bill, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *King's* County, or any four of them.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Beekman* presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaerwyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1736.

THE Treasurer delivered in a List, to whom, and for how much the Excise has been farmed from the first of *November*, 1735, to the first of *November* next ensuing, amounting to the Sum of *Eight Hundred* and *Fifty One Pounds, Nine Shillings*, exclusive of *Suffolk* County and *Dutchess* County, of which no Recognizances are hitherto transmitted to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Account lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee to consider of the President's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Verplank* reported from the said Committee, That they had made some further Progress upon the said Speech, and desired Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the President's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1736.

THE President was pleased to send down a Petition, directed to himself, Council, and General Assembly, of several Inhabitants of the City and County of *Albany*, Traders at *Oswego*, praying, that Mr. *Charles Kerr*, Surgeon to the Garrison of *Oswego*, may again be appointed, with a large Salary, and Care taken for the better Payment thereof, and may have Liberty to come down two Months in the Summer, and continue in said Office as long as he behaves himself well, and capable of performing the Duty of Surgeon; and,

One other Petition (presented to the President) of the Inhabitants settled about and beyond *Fort Hunter*, in the County of *Albany*, setting forth, That the said Fort was built to protect the Settlements there made, and encourage others to be made in the *Mohawk*'s Country above *Schenectady*; that that Part of the Country being well settled, and that Fort quite gone to decay, they are humbly of Opinion, if the Garrison at the said Fort were removed to the carrying Place at the upper End of the *Mohawk*'s River, it would in a few Years have the like good Effect, by encouraging People to settle the Rest of the said Country, which will be very advantageous to the strengthening the Frontiers, praying the Premises may be taken into Consideration, and to give such Orders and Directions as shall be meet and convenient.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be refered to the Committee appointed to consider of the President's Speech.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaerwyck, *called* Clavarack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Dutchess* County, Manors of *Rensselaerwyck* and Livingston.

Major *Glen* (according to Leave) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Fifty Pounds, *in the Township of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defensible, and other Fortifications in the said Town, and for mending some Gullies at the End of three Streets in the same*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 20, 1736.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the President's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1736.

CAPTAIN *Rutgers* reported from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair the Post Road from* New-York *to* King's *Bridge*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Mr. *Garritsen* reported from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Col. *Morris* jun. (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Fees of the several Officers within this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1736.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the President's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Verplank* reported from the said Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Same.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Fifty Pounds, *in the Township of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defensible, and other Fortifications in the said Town, and for amending some Gullies at the End of three Streets in the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the County of *Albany*, or any three of them.

The House adjourned till 9 Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1736.

THE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in repair the Post Road from* New-York, *to* King's *Bridge*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an An*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Major *Livingston* reported from the Committee appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaerwyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Col. *Lewis Morris*, jun. presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out publick High Roads in the County of* Westchester; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1736.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1736.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in the County of* Westchester; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Westchester*, and City of *New-York*, or any three of them.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaerwyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the President's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Verplank* reported from the said Committee, That they had made a further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, *Wednesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the same.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1736.

COL. *Rensselaer* reported from the Committee to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Fifty Pounds *in the Township of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defensible, and other Fortifications in the said Town, and for amending some Gullies at the End of three Streets in the same*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments to the Bill, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1736.

A Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainting the House, that the Gentlemen of the Council are met at the City-Hall, in the Chamber commonly called the Common Council Room, and that they intend to adjourn at, and to the same Place, from Time to Time, during this Sessions of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, jun. acquaint the Gentlemen of the Council, that it is the more agreeable to this House, that they have met, and do intend to meet in the said Chamber at the City-Hall, during this Session, in as much as this House do conceive it is conformable to the Constitution of this Government, that the Council in their legislative Capacity, do act as a separate Body, during the Meeting and Sitting of the General Assembly of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1736.

COL. *Matthews* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 27, 1736.

THE engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* Fifty Pounds, *in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defenſible, and other Fortifications in the ſaid Town; and for amending ſome Gullies at the End of ſome of the Streets in the ſame, and for erecting a Bridge and repairing of the Roads at the Places therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Major *Glen* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Philip Schuyler*, moved that an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy Puniſhing and Releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; paſſed in the 6th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, may be revived and extended throughout the whole Colony, except the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Col. *Schuyler*, prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that Mr. *Henry Barclay*, be paid the Money allowed him, for the Term of two Years, from the 1ſt Day of *December* 1734, being *Thirty Pounds, per Ann.* according to a Reſolve of this Houſe, the 25th of *November* 1734; out of that Part of the Money raiſed for erecting Fortifications in this Colony, as ſtill remains unfiniſhed.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Col. *Lewis Morris*, jun. do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Preſident's Speech.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1736.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy Puniſhing and Releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Morris*, jun. (according to Order) preſented to this Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Henry Barclay, *the Sum of* Sixty Pounds, *for his Services among the ſix Nations of* Indians, *for two Years*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Morris*, jun. reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Weſtcheſter, That they had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſundry Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

The Petition of *Walter Kippen*, an inſolvent Debtor, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he had been under cloſe Confinement now almoſt three Years; praying this Houſe will take into Conſideration, his diſtreſſed poor Condition, and afford him ſuch Relief, as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for the Conſideration of this Houſe..

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, have Leave to be abſent.

Ordered, That Major *Livingſton*, have Leave to go Home.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee, on the Preſident's Speech: And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Verplank* reported from the ſaid Committee, Their Opinion and Reſolution upon that Part which relates to the Deficiency of the Funds appropriated for the Support of this Government, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the Houſe, being as follows.

The Committee having conſidered how far the Seaſon is already advanced, are of Opinion, That as the preſent ſitting of this Houſe (without very great Inconveniences to moſt of the Members thereof) is like to continue but a few Days longer, ſo the Time will not allow them either to inſpect and examine what the real Deficiency of the ſaid Support is, or to provide Ways and Means for making up the ſame, and therefore were come to the following Reſolution.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at the Beginning of their next Meeting after this Sitting is cloſed, not only examine how much the real Deficiency of the ſaid Support will then be, but provide Ways and Means effectually to make the ſame good.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Preſident's Speech into further Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1736.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1736.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Henry Barclay, *the Sum of* Sixty Pounds, *for his Services among the ſix Nations of* Indians, *for two Years*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeeding Puniſhing and Releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment, as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1736.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1736.

MEMORANDUM.

ON *Saturday* the 30th of laſt Month, was publiſhed at the *City-Hall*, her Majeſty's Commiſſion, dated at *Kenſington*, the 30th of *July* laſt, conſtituting the Honourable *George Clarke*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor of this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1736.

COL. *Hicks* reported from the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying* Henry Barclay, *the Sum of* Sixty Pounds, *for his Services among the ſix Nations of* Indians, *for two Years*; That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1736.

MAJOR *Plat* reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the ſpeedy Puniſhing and Releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſoment, as ſhall committ any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned*, That they had gone through the Bill, and altered the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, that the ſeveral Bills ſent by them to the Council for their Concurrence, were paſſed whilſt George Clarke, *Eſq; was Preſident and Commander in*

in Chief of this Colony, and his Majesty's Commission, constituting him Lieutenant Governor of the same, having since been published;

Ordered, *That Col.* Philip Schuyler *and Col.* Philipse, *desire the Gentlemen of the Council, to send the several Bills, aforesaid to the House, that they may make the proper Alterations in the Stile thereof.*

In Consequence of the Message above-mentioned, the Council sent by their Clerk, a Message, together with the several Bills depending before them, That the necessary Alterations may be made in the Stile thereof, and then delivered back to the said Clerk; *which Bills are*, viz.

A Bill, *for building a Court-House and Goal, in* Orange *County.*

A Bill, *to continue the Militia Act, till the 1st of* December 1737.

A Bill, *to revive an Act, for keeping in Repair the Post Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

A Bill, *to revive an Act, relating to Offences, under the Degree of Grand Larceny in* New-York.

A Bill, *to revive an Act, relating to Swine in* Dutchess *County, Manor of* Livingston *and* Claverack; *and a* Bill, *to inforce Part of an Act, for fortifying the old Church in* Schenectady, *and for making a Bridge and repairing Roads in other Places.*

All which Bills, being altered upon the Table, in the Stile thereof only, to wit. *Instead of President and Commander in Chief, to the Stile of Lieutenant Governor, were returned to the Council by their said Clerk.*

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1736.

A Message by Mr. *Horsmanden*, That the Council have appointed the Honourable *Cadwallader Colden*, *James De Lancey* and *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esqrs, to be a Committee of that Board, to prepare an Address to his Majesty, on the Nuptials of his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, and that they would appoint a Committee, to meet and join with the said Committee of the Council, at the House of Mr. *Todd*, To-morrow at Six of the Clock in the Afternoon, in order to prepare the said Address.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Philipse*, Col. *Matthews*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Mr. *Verplank* and Mr. *Le Count*, be a Committee of this House, to meet and join with the said Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place abovementioned, in order to prepare the said Address; and Mr. Speaker is desired to assist therein.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritsen*, do acquaint the Council, That a Committee of this House, will meet their Committee, at the Time and Place appointed by them; and that it is the Inclination of this House, his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, be desired to join in the said Address.

A Message by the Clerk of the Council, to acquaint the House, that the Council have passed the four following Bills, without any Amendments, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same; as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the speedy Punishing and Releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences in the City of* New-York, *under the Degree of Grand Larceny.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Post Road from* New-York, *to* Kingsbridge.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaerwyck, *called* Claverack, *in the County of* Albany.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned; and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Payment of* Sixty Pounds, *to* Henry Barclay, *for the Service and out of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 3, 1736.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1736.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in the County of* Westchester; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the speedy Punishing and Releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the several Counties therein-mentioned, and to include the City and County of* Albany, *and the County of* Suffolk *therein.*

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1736.

Resolved,

THAT this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, on *Saturday* Morning next, to take the Remainder of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech into Consideration.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler* have Leave to go Home.

Ordered, That Col. *Myndert Schuyler* have Leave to go Home.

Ordered, That Major *Glen* have Leave to go Home.

Then the House adjourned till *Saturday* next.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1736.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee, to take into Consideration the Remainder of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. *Verplank*, reported from the Committee, their Opinion and Resolution, concerning the remaining Part of the said Speech, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same were again read, and approved of by the House, being as follows, *to wit.*

The Committee, finding the present Sitting is drawing to a Close, are of Opinion, That the several Matters recommended to this House, in the remaining Part of his Honour's Speech, do require a longer Consideration, than the Time will now allow; were come to the following Resolution, *viz.*

Resolved, That at the next Meeting of this House, after the present Sitting is closed, the several Matters aforesaid, shall not only be maturely considered, but have their due Weight, so far as the Circumstances of the Colony will reasonably admit of.

Ordered, That Major *Plat* have Leave to go Home.

Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, for preparing an Address to his Majesty on the Nuptials of his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, reported that both Committees had accordingly met and prepared the same, a Draught whereof he delivered in at the Table; which being read, was approved of by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, acquaint the Council, that the Address to his Majesty, as it is prepared by their Committee, in Conjunction with a Committee of this House, is approved of by the said House.

A Message from the Council, by *James De Lancey*, Esq; That the Council have approved of the Draught of the Address to his Majesty, prepared by their Committee, and a Committee of this House, and that they have appointed Mr. *Colden*, Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Horsmanden*, to desire the Lieutenant Governor, to join with the Council and the General Assembly therein.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, acquaint the Council, That this

this Houſe have appointed Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Verplank*, Col. *Matthews*, Capt. *Rutgers* and Mr. *Le Count*, to join with the Gentlemen of the Council, named in their Meſſage, to wait on the Lieutenant Governor, and deſire him to join with the Council, and the General Aſſembly, in the Addreſs to his Majeſty. And that he do likewiſe acquaint the Council, that the Members of this Houſe, will be ready to ſign the ſame, when it is ingroſſed and ſigned by the Lieutenant Governor and them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1736.

COL. *Philipſe* from the Committee, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to wait on the Lieutenant Governor, and deſire him to join in the Addreſs to his Majeſty, on the Nuptials of his Royal Highneſs, reported that both Committees, did on *Saturday* laſt, wait on his Honour for that Purpoſe accordingly, and that he had been pleaſed to give the following Anſwer thereto, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Am highly pleaſed, that you have prepared a Draught of an Addreſs to his Majeſty, on the Marriage of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, *with her Highneſs the Princeſs of* Saxe Gotha; *I have read it, and heartily concur with you in it.*

A Meſſage by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, to acquaint this Houſe, that the Council had paſſed the three following Bills, without any Amendments, *to wit.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing* Fifty Pounds, *in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defenſible, and other Fortifications in the ſaid Town, and for amending ſome Gullies, at the End of ſome of the Streets in the ſame, and for erecting a Bridge and repairing of the Roads at the Places therein-mentioned.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Payment of* Sixty Pounds, *to* Henry Barclay, *for the Service, and out of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned*; without any Amendments.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought from them, the ingroſſed Addreſs to his Majeſty, and a Duplicate thereof, which being ſigned by the Lieutenant Governor, and the Gentlemen of the Council, were ſigned likewiſe by the Speaker and the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered, The ſaid Addreſs be entered at large in the Journal of this Houſe.

To the KING's *Moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York, *in* America.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Aſſembly of the Colony of *New-York*, beg Leave to embrace the firſt Opportunity, to join in the general Joy of your People, in congratulating your Majeſty, upon the happy Nuptials of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, with the illuſtrious Princeſs of *Saxe Gotha.*

The Alliance of two Auguſt Houſes, ſo remarkable for their glorious Zeal, and firm Adherence to the Proteſtant Intereſt, we cannot but aſcribe to your Majeſty's peternal Care and Concern, for the future, as well as preſent Happineſs and Security of all your People; and the Subjects of your Majeſty's remoteſt Dominions, have the greateſt Reaſon to exult, in the happy Influence of your Majeſty's Wiſdom and Counſels, with the ſincereſt Expreſſions of Duty and Gratitude.

The perſonal Endowments of his Royal Highneſs, remarkably diſtinguiſh him, to be the Inheritor of the eminent Virtues of your Majeſty, and your moſt ſerene Conſort; and we form to ourſelves, the higheſt Ideas of a Princeſs, ſelected by your Majeſty and his Royal Highneſs, and adopted by our moſt gracious Sovereign, into the Royal Family of *Great-Britain*; it will be the Glory of her Royal Highneſs, whoſe Accompliſhments are already ſo conſpicuous, to tranſmit to ſucceeding Ages a Copy of thoſe Virtues, which this Alliance will give her the Opportunity of obſerving in her Majeſty, and an Ambition of imitating.

May your Majeſty long continue a Bleſſing to your Dominions, their Royal Higneſs enjoy your moſt excellent Examples, lateſt Poſterity reap the Advantages of your royal Goodneſs, in the happy Fruits of this auſpicious Event, and convey the Proſperity of your Majeſty's Dominions, to remoteſt Ages.

Theſe, may it pleaſe your Majeſty, are the ſincere Wiſhes of,

Your Majeſty's,
Moſt loyal and moſt
Dutiful Subjects.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer*, return the ſaid ingroſſed Addreſs to the Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 8, 1736.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1736.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſpeedy Puniſhing and Releaſing ſuch Perſons from Impriſonment as ſhall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the ſeveral Counties therein-mentioned, and to include the City and County of* Albany, *and the County of* Suffolk *therein*; together with the Amendment made thereto by the Council, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Amendment being taken into Conſideration, and read three Times, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Agreement of this Houſe, to the ſaid Amendment, be certified by the Speaker's ſigning the ſame.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinſon*, carry back to the Council, the ſaid Bill, with their Amendments thereto, and to acquaint them, this Houſe have agreed to the ſame, and do deſire they will cauſe the ſaid Bill, to be amended accordingly.

A Meſſage by the Honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Weſtcheſter; together with the Amendment made thereto, by the Council, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Amendment being taken into Conſideration, and read three Times, was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered that the Speaker certify the ſame, by ſigning the ſaid Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank*, carry back to the Council, the ſaid Bill with their Amendment thereto, and to acquaint them this Houſe have agreed to the ſame, and do deſire they will cauſe the ſaid Bill to be amended accordingly.

A Meſſage by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, to acquaint this

this House, that they have agreed to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Orange *County, to build a new Court House and Goal, for the said County*; without any Amendments.

Then the House adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 4 ho. P. M. Nov. 9, 1736.

THE House met, and adjourned to 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. Nov. 10, 1736.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieutenant Governor be addressed, as he hereby is, to issue in Council, by and with their Advice and Approbation, the following Warrants on the Treasurer, payable out of the Funds appropriated for the Support of this Government, *That is to say*,

To *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk, for extraordinary Services for this House, during this and a former Session, the Sum of *Three Pounds*; and to *Alexander Lamb*, Door-Keeper, for cleaning the Assembly Chamber, for Firewood during this Sitting, and other Disbursements for this House, the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

A Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Lieutenant Governor requires the Attendance of this House immediately, at the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, to be present at his assenting to the Acts passed this Session; and the Speaker, with the House, went thither accordingly.

MEMORANDUM.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor from the Head of the Table, in the said Council Chamber, made the following Speech:

Gentlemen,

I Am come to give my Assent to the Bills, that have passed both Houses, and I do it with the greater Chearfulness, as it cannot be said, that I am induced to it by private Views or Self-interest.

The Happiness of the People and the Prosperity of the Province, are the Things that I profess to have at Heart, and I shall on all Occasions demonstrate by my Actions, the Sincerity of my Professions.

And then gave his Assent to ten Acts passed this Sessions, the Titles whereof are, *viz.*

An Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Orange *County, to build a new Court House and Goal, for the said County.*

An Act, *for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof; and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same; as likewise the several Acts, whereby the same has been revived and continued.*

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Post Road from* New-York, *to* King's *Bridge.*

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny.*

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in* Dutchess *County, and in the Manor of* Livingston, *and in the Precinct of the Manor of* Rensselaerwyck, *called* Clavarack, *in the County of* Albany.

An Act, *to inforce Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for raising* Fifty Pounds, *in the Township of* Schenectady, *for making their old Church defensible, and other Fortifications in the said Town, and for amending some Gullies at the End of some of the Streets in the same; and for erecting a Bridge, and repairing of the Roads, at the Places therein-mentioned.*

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*

An Act, *for the Payment of* Sixty Pounds, *to* Henry Barclay, *for the Service, and out of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned.*

An Act *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Westchester.

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny, in the several Counties therein-mentioned, and to include the City and County of* Albany, *and the County of* Suffolk *therein.*

After which his Honour was pleased to say, I prorogue the General Assembly, to the last *Tuesday* in *March* next, and the said Assembly is accordingly prorogued until the said last *Tuesday*, in the Month of *March* next ensuing.

And then the above-mentioned Acts, were published at the usual Place and in the usual Manner, in the Presence of the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, the Members of the Assembly, and the Mayor and other civil Officers of this City, *&c.* who afterwards proceeded in Order to *Fort George*.

MEMORADUM.

THE Lieutenant Governor, having on the 10th of *November* 1736, prorogued the General Assembly to the last *Tuesday* in *March* then next ensuing; the same was by his Honour's Proclamation in Council on the 29th of *March* 1737, further prorogued to the first *Tuesday* in *April*, being the 5th Day of that Month.

Die Martis, 4 ho. P. M. April 5, 1737.

FIFTEEN of the Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, at the City Hall of *New-York*, pursuant to the Prorogation last mentioned, the Speaker took the Chair, and the Members their Places.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* and Col. *Rensselaer*, wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and acquaint him, that the House is met, in Order to proceed on Business.

Resolved, That the Speaker and eleven Members have Power to adjourn the House, from Time to Time, during this Session.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent clandestine Marriages*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, from the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour having been afflicted for about a Month last past, with the Gout in his Feet, is prevented from coming to the Council Chamber at the City Hall, and therefore requires the Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber in Fort George, *immediately.*

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended the Lieutenant Governor accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that his Honour had made a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is as follows, *to wit.*

Gentlemen;

THE Season of the Year having obliged me to put at End to your last Session, before several Matters by me recommended to you, were provided for, you came to a Resolution, before you broke up, to take them into Consideration, and to give them their due Weight at your next Meeting, and I hope you are now come together with Resolutions to make good your Engagements; both His Majesty's Honour and Service, and the Happiness and Prosperity of the Province, require it of you.

You will see by the Treasurer's Accounts, that there is a great Deficiency of the Revenue, under which not only the Officers of the Government groan, but their Creditors also suffer extreamly: This is a Debt contracted during this present Assembly, by the Insufficiency of the Funds given for Support of Government, and it is but reasonable to expect from you such speedy Provision, as may soon and effectually pay it; your own Honour is plighted for it, and I am persuaded, that you will not leave that to be done by another Assembly, which you ought to do your selves, nor suffer a Debt to grow greater, which you have the Power and Opportunity to discharge; the Eyes of the Province are upon you, expecting a speedy Event, and I assure myself, that you will make all your Actions of a Piece with your beginning, honourable and worthy, befitting your Characters of dutiful, affectionate and loyal Subjects, to the best of Kings, whom God long preserve.

The Determination of the present Revenue drawing nigh, I earnestly recommend it to you, to give a further and honourable Revenue to his Majesty, for the Support of his Government, nor do I doubt of your Chearfulness to do it. I hope, however, that you will take some Methods to ease the Merchant, that the whole Burthen may not lie on Trade: It is necessary, and the Planters will soon find the Benefit of it, for it is on the Increase and the flourishing Condition of Trade that they must grow rich.

I recommended to you the last Session, to give some proper Encouragement for the raising of Hemp, and promoting of Ship Building; I now add to them, that of Iron; they are Things that deserve your utmost Attention, and call for a speedy Help.

I recommended likewise to you, the Fort in the Mohawk's *Country, the House at* Oswego, *and the new Fortifications. The First is tumbling down, the Second in a ruinous Condition, the Third calls for the finishing Hand; and all require your effectual and immediate Care.*

These being Things, that his Majesty's Honour and Service, and the Defence, Security and Prosperity of the Province, require at your Hands: I persuade myself, that you will now chearfully and effectually provide for them, and that you will likewise give a Sum sufficient to put in good Repair, that Part of the Barracks, in his Majesty's Fort in this Town, which were left unfinished, when the Rest of the Barracks were repaired.

The Artificers complain, and with too much Reason, of the pernicious Custom of breeding Slaves to Trades, whereby the honest and industrious Tradesmen, are reduced to Poverty, for Want of Employ, and many of them forced to leave us, to seek their Living in other Countries. It deserves your Consideration, and I hope will receive a present Remedy.

Gentlemen,

We have the Pleasure to see Peace restored to this once divided Province; and I hope, that by your Assistance, I shall be able to put it in a more flourishing and prosperous Condition, than ever it has been; my best Endeavours shall be directed to it, and I make no Doubt, that you are met with Resolutions to contribute every Thing in your Power towards it.

You have it now in your Power to set on foot, to encourage to raise, and to carry to a great heighth, several Commodities that are wanted in England; *such as will imploy great Numbers of People here, give Life and Vigour to your declining Trade and Navigation, raise the Price of Lands, inrich the Farmer, make you useful to your Mother Country, and strongly recommend you to his Majesty's Grace and Favour; and I promise myself, that you will not let slip the present Opportunity.*

Whatever else is necessary for the Prosperity of the Province, wherein my Concurrence may be given, you may assuredly expect from me; let your Actions be guided by Moderation, let the publick Good have the first and principal Place in your Deliberations; and then your Country may hope to see themselves raised from their present Condition, to an Heighth of Riches and Felicity as yet unknown to them.

April 5, 1737. GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, be likewise printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration, on *Thursday* next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, do by the first Opportunities, write circular Letters to all the absent Members, and therein acquaint them, that this House requires them to attend the Service of this House, without any Delay.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 6, 1737.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 6, 1737.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *De Lancey*, *Lewis Morris*, Esq; Col. *Myndert Schuyler*, Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Matthews*, Mr. *Garritsen*, Col. *Hutchinson*, Capt. *Rutgers*, Col. *Rensselaer*, Col. *Philipse*, Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers*, Col. *Beekman*, or any seven of them, be a Committee of Grievances, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, and to meet every *Thursday* at 5 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. *John De Honeur*, in the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Major *Platt*, Major *Glen* and Mr. *Le Count*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inspect what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report to the House, from Time to Time, which of them they judge necessary to be revived or continued; and likewise what other new Acts, they shall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony and the Inhabitants thereof.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 7, 1737.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 7, 1737.

A Petition of *Coenradt Frank*, *Andreas Klubsatel*, *Hanes Lissenmann*, *Jorg Rigt Meyer* and *Jorg Wenss*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave a Bill may be brought in, for naturalizing the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Morris*, jun. reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Speech on *Wednesday* next.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, do lay before this House, on *Wednesday* next, the several publick Accounts, mentioned in an Order of this House, on the 8th of *November* 1735, and that he extend the same from the Year 1714, to the 25th Day *March* last past.

Ordered, The Clerk of this House, serve the said Treasurer with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Duties on Strouds and Rum, do with all convenient Speed, transmit to this House, an Account of the said Duties, from the Time they delivered in their last Account, until the 25th Day of *December* last past; and that the Clerk send to them a Copy of this Order, by the first Conveyance.

Then the House adjourned to *Wednesday* next.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 13, 1737.

COL. *Gaasbeck Chambers*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to raise a further Sum, not exceeding the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, for finishing and compleating in the County of *Ulster*, the County House and Goal of the said County, already erected there by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill, was presented to the House (according to Leave) entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Coenradt Frank, Andreas Klebsatel, Hanes Lissenmann, Jorg Rigt Meyer *and* Jorg Wenss; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 13, 1737.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) delivered to the House, the following publick Accounts.

An Account of the Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the Year 1714, to the 5th of *June* 1721, during the late Treasurer's Time, and continued from thence by the present Treasurer, until the first of *November* 1734.

An Account of what has been received and paid by the late Treasurer, by Virtue of the Act, commonly called the Second long Bill, passed the 23d of *December* 1717; and an Account of what the present Treasurer has received and paid on the said Act.

An Account how much the additional Duties laid by the said Act did amount to in the late Treasurer's Time, until the 9th of *June* 1721, and how much he payed thereon, and a Continuance of the said Account from thence to the 23d of *December*, 1734.

An Account of a Tax of Three Thousand Ounces of Plate, payable in *June*, 1723, for cancelling Bills of Credit to that Value, how much has been received and how much has been sunk thereon.

An Account of the Receipt and Disposal of a Tax of Five Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Ounces of Plate, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly for that Purpose, passed in the

the Year 1723, and an Account how much has been received and cancelled thereon.

An Account of the Receipt and Diſpoſal of a Tax of Six Thouſand Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds, laid by an Act of Aſſembly for ſupplying the Deficiences in his Majeſty's Revenue, and for ſeveral other Purpoſes, and for ſtriking Bills of Credit to that Value, paſſed the 24th *July*, 1724, and an Account how much has been received and cancelled thereon.

An Account of Bills of Credit to the Value of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, ſtruck by Virtue of an Act paſſed the 24th *July*, 1724, for exchanging the ſhattered and torn Bills of Credit therein-mentioned.

An Account of the three Taxes, each of *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, laid by an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An Act, for granting to his Majeſty the Duties and Taxes therein-mentioned, for ſupporting his Government in this Colony*, &c. paſſed in the Year 1726, and what is in arrear thereon.

An Account of Bills of Credit to the Value of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, ſtruck by Virtue of an Act publiſhed the 11th of *November*, 1726, for exchanging the ſhattered and torn Bills therein-mentioned.

An Account of what has been transferred from ſeveral Funds for paying and diſcharging a Debt due to the late Agent for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and other the Purpoſes mentioned in an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in *June*, 1726, and an Account of the Tax for making good *Five Hundred* and *Fifty One Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings* and *Five-pence Farthing*, thereof, and how much is in arrear thereon.

An Account of a Tax of *Two Hundred Pounds*, for repairing the Barracks in his Majeſty's Fort, by Virtue of an Act paſſed in the Year 1728, and how much is in arrear thereon.

An Account how much is received and paid on a Tax of *Seven Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, laid by an Act paſſed in *July*, 1729, for appointing an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, &c. and how much is in arrear thereon.

An Account of Bills of Credit to the Value of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, ſtruck by Virtue of an Act publiſhed in *October* 1730, for exchanging therewith the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned.

An Account of the Receipt and Payment of Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Twelve Thouſand Pounds*, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of an Act for ſtriking Bills of Credit to that Value on the Funds and for the Uſes therein-mentioned, paſſed in *November*, 1734, and how much has ariſe by thoſe Funds until the 25th of *March* laſt.

And, an Account how much the Duties for ſupporting his Majeſty's Government in this Colony have amounted to, from the firſt of *September*, 1735, until the 25th of *March* laſt, and how much has been paid and is remaining thereon.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1737.

COL. *Gaaſbeck Chambers*, (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to defray the Charges of building a Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Morris*, jun. moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulating Elections of Members, to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, and for ſetting their Privileges, and to diſable any Perſon to ſit as a Member of the General Aſſembly, who ſhall accept any Office of Profit after his Election.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 14, 1737.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Colonel *Morris*, jun. reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Speech, *Monday* next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council do, as ſoon as may be, lay before this Houſe a Liſt of all the particular Warrants iſſued in Council on the Funds appropriated for the ſupport of this Government, from and after *March* Quarter in the Year 1733-4, until this Time; and that the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve him with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1737.

COL. *Philip Schuyler*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report to the Houſe, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and likewiſe what other new Acts they ſhall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony, reported, That they conceive the following Laws proper to be continued, viz.

An Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail.*

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony for the Time therein mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.*

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued.*

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to diſcharge the ſeveral Demands on the Trading Houſe at* Oſwego, *to ſupport his Majeſty's Troops poſted there, to regulate the Indian Trade, to prevent Abuſes in the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned.*

An Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; which will expire the firſt of *December* next.

And to revive an Act, for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, for Debts not exceeding *Forty Shillings*, paſſed in the Year 1732, expired by its own Limitation.

Which Report being read, was approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Major *Plat*, and Col. *Philipſe*, prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the Act, entitled, *An Act, to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail.*

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews*, and Mr. *Gerritſen*, prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the above-mentioned Act, for letting to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, and Col. *Philip Schuyler*, prepare and bring in a Bill for the further continuing the above-mentioned Militia Act, or a new one for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Capt. *Rutgers*, and Col. *Morris*, jun. prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing the above-mentioned Act relating to *Oſwego*, or a new one for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer*, and Major *Livingſton* prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the above-mentioned Act for licenſing Pedlers and Hawkers.

Ordered, That Col. *Hutchinſon*, and Mr. *Lecount*, prepare and bring in a Bill to revive the above-mentioned Act, relating to inſolvent Debtors, under *Forty Shillings*, or a new one for that Purpoſe, and that it be for the whole Colony, excepting the City and County of *New-York* only.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Coenradt Franck, Andreas Klebſatel, Hanes Liſſenmann, Jorg Right Meyer, *and* Jorg Wenſs, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, and the Members of the County of *Weſtcheſter*, or any four of them.

Col. *Matthews* preſented to the Houſe a Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precincts of *Goſhen* and *Miniſink*, in *Orange* County, praying Leave a Bill may be brought in to enable them to build a Court Houſe and Goal, in the Town of *Goſhen*, for the ſeveral Allegations therein ſet forth.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Col. *Morris*, jun. (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Elections of Members to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, and for ſettling their Privileges, and to diſable any Perſon to ſit as a Member of the General Aſſembly, who ſhall accept any Office of Profit after his Election*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

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Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho.* P. M. *April* 15, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Ulster *County, to defray the Charges of building a Court House and Goal for the said County, and to enable them to finish the same, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, and *Ulster*, or any four of them.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 16, 1737.

A Petition of *George Leacraft*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That notwithstanding he has been an Inhabitant of the City of *New-York*, for near a Year past, he has been obliged to pay the whole Tonnage of a Sloop under his Command for several Voyages, though he owns one Half thereof, which Half did amount, during that Time, to the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, and therefore prays that the said Money may be repaid, and his Part of the said Sloop exempted from Tonnage whilst he continues an Inhabitant in the said City, or to grant him such other Relief as to this House shall seem just and reasonable.

Ordered, That the said Petition be taken into further Consideration by the House.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho.* P. M. *April* 18, 1737.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

The Petition of *Johannis Jurianse*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

And a Petition was likewise presented by *Gustaph Martin Ruehl*, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Which Petitions having been severally read;

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

Col. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Order) presented to this House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further Continuance of an Act*, entitled, *An Act for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same; as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 19, 1737.

THE Petition of *Matthias Ernest*, *Hans Jurg Haas*, and *David Loon*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

And a Petition of *Abraham Myers Cohen*, was likewise presented, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Which Petitions having been severally read;

Ordered, That the same be refered to the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

Col. *Matthews* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County lying to the Northward of the* High-Lands, *to build a Court House and Goal for the said County, at* Goshen; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Major *Plat*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report, from Time to Time, which of them they judge necessary to be revived or continued, and what other new Acts they conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony, and the Inhabitants thereof, did report, That the Committee are of Opinion the following Acts will be beneficial for the Colony, *to wit*,

An Act, *for the settling and regulating the Fees of the several Officers within this Colony.*

An Act, *to prevent Tavern Keepers from trusting any Person or Persons within this Colony, above the Sum of* Shillings.

An Act, *for the better regulating the Justices Court of* Forty Shillings.

An Act, *for the frequent meeting and calling of the General Assembly of this Colony.*

Which Report he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read, and approved of by the House.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, Col. *Beekman*, and Col. *Morris*, jun. prepare and bring in a Bill for settling and regulating the Fees of the several Officers of this Colony.

Ordered, That Major *Plat*, and Capt. *Gerritsen*, prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Tavern Keepers, and Inn-holders, from trusting Persons above a limited Sum.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, and Col. *Matthews*, prepare and bring in a Bill for the better regulating of Justices Courts under the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Rutgers*, and Major *Livingston*, prepare and bring in a Bill for the frequent meeting and calling of the General Assemblies of this Colony.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho.* P. M. *April* 19, 1737.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for regulating Elections of Members to serve in the General Assembly, and for settling their Privileges, and to disable any Person to sit as a Member of the General Assembly, who shall accept any Office of Profit after his Election*, was read the second Time, whereupon the Question was made, whether the Bill be committed? and a Debate arising thereon, the Question was again put, whether the Bill be committed? and it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question was put, whether the Bill be rejected? and it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Bill be rejected.

Col. *Morris* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Rensselear* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 20, 1737.

COL. *Philipse* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of Special Bail*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, laid before this House (according to Order) a List of Warrants drawn in Council on the Revenue, since *March* Quarter 1733-4, to this Time; by which it appears, that those drawn on the Support of Government during that Time, until the 17th of *June* last past inclusive, do amount to the Sum of, £. 10035 4 5 ½

And that those on the *Oswego* Duties, until the 23d of *September* last inclusive, do amount to the Sum of, 1017 18 3 0

Ordered, That the said List do lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members of the House.

A Petition of *Simon Johnston*, Esq; *John Auberian*, *James Favier*, and *Elias Pipon*, Merchants, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That a certain Island called Little Barn Island, and some Lands within the Township of *Harlem*, have been settled on the said *Elias*, and intailed on his Heirs Male. That by settling, cultivating, and improving the same, he has contracted such considerable Debts as obliged him to assign the said Estate unto the other Petitioners, in Trust for his other Creditors; that the said Trustees find no Persons incline to purchase any Part of the said Estate, by Reason of the said Intail, and therefore pray that upon their producing Certificates that they have complied with the royal Instructions, relating to private Acts, they may have Leave to bring in a Bill

Bill, to impower them to make Sale of the Island and Lands above-mentioned, and thereby enable them to fulfil the Trust repoſed in them.

Ordered, That upon the Petitioners producing the ſaid Certificates, they have Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Purpoſes mentioned in the ſaid Petition.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 20, 1737.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, *Friday* next.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the* Northward *of the* Highlands, *to build a Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County at* Goſhen, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange* and *Ulſter* Counties.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 22, 1737.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 22, 1737.

A Petition of *Charles Luſhar*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris*, jun. reported from ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 23, 1737.

MAJOR *Plat* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-holders from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants, and from giving large Credit to others*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech: And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris*, jun. reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, *Tueſday* next.

Col. *Haring* and Col. *Matthews*, moved for Leave to be abſent, to attend the Court in *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 25, 1737.

COL. *Philip Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the Charge of Victualling his Majeſty's Troops poſted at* Oſwego, *and for regulating the Duties and Trade there*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Capt. *Rutgers* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Electing and Calling of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-holders from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 26, 1737.

CAPT. *Rutgers* in Behalf of himſelf, and ſeveral of the Patentees of Lands in this Government, joining on the Line of the Province of *New-Jerſey*; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the ſaid Patentees to run the ſaid Line at their own Charge, in equal Proportion.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1737.

COL. *Morris*, jun. (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the ſettling and regulating the Fees of the ſeveral Officers within this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1737.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee, to conſider of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent on that Part thereof, relating to the Deficiency in the Funds appropriated for the Support of Majeſty's Government in this Colony, by an Act, paſſed in the Year 1732; Col. *Morris*, jun. reported from the ſaid Committee, how they find the State thereof, together with their Opinion thereon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, being as follows, *to wit*.

Imprimis, They find that by the Treaſurer's Accompts, it appears to the ſaid Committee, there is a Balance due in Favour of the ſaid Colony, on the ſaid ſupport Act, until the 25th of *March* laſt, the Sum of *One Thouſand, Six Hundred and Seventy Five Pounds, One Shilling and One Penny Farthing*; and that all the Warrants iſſued in Council on the ſaid Act, until *June* Quarter 1735 inclusive, are actually paid and charged in the ſaid Accompts.

The Committee likewiſe find, that the following Warrants iſſued in Council, on the Act aforeſaid, remain unpaid, *viz.*

	£.	s.	d.	q.
For *September* Quarter 1735				
To the late Governor's Salary, until the firſt of this Month	390	0	0	
To the Secretary and Clerk of the Council's Salary, until the ſame Time	15	0	0	
To the Chief Juſtice, for the ſame Time	75	0	0	
To the ſecond Juſtice, for the ſame Time	37	10	0	
To the Searcher of the Colony Duty, for the ſame Time	10	0	0	
To the Printer, for the ſame Time	12	10	0	
To Land and Tide Waiters Salary, for the ſame Time, in 2 Warrants	7	10	0	
To the Gauger's Salary, for the ſame Time	7	10	0	
To the Door Keeper of the Council, for the ſame Time	5	0	0	
To the *Indian* Interpreter, for the ſame Time	22	10	0	
To the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, until the firſt Inſtant	180	0	0	
£.	762	10	0	
For *December* and *March* Quarters 1735.				
To the late Governor's Salary, until the 1ſt of *December*	390	0	0	
To ditto, until the 1ſt of *March*	390	0	0	
To the Secretary and Clerk of the Council's Salary, until the 1ſt of *December*	15	0	0	
To ditto, until the 1ſt of *March*	15	0	0	
To the Chief Juſtice's Salary, until the 1ſt of *December*	75	0	0	
To ditto, until the 1ſt of *March*	75	0	0	
To the ſecond Juſtice, until the 1ſt of *December*	37	10	0	
To ditto, until the 1ſt of *March*	37	10	0	
To the Searcher of the Colony Duty, until the 1ſt of *December*	10	0	0	
To ditto, until the 1ſt of *March*	10	0	0	
To the Printer, until the 1ſt of *December*	12	10	0	
To ditto, till the 1ſt of *March*	12	10	0	
To the Gauger, until the 1ſt of *December*	7	10	0	
To ditto, till the 1ſt of *March*	7	10	0	
To the Land and Tide Waiter, till the 1ſt of *December*	7	10	0	

	£.	s.	d.	q.
Brought over	1865	0	0	
To ditto, till the 1st of *March*	7	10	0	
To the Door Keeper of the Council, to the 1st of *December*	5	0	0	
To ditto, till the 1st of *March*	5	0	0	
To the *Indian* Interpreter, till the 1st of *December*	22	10	0	
To ditto, until the 1st of *March*	22	10	0	
To the Widow *Cosby*, for the late Governor's Salary, till the 10th of *March*	42	14	9	½
To the Clerk of the Assembly	15	12	0	
To the Door Keeper of the Assembly	7	16	0	
£.	1993	12	9	½

For *June* Quarter 1736.

To the President, for his Salary, from the 10th of *March*, to the 1st Instant	173	12	7	¼
To ditto, for Firewood and Candles in *New-York*, until the 13th of *June* 1737	400	0	0	
To ditto, for repairing Fortifications	200	0	0	
To ditto, for Presents to the *Indians* and his Voyage to *Albany*, drawn in 4 Warrants	550	0	0	
To the Secretary and Clerk of the Councils Salary, to the 1st of *June*	15	0	0	
To Col. *Renssélaer*, for Firewood and Candles to the Garrisons at *Albany*, until the 13th of *June* 1736	200	0	0	
£.	3532	5	4	¾
To the Chief Justice's Salary, until the 1st of *June* 1736	75	0	0	
To the Second Justice's Salary, to the same Time	37	10	0	
To the Searcher of the Colony Duty, to the same Time	10	0	0	
To the Printer, until the same Time	12	10	0	
To the Gauger, until the same Time	7	10	0	
To the Land and Tide Waiter, to the same Time	7	10	0	
To the Door Keeper of the Council, to the same Time	5	0	0	
To the *Indian* Interpreter to the same Time	22	10	0	
To Tables and Chairs for the Council Chamber	14	0	0	
£.	3723	15	4	¾

The Committee do further find, that besides the before-mentioned unpaid Warrants, there will accrue and become due for five Quarters more, on the aforesaid Act, until the Determination thereof, which will be on the first Day of *September*, in this present Year 1737; the several Salaries and Services here-under-mentioned, *to wit*.

For the Salary of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor as President, and as Lieutenant Governor, from the first Day of *June* 1736, to the first Day of *September* 1737 -	975	0	0	
For Presents to the Six Nations of *Indians*, until the same Time, to be laid out in proper Goods, and actually presented to them -	400	0	0	
For Expences for the Governor's Voyage to *Albany*, if he goes thither, to renew the Treaties with the said Nations -	150	0	0	
For Firewood and Candles, to the Garrisons in the City and County of *Albany*, until the 13th of *June* 1737 - -	200	0	0	
For the Salary of the Chief Justice, from the first Day of *June* 1736, to the first Day of *September* 1737	375	0	0	
For the Salary of the Second Justice, during the same Time	187	10	0	
For the Commissioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*	180	0	0	
For the Salary of the *Indian* Interpreter at *Albany*, from the first of *June* 1736, to the first of *September* 1737	112	10	0	
For the Salary of the Secretary, from and to the same Time	37	10	0	
For the Salary of the Clerk of the Council, during the same Time	37	10	0	
For the Salary of the Printer, during the same Time	62	10	0	
For the Salary of the Searcher of the Colony Duties, during the same Time	50	0	0	
For the Salary of the Land and Tide Waiter of the said Duties, during the same Time	37	10	0	
£.	6528	15	4	¾

	£.	s.	d.	q.
Brought over	6528	13	4	¼
For the Salary of the Gauger, during the same Time	37	10	0	
For the Salary of the Door Keeper of the Council, during the same Time	25	0	0	
To the Clerk of the General Assembly, for the last Sessions	18	12	0	
To the Door Keeper, during the same Time	8	5	0	
For the said Clerk, during the present Session computed at about	36	0	0	
For the said Door Keeper, during the same Time, computed at about	15	0	0	

The Committee do also find, by an Account of Mr. *Samuel Baker*, that over and above the *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Sterling, remitted to him, out of the support Act, to oppose the Attempts of the Sugar Colonies, he is in advance, *Twelve Pounds, Nine Shillings and Five-pence* Sterling; which they are of Opinion, ought to be paid to his Correspondent, Mr. *Stephen De Lancey*, amounting with the Exchange thereon, to the Sum of - 20 12 0

And that there is due to *John De Honeur*, for Expences of several Committees of the General Assembly, during sundry Sessions, the Sum of - 7 19 4

The Committee likewise find, that Bills of Credit, issued by an Act, passed in the Year 1720, and directed to be sunk by the Funds of the before-mentioned support Act, do remain uncancelled, and for that Reason, ought to be allowed as Part of the Deficiency in the said Support, being to the Value of - 2000 0 0

So that they find, the whole Deficiency will amount to - - 8697 13 8 ¼

And the said Committee do also find, that there must be deducted out of the said whole Amount, the two following Sums, *to wit*.

For the before-mentioned Ballance due to the Colony, until the 25th of *March* last, *One Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Five Pounds, One Shilling and One Penny Farthing*.

And they compute, that the Funds to arise by Virtue of the said Support Act, from the 25th of *March* last, to the 1st of *September* next ensuing, may amount to a Sum of about *One Thousand Pounds* - - 2675 11 ¼

£. 6022 12 7 ½

So that the Committee, do conceive the whole Deficiency of the said Support, until the first Day of *September* next ensuing, will amount to the Sum of *Six Thousand, Twenty Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Seven-pence Farthing*; and are of Opinion, that if the Funds of the said Support, do on the said first of *September*, exceed the Computation above-mentioned, such Surplus ought to be applied in such Manner, and to such Uses, as shall be directed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, to be made for that Purpose, and not otherwise.

Which Report being read, was approved of by the House; who came to the following Resolutions thereon, *to wit*.

Resolved, That this House, will provide Ways and Means, to raise the Sum of *Six Thousand, Twenty Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Seven-pence Farthing*, to supply the Deficiences of the Funds appropriated for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Colony; until the first Day of *September*, in this present Year 1737.

Resolved, That the Money so to be raised, shall be by the Act, for raising the same, applied for and towards paying and discharging the several and particular Salaries and Services before-mentioned, in the same Course and Order as the same are set down in the foregoing List, and not otherwise, nor to any other Use or Purpose whatever.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration, To-morrow.

Major *Livingston* moved for Leave to be absent on extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 bo. A. M. April 28, 1737.

MAJOR *Glen* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revive an Act*, entitled, *An Act to improve*

impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.*

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for settling and regulating the Fees of the several Officers within this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Morris*, jun. (in Behalf of Mr. *Pipon*) presented to the House, a Minute of Council, dated the 6th of this Instant, and signed by the Deputy Clerk, certifying, That an Affidavit had been produced to the Lieutenant Governor and Council, that three *Sundays* or more successively, after the 25th of *February*, an Advertisement had been affixed upon the Church Door of *Harlem*, of the said *Pipon*'s Intention, to apply to the General Assembly, to enable him and his Trustees to dispose of *Little Barn Island*, and all his Lands in the said Town of *Harlem*. Which being read and allowed of, the said Col. *Morris*, did then (according to Leave) present to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to impower* Simon Johnson, *Esq*; *and* John Aubenian, *and* James Favier, *of the City of* New-York, *and the Survivor of them, to sell a certain Island, called* Little Barn's Island, *and all the other Lands, lying within the Bounds of* Harlem, *which were lately conveyed to them by* Elias Pipon; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 28, 1737.

MAJOR *Glen* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revive an Act*, entitled, *An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1737.

HIS Honour the Lieutenant Governor by Proclamation, bearing Date the 28th of *April*, was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly, until the 3d Day of *May* next ensuing.

Die Martis, May 3, 1737.

THE House being met, according to the above-mentioned Prorogation, the Speaker took the Chair, and the Members their Places;

Ordered, That Mr. *Garritsen* and Mr. *Verplank*, wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and acquaint him, that the House is met.

Mr. *Verplank*, reported that he and Mr. *Garritsen*, having waited on the Lieutenant Governor, according to Order, that his Honour had been pleased to say, he would send a Message to the House, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

A Message from the Lieutenant Governor, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour requires the immediate Attendance of this House, at the Council Chamber in Fort George, *by Reason the Gout disables him from coming to the Council Chamber in the City Hall.*

Then the Speaker, and the House went thither accordingly; when his Honour was pleased by the following Speech, to dissolve the General Assembly.

Gentlemen,

YOUR solemn Promises, in repeated Resolves of your House, to make good the Deficiences of the Revenue, obliged me to give you an Opportunity of performing them, and at the same Time of making such Laws as are much wanted to rescue this Province from its declining Condition, and to put it in a more flourishing State; they are equally necessary, and ought to go Hand in Hand; but since you have not the proper Use of that Opportunity, but have passed some Resolves, highly derogatory to his Majesty's Honour and just Prerogative, which I am bound to maintain and support; I am no longer constrained, to delay my gratifying the Desires of the People, with a new choice of Representatives; sooner I could not do it, without subjecting myself to Censure; I have therefore thought fit now to dissolve you, and I do accordingly dissolve you.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

HIS Honour the Lieutenant Governor having diſſolved the late General Aſſembly, on *Tueſday* the third of *May* laſt, Writs were iſſued for chooſing a new one, to meet on the fifteenth Day of *June* then next enſuing.

Die Mercurij, 11 *ho. A. M. June* 15, 1737.

A Liſt of the Names of the ſixteen Repreſentatives that appeared at the City-Hall, in the Aſſembly Chamber, returned to ſerve in General Aſſembly, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York.*
Capt. *Gerrit Van Horne,*
James Alexander, Eſq;
John Walter, Eſq;
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;

Suffolk County.
Major *Epenetus Plat.*
Mr. *David Pierſon.*

Orange County.
Col. *Vincent Matthews,*
Mr. *Cornelius Kuyper.*

Manor of *Cortlandt.*
Philip Verplank, Eſq;

County of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *Lewis Morris,*
Col. *Frederick Philipſe.*

Queen's County.
Col. *Iſaac Hicks,*
David Jones

Ulſter County.
Col. *Abraham Gaaſbeck Chambers.*

Richmond County.
John Le Count, Eſq;
Mr. *Adam Mott.*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *Lewis Morris*, jun. Speaker.

THE ſaid above-named Members appearing as aforeſaid, deſired Mr. Alderman *Johnſton*, and Col. *Vincent Matthews*, to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and acquaint him of their Number, and that they attended his Directions.

Mr. Alderman *Johnſton*, and Col. *Matthews*, being returned, reported to the Members, that his Honour had been pleaſed to ſay he would come up to the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, and there would ſend for them.

Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainted the Members, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor required their immediate Attendance at the Council Room in the City-Hall, to be ſworn.

Then the ſaid Members, with two that came in afterwards, *viz. Johannis Lott*, Eſq; and Mr. *Abraham Lott*, Members returned for *King's* County, repaired to the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall, accordingly, and there took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, purſuant to the Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes, before his Honour in Council; after which his Honour directed them to return to their Houſe and chooſe a Speaker, and preſent him to his Honour for his Approbation; being returned to the Aſſembly Chamber, they unanimouſly chooſe Col. *Lewis Morris*, jun. their Speaker, and conducted him to, and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered, That Alderman *Johnſton*, and Col. *Matthews*, wait on his Honour and acquaint him that they had choſen a Speaker; and being returned, reported the ſame to the Houſe.

Then the Houſe waited on his Honour and preſented their Speaker to him, where his Honour was pleaſed to approve of their Choice, and after a ſhort Apology in Behalf of himſelf, he had deſired of his Honour, in Behalf of the Houſe, that their Words and Actions might always have a favourable Conſtruction, that the Members might, from Time to Time, have free Acceſs to his Honour, and that they and their Servants, might have the ſame Privileges and Protections as uſual; and that his Honour had been pleaſed to promiſe all that had been deſired in Behalf of the Houſe, and that then his Honour was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Houſe, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy; which was read to the Houſe, and is as follows.

Gentlemen,

AS his Majeſty's Honour, and the true Intereſt and Proſperity of the Province, (which I have moſt warmly at Heart) were prevailing Motives with me to diſſolve the laſt Aſſemblies; I am highly pleaſed that the People have made the right Uſe of the Opportunity I gave them, in chooſing ſuch Gentlemen to repreſent them, as I am firmly perſuaded come with Reſolutions to anſwer thoſe great Ends of their Election.

The approaching Harveſt forbidding me to expect you could at this Time ſit to do Buſineſs, I take that Opportunity to meet the Six Nations at Albany, *to renew the Covenant Chain, and to*

to endeavour to prevail with the Senekas *to revoke a Promise of Leave, which they have unjustly and unadvisedly given to* John Coeur, *a* Frenchman, *of* Canada, *to build an House in their Country at* Tierondequat, *a Place which if possest by the* French, *will enable them to intercept all the Western Fur Trade in its Way to* Oswego; *at present therefore I have nothing to recommend to you but this, that every one in his respective Station and Country, may endeavour to carry to Perfection the good Harmony that is already happily begun in the Province, to which nothing shall be wanting on my Part, and I assure myself of the utmost Success from your Assistance.*

New-York, June 15th, 1737. GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, be printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker, and that no other Person do presume to print the same without his License.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to restrain Tavern Keepers, and Inn-holders, from selling strong Liquors to Servants, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor be addressed.

Ordered, That Col. *Chambers*, and Mr. *Cuyper*, wait on his Honour with Col. *Beekman*, and Mr. *John Hardenbergh*, and desire they may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration according to Law.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, and County of *Westchester*, prepare a Draught of an Address to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, upon his favourable Speech to this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 15, 1737.

COL. *Chambers*, and Mr. *Cuyper*, reported to this House, that they had seen Col. *Beekman*, and Mr. *John Hardenberg*, take the Oaths and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, and Mr. *John Hardenberg*, take their Places accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, and Mr. *Lot*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with Mr. *David Jones*, and desire he take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Col. *Philipse* (according to Order) presented to the House a Draught of an Address to his Honour the Lieut. Governor; which was read and approved of.

Ordered, That the said Address be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 16, 1737.

COL. *Hicks*, and Mr. *Johannis Lott*, being returned, reported to the House that they had seen Mr. *David Jones*, take the Oaths, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *David Jones*, take his Place accordingly.

Col. *Morris* moved that when a Question is put in the House, and carried in the Affirmative or Negative, as the Case may happen, that not only a Minute be made of the Question, and how carried, (as usual) but that also the Persons Names who voted for and against it, be taken Notice of, and published in the Votes; which was agreed to *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That *Alexander Lamb* be Door Keeper to this House.

Ordered, That Capt. *Van Horne*, *James Alexander*, Esq; *John Walter*, Esq; *Simon Johnson*, Esq; *John Le Count*, Esq; Mr. *Mott*, *Johannis Lot*, Esq; and Mr. *Abraham Lott*, or any five of them be, and are hereby appointed a Committee of Privileges and Elections, and all Members that come to have Voices, and to report their Proceedings to the House, from Time to Time, and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, and that the said Committee do meet on the first *Tuesday* of the next Meeting of this House, at five o' in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. *John De Honeur*, in the City of *New-York*, and that they then have Power to adjourn from Time to Time; during this Session.

The Petition of *John Gale*, and *Gabriel Ludlow*, jun. was presented to the House, and read, complaining of an undue Election and Return, for the County of *Orange*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same with their Opinion thereupon, to the House; and also,

A Petition of *John Thomas*, was presented to the House, and read, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Westchester*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank*, and Mr. *Peirsen*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, to know when and where he will be attended by this House, with the ingrossed Address.

The House being soon to rise,

Ordered, That the appointing the other grand Committees, be defered till their next Meeting.

Mr. *Verplank*, and *Mr. Pierson*, being returned, reported, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor would be attended by the House with their Address, immediately, in the Council Chamber in *Fort George*.

Resolved, That the House wait on his Honour with their Address, immediately, which follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable *George Clarke*, Esq; Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of *New-York*.

May it please your Honour,

WE agree with you, that his Majesty's Honour and the Interest and Prosperity of this Colony, required the Dissolution of the late General Assembly, and our Constituents were highly pleased with the Opportunity you gave them of choosing such Persons to represent them, as they believed had the Interest of the Country truly at Heart; and we do assure your Honour we will endeavour so to behave ourselves as to give them no Reason to repent of their Choice.

As this good Beginning has very plainly shewn the Unanimity of their Inclinations, so we persuade ourselves it will have its proper Effects upon all concerned, and prove the Beginning of an Harmony (hitherto with Impatience wish'd for) which we hope will long subsist amongst us.

Your Honour can be only the judge what Credit is to be given to the Informations you have received concerning the Indians, *and how far the Damage is real or not, and we doubt not the Concern a Person in your Station ought to have for his Majesty's Honour and the Safety of the Colony, will induce one of your known Sagacity, to act as becomes you on this Occasion; we therefore wish you a good Passage and a safe Return.*

The nigh Approach of Harvest, and after that of Seed Time, makes the defering of our Meeting to a further Day necessary, and we hope we more than flatter ourselves that our next Meeting will be attended with all the good Consequences suitable to the Occasion of it.

By Order of the House, *&c.*

Being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that he and the House, had attended his Honour with the said Address, and his Honour received it very kindly, and was pleased to make the following Answer, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this kind and obliging Address, and promise myself from this Beginning, that a good Understanding will continue to subsist between us, the only probable Means to make this an happy Province.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 16, 1737.

COL. *Morris* moved for Leave to bring in the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill, *to regulate the Election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.*

A Bill, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly in this Colony.*

A Bill, *for settling and establishing the Courts of Justice in this Colony.*

A Bill, *for appointing an Agent for this Colony at the Court of* Great-Britain, *independent of the Governor.*

A Bill, *for lowering the Interest of Money.*

A Bill, *for regulating and establishing Fees.*

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* have Leave to bring in those Bills accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker, and five Members, be a Quorum, and have Power to adjourn the House from Day to Day, and no longer, without Consent of the Governor.

Mr. Alderman *Johston*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to encourage and promote Ship-building, within the City and Colony of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

James Alexander, Esq; moved for Leave to bring in the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill, *to encourage the Importation of white People and Servants into this Colony.*

A Bill, *to encourage the making of Iron, and raising of Hemp, within this Colony.*

A Bill, *for preventing Frauds and Abuses in Flour, and other the Produce of this Province, upon the Exportation thereof.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Alexander* have Leave to bring in such Bills accordingly.

His Honour the Lieut. Governor being obliged to go to *Albany*, to treat with the *Indians*, therefore desired the House to adjourn themselves to the fourth *Tuesday* in *August* next; and the General Assembly is accordingly adjourned to the said 4th *Tuesday* in *August* next ensuing.

Die Martis, August 23, 1737.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment on the 16th *June* last, six Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. Alderman *Johnston*, and Mr. *Johannis Lot*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him the House is met; after which, two more Members appeared, and Mr. Alderman *Johnston*, and Mr. *Johannis Lot*, being returned, reported to the House, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to desire the House to adjourn themselves to *Tuesday* next, and the House is accordingly adjourned to *Tuesday* next ensuing.

Die Martis, August 30, 1737.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 31, 1737.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Aug.* 31, 1737.

THE House met, and adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1737.

COL. *Philip Schuyler*, Col. *Jeremiah Van Rensselaer*, Capt. *Peter Winne*, Capt. *Arent Brat*, and Capt. *Robert Livingston*, attending, were called in, and produced to the House their Indentures of their being duly elected and returned for the several Counties and Manors for which they were chosen.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews*, and Mr. *Verplank*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him the House is met; and also desire that the said Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Col. *Jeremiah Van Rensselaer*, Capt. *Peter Winne*, Capt. *Arent Brat*, and Capt. *Robert Livingston*, may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Col. *Matthews*, and Mr. *Verplank*, reported to the House, that they had seen Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Col. *Jeremiah Van Rensselaer*, Capt. *Peter Winne*, Capt. *Arent Brat*, and Capt. *Robert Livingston*, take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law; and that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to say he would come up to the Council Room, in the City-Hall, To-morrow Morning at eleven o'Clock, and there would send for the House.

Ordered, That the above-named Members take their Places accordingly.

Col. *Morris*, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. Alderman *Johnston*, moved that Mr. Speaker should issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing a Representative to serve in General Assembly, in the Room of Capt. *Gerrit Van Horne*, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant accordingly.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 1, 1737.

COL. *Morris*, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Also the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Assembly or House of Representatives, of this Colony, for the Time being, to name, constitute, appoint, and pay one or more Agent or Agents, to sollicit the public Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

And one other Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for lowering the Interest of Money*; was also read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances, do sit every *Thursday* in the Afternoon, in the House.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Courts of Justice, do sit every *Thursday* in the Afternoon, in the House.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Trade, do sit every *Friday* in the Afternoon, in the House.

Resolved, That all Persons that will question any Returns, are to do it within fourteen Days next, and so within fourteen Days next after any new Returns shall be brought in.

Then the House adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1737.

MR. Alderman *Johnson*, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to promote and encourage Ship-building, within the City and Colony of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

James Alexander, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for preventing Frauds and Abuses in Flour, and other the Produce of this Province, upon the Exportation thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain Tavern Keepers, and Inn-holders, from selling strong Liquors to Servants, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, his Honour the Lieut. Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Room, in the City-Hall, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and the House went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported to the House, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had made a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is as follows, *to wit.*

Gentlemen,

WITH Pleasure I perceive, by the Resolves of your House in June, *that you did in your short sitting of two Days, enter in Part upon the Consideration of the present State and Circumstances of the Province: This early Beginning has prevented my recommending several Things to you, and gives me Hopes that the future Course of your Proceedings, will be directed to his Majesty's Honour and the true Interest of the Province; when they are jointly considered, as they ought to be inseperable, we may promise ourselves the utmost Felicity; every Man's private Interest must partake of publick Blessings, and that small Portion that I have among you, will naturally lead me to grant every Thing that may promote the common good; every Thing I mean that is in my Power to grant, more than that you are too reasonable to expect, nor can I give into without departing from my Duty to his Majesty, and betraying the Trust reposed in me, nor can you receive any Benefit by it; could I be drawn to such a Conduct, since all your Bills are subject to his Majesty's Disallowance, my Duty, my Honour, and my Inclination, bind me both to a strict Obedience of his Majesty's just Commands and royal Instructions, to maintain and support his right full Prerogative, and to the proper Administration and right End of Government in protecting his Majesty's Subjects of this Province, in the full Enjoyment of their civil and sacred Rights and Liberties, wherein it shall be my constant Study and unwearied Endeavour to preserve.*

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The Deficiences of the Revenue under which the Officers of the Government and their Creditors groan, call for your early Attention, and from your Justice and Honour, I hope to see speedy and ample Provision made for them.

The well-known Loyalty of this Province to the Crown, and their zealous Affection to his present Majesty, the best of Kings, and his royal and illustrious House, have appeared conspicuous on every Occasion, and in nothing more than in the Support of Government, which the Assemblies have at all Times given to his Majesty; and I assure myself, that your Loyalty, Zeal, and Affection, are nothing short of theirs who have gone before you: In this Confidence I do, with most assured Hopes of Success, earnestly recommend to you to give to his Majesty a further and honourable Revenue for the Support of his Government; such, and for such Time at least, as former Assemblies have given; wherein I hope that a due Regard will be had to Trade.

The House at Oswego, *is in a ruinous Condition, and wants a present and thorough Repair. I daily expect a more particular Account of its present Condition, from the Officer whom I have sent to command there; and when I receive it, I will order it to be laid before you, that you may the better judge of the Sum it will require to repair it. It is a Place of great Importance to the Fur Trade, which under a better Oeconomy, may be carried to a greater Extent, and I hope you will make further Provision for the Support and Maintenance of the House and Garrison.*

When I went to Albany, *to meet the Six Nations, I was not without Hopes of getting them to revoke the Promise of Leave which they had given to the* French *Interpreter, to build an House at* Tierondequat, *in the* Senekas *Country, and of obtaining from them an absolute Conveyance of some Land to build a Fort on, in that Place, and of as much more as might be sufficient to raise Provision for the victualing that Garrison and* Oswego *too, which would save the Country much Money, and secure to us the Fidelity of the Six Nations in all Events: How I have succeeded in Part, and how in another Part, my Intentions have been defeated, will appear by the Papers which I shall order to be laid before you; all that I could then do, was to send the Interpreter, a Smith, and three other Men to the* Senekas *Country, there to reside the ensuing Year, to keep the* Indians *steady to their Promise, not to suffer any* Frenchman *to build in their Country; and I hope you will make suitable Provision for that Expence.*

Fort Hunter, *in the* Mohawks *Country, is tumbling down, and that Part of the Barracks in* Fort George, *which for want of Money was left unfinished when the Rest of the Barracks were repaired, will soon be in as bad a Condition, if some Care be not speedily taken to repair it; I therefore earnestly recommend them to your present Consideration, as I do likewise the new Fortifications which want the finishing Hand.*

Whatever else you may judge necessary for the Tranquility, Prosperity, and Security of the Province, wherein my Concurrence may be necessary, and which I may safely give, you may with Confidence expect, for it will be an inexpressible Pleasure to me, to see Trade, Navigation, and Ship-building, increase and flourish; Manufactures that may be useful to Great-Britain, *and beneficial to the Province, set on foot and carried to Perfection; the Country replenished with white People, and a general Benevolence and Harmony take Place again throughout the Province. These are Things that are much wanted and universally wished for, hitherto neglected, or not enough thought of, for want of that public Spirit which is absolutely necessary to make a Country flourish; they are greatly in your Power, and if the good Understanding that is happily begun, continues to subsist between the several Parts of the Legislature, as I hope it will, I make no doubt but that the Province will soon reap the Fruits of it, and find their Expectations (from the Choice they have made of you their Representatives) fully answered; Posterity feel the happy Effects of it, and we shall all recommend ourselves to his Majesty's Grace and Favour, who makes the Happiness of his People his first Care and greatest Glory.*

2d of September, 1737. GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of the House be likewise printed, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 2, 1737.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieut. Governor be addressed.

Ordered, That the Members of *New-York*, *Westchester*, and *Queen's* County, or the major Part of them, do prepare a Draught of an Address to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, upon his Speech to this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott*, and Mr. *Jones*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him that the House is desirous of having a Serjeant at Arms appointed, and humbly recommend *Robert Crannel*, as a proper Person for that Office.

Mr. Alderman *Johnston*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the better extinguishing Fires which may happen in the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Alderman *Johnston*, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen in the City of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

James Alexander, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to vacate the Seats of such Representatives in the General Assembly, as shall accept of any Office, Gift or Grant from the Governor, or Commander in Chief.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

James Alexander (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to vacate the Seats of such Representatives in the General Assembly, as shall accept of any Office, Gift or Grant from the Governor or Commander in Chief*, which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Col. *Morris* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the settling and regulating the Fees of the several Officers within this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent meeting of the General Assembly so elected*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Election of Representatives, to serve in the General Assembly*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourned till 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 3, 1737.

MR. *Jones* and Mr. *Mott*, reported to the House, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, was pleased to say, the Serjeant at Arms should be appointed, pursuant to the Desire of the House.

Ordered, That the Members of *Albany* and *Queen's* County, be a Committee, to inspect what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report to the House, from Time to Time, which of them they judge necessary to be revived or continued; and likewise what other new Acts, they shall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony and the Inhabitants thereof.

Ordered, That the Members of *Orange* County, prepare and bring in a Bill, to let to Farm the Excise on strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* and Col. *Chambers*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, as making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for lowering the Interest of Money*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen in the City of* New-York; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York* and *King's* County.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Assembly or House of Representatives of this Colony for the Time being, to name, constitute and appoint, and pay, one or more Agent or Agents, to solicit the publick Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till *Tuesday* next.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1737.

A Petition of *Johannis Lorentz Carstens*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave a Bill may be brought in for naturalizing the Petitioner.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Verplank* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Draught of an Addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor; which was read and approved of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Abraham Haaſbrook*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of an undue Election, lately held in the County of *Ulſter*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, on *Thurſday* Morning next, at 10 of the Clock, and both Parties have Leave to be heard by their Council, at the Bar of the ſame.

The Petition of ſeveral of the Freeholders of the County of *Orange*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of an undue Election, lately held in the County of *Orange*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 4 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1737.

COL. *Morris*, reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Aſſembly ſo elected*, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the ſame, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe* and Mr. *Thomas*, be heard by their Council.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 7, 1737.

Ordered,

THAT the Clerk make out Summonſes from Time to Time, to ſuch Perſons as ſhall call on him for the ſame, concerning any controverted Elections before this Houſe.

John Le Count, Eſq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to impower *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; *John Aubenian* and *James Favier*, of the City of *New-York*, and the Survivor of them, to ſell a certain Iſland, called *Little Barn's Iſland*, and all the other Lands, lying within the Bounds of *Harlem*, which were lately conveyed to them by *Elias Pipon*, to enable them to pay the juſt Debts of the ſaid *Elias Pipon*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

John Le Count, Eſq; (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Simon Johnſon, *Eſq*; John Aubenian *and* James Favier, *of the City of* New-York, *to ſell a certain Iſland, called* Little Barn's Iſland, *and all the other Lands, lying within the Bounds of* Harlem, *which were lately conveyed to them by* Elias Pipon, *to enable them to pay the juſt Debts, of the ſaid* Elias Pipon; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cuyper* have Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Buſineſs till *Monday* next.

The Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech: And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Plat*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 7, 1737.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants, of the North Part of the Town of *Kingſton*, in the County of *Ulſter*, praying that their Lands may not be taken out of the County of *Ulſter* into the County of *Albany*; alſo the Petition of the Truſtees, of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of *Kingſton*, in the County of *Ulſter*, againſt altering the Partition Line, between the County of *Albany* and *Ulſter*; and one other Petition of the Miniſters, Elders and Deacons of the reformed Proteſtant *Dutch* Church of the Town of *Kingſton*, in the County of *Ulſter*, againſt taking ſome of their Lands out of the County of *Ulſter*, into the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and ſeverally read, and refered to the Conſideration of the Houſe, To-morrow Morning, at 10 of the Clock, when the Matter of Col. *Chambers* and Mr. *Haaſbrook* is to be heard.

Col. *Schuyler*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the more eaſy acknowledging and recording of Deeds in this Province.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The ingroſſed Addreſs to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was preſented to the Houſe, and read; and is as follows, *to wit*.

To the Honourable GEORGE CLARKE, *Eſq; Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of* New-York.

The humble Addreſs of the General Aſſembly.

May it pleaſe your Honour,

'THE Pleaſure you expreſs concerning our Conduct the laſt ſhort Time of our Sitting, gives us no 'ſmall Satisfaction to find that the Bills we have given 'Leave to be brought in are agreeable to you, as we are 'ſure they are to the Colony we have the Honour to re'preſent; and ſince we know from yourſelf, they are 'pleaſing to you, we reaſonably conclude, they will not 'fail of receiving your Aſſent to them, when they are 'prepared for it, which we ſhall endeavour to do with all 'convenient Expedition; and pleaſe ourſelves with the 'Hopes that no unreaſonable Oppoſition, will be attempt'ed, or (if attempted) ſuffered to defeat or prevent thoſe 'Bills from being paſſed into Laws, upon which we 'think the Safety and well-being of the Colony ſo much 'depends.

'Perſons that are fairly and freely choſen, have only 'right to repreſent the People, and are moſt likely to do 'the moſt effectual, as well as the moſt acceptable Ser'vice to the Publick: Whereas thoſe who have recourſe 'to Frauds and unbecoming Arts, to procure themſelves 'to be raiſed to thoſe Stations, muſt be under the Go'vernment of narrow and ſelfiſh Views, unworthy any 'Repreſentation of a free People, and will no doubt baſe'ly ſubmit to the ſame deteſtable Meaſures, to continue 'themſelves (by any Means) in the Exerciſe of a Truſt 'unjuſtly acquired. It is by ſuch as theſe, that the Li'berties of the moſt free People have been in various 'Ages of the World, undermined and ſubverted: And it 'is to prevent this, as much as we may, that we gave 'Leave to bring in the Bill, for regulating of Elections.

'The Miſchief that is by it endeavoured to be prevent'ed, has been but too generally practiſed, and the many 'Laws of that Kind, both in *England* and the Plantati'ons, that have had the Royal Aſſent in different Reigns, 'proves that our Kings did not at any Time think, that 'Bills of that Nature, were Attempts upon their royal 'and juſt Prerogatives, but juſt and neceſſary to ſecure 'the Liberties of their Subjects; which it always was 'and ever will be their Honour, as well as their true 'Intereſt, to preſerve and maintain.

'As it is abſolutely neceſſary in the Nature of Things, 'that Elections of Repreſentatives ſhould be free, other'wiſe they cannot with any Propriety of Speech be called 'Elections, ſo it ſeems equally neceſſary for the Safety of 'the People, that they ſhould be frequent, for which Rea'ſon, we gave Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

'No Government can be ſafe without proper Checks 'upon thoſe intruſted with Power, and the wiſeſt Go'vernments where the Chief Magiſtrates were Elective, 'took eſpecial Care, that it ſhould not continue long, in 'the ſame Hands, Experience having taught them, that 'Men, how much ſo ever eſteemed, had really not Virtue 'enough for ſo great a Truſt, and generally uſed it ill 'when they had it.

'The Experience of *England* has ſhewn, that long 'Parliaments have been dangerous to their Chooſers, as 'well as to their Kings, and whatever Advantages may 'be hoped from any Set of Men properly diſpoſed to come 'into particular Meaſures, the Succeſs has ſeldom (if 'ever) anſwered the Expectation; for Men being Men, 'and as ſuch changeable, according to the different Ap'pearances of Things by which they have been affected; 'it has not ſeldom been found, that thoſe very Men on 'whom was the greateſt Dependence, have acted a quite 'contrary Part from what has been expected from them; 'and therefore in our Mother Country, frequent Parlia'ments, were antiently judged neceſſary to preſerve that 'juſt Ballance of Power, without which, the State and 'Conſtitution it ſelf could not long be preſerved. This

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'the Legislature of *England* saw, when they enacted 'trianeal Parliaments, and though for evident and good 'Reasons, that Term has been there since that Time 'prolonged, yet that they should be often elected, seems 'to be a Point agreed upon as a Thing in itself necessa-'ry. If it may be lawful to compare small Things with 'great, this Country has not been without its Uneasi-'ness, at the long Continuance of an Assembly; which 'your Honour found it necessary, for his Majesty's Ho-'nour and the Interest and Prosperity of the Province to 'dissolve; for doing of which, we in the Name of our 'Constituents return you our Thanks, and doubt not 'that above nineteen Twentieths of the People of this 'Colony, heartily join with us in doing so. By that 'Dissolution, you gave the Country an Opportunity of 'a new Choice, which they and the Assembly themselves, 'had long and earnestly desired, and often in vain at-'tempted to procure; and in Justice to you, we think 'ourselves obliged to acknowledge, that this Choice has 'been the most free that we have known, from any In-'terposition of the Government; neither yourself nor any 'Body by the Directions, or Countenance, that we know 'or ever heard of; having at all intermedled in the Elec-'tions; this is a Behaviour highly becoming the Chief 'Magistrate of a Country, and truly acting agreeable to 'the Trust reposed in you; and if your future Conduct, 'and that of your Successors in the Government, prove 'agreeable to this good Beginning, it is likely to be pro-'ductive of a Harmony, though long wished for, yet very 'lately little expected.

'Though none can have more warm and hearty Af-'fections for the Interest of our Country than we have, or 'would do more for its Service according to our Know-'ledge and Abilities; yet from what we have observed 'in others, we have some Reason to distrust ourselves, 'and fear a long Continuance in Assembly, will render us, 'as unfit to answer the Ends of our Choice, as it has done 'others before us. We doubt not from your late Conduct, 'that you have seen and observed the Inconvenience of 'long Assemblies, and are fully persuaded of the Necessi-'ty and Use of frequent Elections, as the most likely 'Way of inducing them to act as becomes them to do. 'Frequent Elections is what all our neighbouring Charter 'Governments enjoy, and the Benefits conceived to ac-'crue by such a Constitution, has been the great, if not 'the only Cause of the superior Numbers of Inhabitants 'in those Colonies; and we believe the want of it, no 'small Inducement to Numbers of our own to remove; 'it has been a Constitution indulged to most of the King's 'Plantations in *America*, and (as we conceive) not found 'to be prejudicial to his Majesty's Service, or destructive 'of his just Prerogatives; and therefore, we hope your 'Honour's Assent to this Bill, will be readily given when 'it comes before you.

Your Honour cannot be unacquainted with the Use 'and Necessity of an Agent, to solicit the publick Af-'fairs of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, as 'well with Respect to such Bills as shall pass our House, 'and be made into Laws here, as to obviate any Misre-'presentation of the People of this Colony, and their 'Conduct to his Majesty's Ministers. This has been done 'and may be done again, and to deny our making an A-'gent, when we shall judge it proper to be done, will 'be denying us the Means of making a Defence when 'necessary, and subjecting us to suffer those Inconveni-'ences, which are the natural Effects of ill Impressions, 'unjustly made upon our Superiors; we have therefore 'given Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, and 'hope the Reasonableness and Justice of the Thing, will 'be a sufficient Inducement to obtain your Assent to it, 'when it comes before you.

'The settling and establishing of Courts of general 'Jurisdiction, for the due Administration of Justice, is 'necessary in every Country; and we conceive, they ought 'to be settled and established, by the Acts of the whole 'Legislature and their several Jurisdictions and Powers, 'by that Authority limited and appointed, especially, 'Courts that are to take Cognizance of Matters in a 'Course of Equity: This has been the constant Practice 'in *England*, when new Courts were to be erected, or old 'ones to be abolished or altered, and the several King's 'of *England*, in whose Reigns those Acts were made, 'never conceived, that the settling, erecting or abolishing 'Courts by Acts of Legislature, had any Tendency to de-'stroy, or in the least to diminish their just and regal 'Prerogatives.

'It was the Method in use here, both before and since 'the Revolution, and particularly recommended to the 'Assembly to be done, in that Manner, by a Message 'from Governor *Slaughter* and Council, on the 15th Day 'of *April*, 1691. He was the first Governor since the 'Revolution, and the Governors that since that Time 'assented to those Acts, we suppose, never in the least 'imagined they were giving up the Prerogative of their 'Masters, when they gave that Assent, nor did we ever 'learn that they were censured for doing so; on the con-'trary, the constant Instructions that have from Time 'to Time, been given to the Governors of this Province, 'seem clearly to point out the doing of it by Acts of the 'Legislature, and not otherwise; as may be gathered 'from the Instruction, for erecting of a Court for the 'determining of small Causes, by which there are posi-'tive Directions given to the Governors, to recommend 'it to the Assembly, that a Law should be passed for that 'Purpose; but notwithstanding these Directions given in 'direct and express Terms, the Governors never would 'apply for such an Act; but erected that Court by an 'Ordinance of themselves and Council, as they did the 'Court of Chancery, which had before that Time, been 'erected by Acts of the Legislature, in another Manner: 'They could not be ignorant what Dissatisfaction the Erec-'ting of a Court of Chancery in that Manner, gave to 'the Generality of the People; this was very manifest by 'the Resolves of the General Assembly, at the Time of 'its first being so erected, and often since, declaring the 'Illegality of such a Proceeding, and though these Re-'solves, have been as often as made, treated by the Go-'vernors, with an unreasonable Disregard and Contempt 'of them; yet to Men of Prudence, they might have been 'effectual to have made them decline persisting in a Pro-'ceedure so illegal and so generally dissatisfactory; and 'which (as they managed it) proved of no use to the 'Publick, or benefit to themselves; for as few of them 'had Talents equal to the Task of a Chancellor, which 'they had undertaken to perform; so it was executed 'accordingly, some of them being willing to hold such a 'Court, others not, according as they happened to be 'influenced by those about them; so that were it really 'established in the most legal Manner (as it was not) 'yet being in the Hands of a Person, not compellable to 'do his Duty, it was so managed, that the extraordinary 'Delays and fruitless Expence attending it, rendered it 'not only useless, but a Grievance to the Inhabitants, es-'pecially those who were so unfortuante as to be concern-'ed in it; which we hope, you think with us, that it is 'high Time should be redressed.

'Your Honour well knows, that the establishing that 'Court, in the Manner is has been done, has been a 'Subject of Contention between the Governors and the 'Assembly; and since it is confessed by all, that the Esta-'blishing both of that and other Courts, by Act of the 'Legislature, is indisputably legal, and gives them the 'most uncontrovertable Authority, and if unquestionably 'legal, what is so, cannot be destructive of his Majesty's 'Prerogative; we therefore hope you will make no Scru-'ple of assenting to this Bill, to put an End to a Con-'tention, that has not been nor will not be, while it con-'tinues beneficial to his Majesty's Service, the settling and 'establishing of Fees, or what Rewards shall be taken for 'Services done by Clerks, and all other Officers of the 'Government, by any other Authority than that of the 'whole Legislature, seems to be a Disposition of the Pros-'perity of the Subject, otherwise than by established and 'known Laws, which we are very sure his Majesty, by 'no Instruction ever intended should be done, or we be-'lieve, will in the least Countenance the doing of; the 'great and general Complaint of Abuses on that Score, 'and the grievous and unwarrantable Exactions and Ex-'tortions that are daily made, call loudly for Relief, and 'require Laws to be made for the putting a Stop to them, 'and preventing them for the future; this, the whole 'Country who are sufferers by it, have very much at 'Heart; and we persuade ourselves, the Justice and great 'Necessity of redressing so crying a Grievance, will pre-

'vail upon your Honour, to assent to the Bill brought in 'for that Purpose, when it comes before you. The other 'Laws mentioned in our Proceedings in *June* last (which 'you seem also to approve of) we take to be for the 'Good of the Inhabitants, and generally necessary; but 'these we have in this particular Manner recommended, 'we take to be absolutely so, and do not conceieve ourselves, 'or our Constituents safe, in the Enjoyment of their Liber-'ties and Properties without them; which hint we hope, 'will have its due Weight, on every Branch of our Le-'gislature, by whom they are to be considered, where the 'Laws are silent, his Majesty's high and kingly Office, 'intitles him to make use of all the great Powers natu-'rally and legally annexed to it, for the Benefit of those 'he governs, and his just and legal Prerogatives, are only 'to be employed to, and for those Purposes, for which 'they are vested in his sacred Person, *viz.* To answer the 'true Ends of Government, by the Protection of his 'Subjects, in the full and uninterrupted Enjoyment of 'their civil and religious Rights and Liberties (as your 'Honour has very justly expressed it) which we hope, 'while you have the Honour to continue in your present 'Station, it will be your constant Endeavour (as you 'have promised) to preserve, and that you will make 'Use of what Influence you will have, that your Succes-'sor may do so also; that being the only true Method 'to render both himself, and those he governs, easy and 'happy; and we take Leave on this Head to observe to 'you, that the Irregularities and Oppressions of some 'Plantation Governors, not very becoming the Representa-'tives of a *British* Monarch, governing a free People tho' 'acted with Impunity (and without any Censure that we 'know of) under the Pretence of asserting his Majesty's 'royal Prerogatives, are far from asserting any Preroga-'tives, that our gracious King will encourage the doing 'of, and though buoyed up and bloated with the fulsome 'Addresses and servile Flatteries of the Instruments of 'their Misrule and Oppression, is an abuse of the sacred 'Name of Prerogative, in Order to support Practices de-'structive to true Prerogative, and the just Liberties of 'those they are sent to govern. We cannot suppose, 'that his Majesty has given you, or will give to any Per-'son, he shall think fit to trust with the Government of 'this Colony, any unreasonable Commands, nor shall 'we offer any Bills to have your Assent, but what we 'conceive will be for the general Good, and fit and rea-'sonable for you to pass, and his Majesty to approve of; 'if represented to him with that Candour and Impartial-'lity the Nature of the Thing requires, we are far from 'any Intention of invading or lessening his just Preroga-'tives, but believe we have a Right to be protected in 'the Enjoyment of our Liberties and Properties; and 'would secure that Enjoyment to ourselves and our Pos-'terity, by such Laws as may prevent our being deprived of 'those valuable Blessings, by the groundless Claims of un-'known Prerogatives, or any other feigned and unreason-'able Pretences whatsoever, and this being highly reason-'able, we doubt not his Majesty's Goodness, will induce 'him to approve of such Laws, as shall be made for that 'Purpose.

'His Majesty's royal Instructions are (as we take it) 'either founded upon Laws that were obliging Antece-'dent to the giving of them, or (where the Laws are 'silent) are prudential Directions to regulate the Con-'duct of a Governor, in the Exercise of the Powers 'given by his Commission, and the great Trust reposed 'in him by the giver, and should be in the Nature of 'Laws to him, to whom (we suppose) they are given 'with that Intent; and had they been closely adhered to, 'by those most concerned to obey them, or the threatned 'Punishments inflicted, for the Breach of them, there 'would not have been so general Reason for Complaints. 'But if we are to Form a Judgement of the Nature of 'them, from the Behaviour of those they have been di-'rected to, they seem to be understood by them, in a 'quite different Manner, and are not deemed by them to 'be in the Nature of Laws, and like them Obligatory; 'but Directions given to a Governor, which he may put 'what Construction upon he thinks most fit for his Pur-'poses; and obey, or not, as he thinks proper, and most 'conducive to promote his own particular Ends; besides 'the Instance already mentioned, concerning the Court 'for determining small Causes; nothing can be more 'plain and expres, than the Instruction directed to be 'communicated to the Council and Assembly, forbiding 'the Governor's taking of Presents, upon the Penalty of 'his Majesty's highest Displeasure, and the being recalled 'from his Government; yet how well this Instruction 'has been obeyed by many Governors, notwithstanding 'the severe Penalty threatned for the Breach of it, is too 'well known to be passed by unobserved by us; we might 'multiply Instances of Instructions disobeyed with Impu-'nity, but these are sufficient to shew, that Governors, 'whatever they may pretend of being restrained by them, 'from doing any Thing, never thought themselves o-'bliged to comply with them farther than they thought 'proper, and when they have been by them given as Rea-'sons for not complying with what has been desired of 'them, it was but a softer Form of denying to do what (it 'may not unreasonably be supposed themselves under-'stood) they could safely enough have done, if they would, 'notwithstanding any Instruction, pretended or real to 'the Contrary. We doubt not his Majesty's Instructions 'will always have their proper Weight with you, and we 'shall not knowingly desire any Thing of you, incon-'sistent with your Duty and the Trust reposed in you; 'but we beg Leave to say, that the Safety of those under 'their Government and Laws, necessary for the Protecti-'on of them, in the secure Enjoyment of their Rights 'and Liberties (being the true Ends, for which the 'Powers you have were given) we hope from your Pro-'mises, that the Means most conducive to those Ends, 'will have the principle Place in your Thoughts.

'The true Causes of the Deficiency in the Revenue, 'we believe, are too well-known to your Honour, to 'make it necessary for us to say much on that Head; 'had the conspicuous Loyalty of the Inhabitants of this 'Province, met with a suitable Treatment in Return, it 'is not unlikely, that we should now be weak enough to 'act like others before us; in being lavish beyond our 'Abilities, and raising Sums unnecessary to be given, and 'continued the Donation like them, for a longer Time, 'than what was convenient for the Safety of the Inhabi-'tants; but Experience has shewn the Imprudence of 'such a Conduct, and the miserable Condition to which 'the Province is reduced, renders the raising of large 'Sums very difficult, if not impracticable; we therefore 'beg Leave to be plain with your Honour, and hope you 'will not take it amiss, when we tell you, that you are not 'to expect, that we either will raise Sums unfit to be raised, 'or put what we shall raise, into the Power of a Gover-'nor to misapply, if we can prevent it; nor shall we 'make up any other Deficiences, than what we conceive 'are fit and just to be paid, or continue what Support 'or Revenue we shall raise for any longer Time than one 'Year, nor do we think it convenient to do even that, 'until such Laws are passed, as we conceive necessary for 'the Safety of the Inhabitants of this Colony, who have 'reposed a Trust in us, for that only Purpose, and which 'we are sure you will think it reasonable, we should act 'agreeable to, and by the Grace of God, we will endea-'vour not to deceive them.

'We can say little concerning the House at *Oswego*, 'and the Fur Trade that is there carried on, we are in-'clined to believe it is of great Importance, to manage the 'Trade, Commerce and Correspondence, with the re-'mote *Indian* Nations, with an Openness and Honour, 'suitable to a *British* Colony, and the Professors of the 'Christian Religion; and hope with a good OEconomy, 'it may be farther extended, and if put under the Ma-'nagement of proper Direction, improved to greater Pur-'poses than it has already been. We hope your Meeting 'with the six Nations, has in Part already had, and will 'in Time, have its desired Effect; we are at present much 'Strangers, and in the Dark, with Respect to *Indian* Af-'fairs, but believe, that the Papers you will lay before 'us, will gives us so much Light, as to prevent us from 'mistaking concerning them, and hope the Benefit aris-'ing by that Trade, is able at least, to defray all the Ex-'pence, necessary for the carrying it on and managing 'of it.

'We thank you for the kind Promises you have made, 'and

'and perſuade ourſelves, you think it neceſſary to carry 'them into all the Performances in your Power, as the 'only proper Means to preſerve and continue the general 'good Harmony ſo lately begun, and in ſuch Caſe ſo like-'ly to ſubſiſt between all the Branches of the Legiſlature, 'and to create that ſuitable Confidence in each other, 'that is ſo neceſſary for his Majeſty's Service, and natu-'rally productive of all the good Effects, reaſonably to 'be expected from it, both to us and our Poſterity. This 'will be acting up fully to the true Tenor of all his 'Majeſty's Commands and Inſtructions, becauſe it is 'acting agreeably to his royal Example, who makes the 'Good and Happineſs of his Subjects his chiefeſt Care, 'and eſteems the doing ſo, his greateſt Glory.'

By Order of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ingroſſed Addreſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Le Count* and Mr. *Jones*, wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to know when and where he will be attended with the ingroſſed Addreſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to promote and encourage Ship Building, within the City and Colony of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 8, 1737.

MR. *Jones* and Mr. *Le Count*, reported that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, was pleaſed to ſay, he would be attended by this Houſe, with their ingroſſed Addreſs this Morning, at half an Hour after a 11 o'Clock, at the Council Chamber in *Fort George*.

The Petition of *Jacob Ten Eyck*, of the City of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner laſt Fall, farmed the Exciſe for the City and County of *Albany*, for this preſent Year, for the Sum of, *Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings*, current Money of this Province, which is a larger Sum than it uſually had been farmed for, occaſioned by the Petitioner's Ignorance and little Experience in ſuch Matters; wherefore prays this honourable Houſe, will pleaſe to grant him the Farm of the Exciſe the enſuing Year, at the Rate of *One Hundred and Forty Pounds*; being the Sum it uſually was let for, and your Petitioner will ever pray.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of this Houſe, at the Time when the Bill for Farming the Exciſe in this Colony is brought in.

The Petition of ſundry Coopers of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining that ſeveral conſiderable Merchants of the ſame City, employ great Numbers of Negroes in that Occupation, not only to ſupply their own Occaſions of Caſks, but ſell and diſpoſe thereof to other Merchants; the Petitioners therefore pray ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as this honourable Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into the Conſideration of this Houſe, on *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe proceeded (according to Order) to the Hearing of the Matter of the Petition of Mr. *Haaſbrook*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Ulſter*, whereupon the Council were called in, and the ſaid Petition was read; after ſome Time, the Council were deſired to withdraw, and the Houſe having taken the Matter into Conſideration, the Council were again called in, and were acquainted that no Scrutiny at the Time of the Election, or the Conſent of the Parties, was ſufficient to debar any Perſon from petitioning the Houſe to be relieved againſt any undue Election; and after ſome Debate, it was ordered that the further hearing thereof be this Afternoon at 4 o'Clock.

Reſolved, That Mr. Speaker, and the Houſe, wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with their ingroſſed Addreſs immediately.

Being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that he and the Houſe had attended his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with the ſaid Addreſs, which he received very kindly, and was pleaſed to return a favourable Anſwer, which follows in theſe Words.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this Addreſs; you may be aſſured that I will readily paſs whatever Bills ſhall be preſented to me for my Aſſent, either for frequent Elections of Aſſemblies or for regulating thoſe Elections, or for promoting any other general Good to the Province, if they are ſuch as I may aſſent to without departing from my Duty to his Majeſty; and I do aſſure you that in my preſent Station, and in every Condition of Life, it ſhall be my ſtudy and practice to do this Province the utmoſt Service I can.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 8, 1737.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Col. *Chambers*, and Mr. *Haaſbrook*, attending with their Council, were called in, and after a hearing of both Parties, it was agreed that the exchanging of Liſts ſhould be on the 22d Inſt. between four and five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Mr. *Jeremiah Pick*, at *Kingſton*, in the County of *Ulſter*, and that the Hearing of the Caſe be on the 4th of *October* next enſuing; and both Parties agreed that a Weſt Line from the Mouth of the *Sawyer's* Creek, ran into the Woods, would leave the Perſons objected againſt to the Northward of the ſaid Line; but that a Line from the Head of the *Sawyer's* Creek, due Weſt into the Woods, would leave the Perſons objected againſt to the Southward of the laſt mentioned Line.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to impower* Simon Johnſton, *Eſq; and* John Aubaneau, *and* James Favier, *of the City of* New-York, *and the Survivor of them, to ſell a certain Iſland called* Little Barns Iſland, *and all the other Lands lying within the Bounds of* Harlem, *which were lately conveyed to them by* Elias Pipon, *to enable them to pay the juſt Debts of the ſaid* Elias Pipon; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

It having been moved Yeſterday in the Matter of the controverted Election for *Orange* County, that the Petitioners be admitted to except to two Perſons more than what were mentioned in their Petition; and it appearing that neither Party prayed or had Leave of the Committee to add further Names, this Houſe is of Opinion that no further Names be added or excepted to.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Major *Platt* reported from the Committee, that the Members of *Albany* had by Direction, in Behalf of Capt. *John Jooſt Herck Hemer*, Mr. *Henry Van Renſſelaer*, jun. and Mr. *John Harmanus Wendell*, propoſed and undertaken to victual his Majeſty's Troops at *Oſwego*, in the ſame Manner as Capt. *John De Peyſter*, Capt. *John Schuyler*, and Capt. *John Jurian Caſt*, had done, and to furniſh and perform, at their own Coſt and Charge, all the other Matters and Services which the ſaid Capt. *John De Peyſter*, Capt. *John Schuyler*, and Capt. *John Jurian Caſt*, were obliged to do, for the Term of three Years, to commence on the firſt Day of *November* next, after the Rate of *Four Hundred* and *Fifty Six Pounds, per Annum*, payable half yearly out of the Funds to be provided for that Purpoſe; which Report being read, was approved of by the Houſe, and by the ſaid Members of *Albany*, for and in Behalf of the ſaid Capt. *John Jooſt Herck Hemer*, Mr. *Henry Van Renſſelaer*, jun. and Mr. *John Harmanus Wendell*, and thereupon an Agreement was concluded and confirmed accordingly.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 9, 1737.

AN Act for naturalizing *Johannis Lorents Carſtens*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 12, 1737.

MR. *Jacobus Tur Reſs*, attending without, was called in, and preſented to the Houſe an Indenture of his being duly elected and returned for *Dutcheſs* County.

Ordered, That Col. *Henry Beekman*, and Mr. *Verplank*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with Mr. *Jacobus Tur Reſs*, and

and desire he may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more easy acknowledgement and recording of Deeds*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, ho 10. *A. M. Sept.* 13, 1737.

COL. *Beekman*, and Mr. *Verplank*, acquainted the House that they had waited on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with Mr. *Jacobus Tur Rosi*, and there saw him take the Oaths and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jacobus Tur Rosi*, take his Place accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more easy acknowledgement and recording of Deeds*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of Mr. *Cornelius Van Horne*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that a fair Determination of the Matter of Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, and your Petitioner, may be heard by this House, before the said *Adolph Philipse* be admitted to sit as a Member.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, serve Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, with a Copy of the above Petition.

A Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of this City, was presented to the House, and read, complaining of extraordinary Justice of the Sheriff in the Election of a Member for this City, on *Saturday* and Yesterday.

Ordered, That the Clerk serve him with a Copy forthwith.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, It is the Opinion of this House, that neither *Adolph Philipse*, nor *Cornelius Van Horne*, who were set up for Candidates in the late Election, be admitted to sit in this House as a Member, till the Justice of the Sheriffs acting and Judgement, that *Adolph Philipse* was duly elected, be examined into, and determined by this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, serve *William Cosby*, Esq; high Sheriff of this City, with a Copy of the above Petition.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration *Thursday* next.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 13, 1737.

Resolved,

THAT the Petition of the several Coopers, be refered to the Consideration of this House *Friday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the Deputy Clerk of the Crown attend this House To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock, to inform them whether the Sheriff has made any Return of a Member to serve in General Assembly, for the City and County of *New-York*, in the Room of Capt. *Gerrit Van Horne*, deceased.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House serve him with a Copy of this Order.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnson*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 14, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for naturalizing* Johannis Lorents Carstens, was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *Albany*, or any five of them.

Mr. *Robert Crannell*, (according to Order) produced to the House a Certificate of his being duly qualified by his Honour the Lieut. Governor, as Serjeant at Arms; and had also taken an Oath for the due Performance of his Office.

Ordered, That the Treasurer prepare all public Accounts from the Year 1714, to the first of this Inst. distinguishing every Act by which Taxes have been laid, or Bills of Credit have been issued; and to make a true and exact State of each Branch, what Arrears may remain on each and every one of them, and so likewise to what Value of the Bills which have thereby been emitted respectively, have been sunk, cancelled, and destroyed; and that he lay them before the House on *Tuesday* next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House serve him with a Copy of this Order.

The Deputy Clerk of the Crown attending, (according to Order) was called in, and acquainted the House that *William Cosby*, Esq; high Sheriff of the City of *New-York*, did this Morning, make Return into the Secretary's Office, of *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; a Member for the City and County of *New-York*, in the Room of Capt. *Gerrit Van Horne*, deceased.

Ordered, That both Parties be heard To-Morrow Morning, at nine o'Clock, upon the Petition of Mr. *Cornelius Van Horne*.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House serve the Parties with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 14, 1737.

A Petition of *Gustaph Martin Rhull*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

Col. *Chambers*, and Mr. *Haasbrook*, by Consent, having waved several Objections concerning the controverted Election in *Ulster* County, and for the Ease and speedy Determination of both Parties, have come to the following Agreement touching the same.

First, That each of the Thirteen Persons first named in the Petition, hath a sufficient Freehold according to the Act of Assembly, relating to Election of Representatives in the respective Places where they respectively live, and that neither of them is an Alien.

Secondly, That the whole Controversy rests on this Point, whether the said thirteen Persons had right to vote for Representatives for *Ulster* County, at the late Election? And if they had, then Col. *Chambers* is the lawful Representative of the County: But if they had not, that then the Petitioner, *Abraham Haasbrook*, is the lawful Representative of that County; also, by Consent of both Parties, their Hearing is to be on *Saturday* next, at 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 15, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration *Tuesday* next.

The Order of the Day being read, concerning the Petition of Mr. *Cornelius Van Horne*,

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1737.

MR. Alderman *Johnston* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, That they have fully heard and considered of the Petition of Mr. *John Gale*, and *Gabriel Ludlow*, touching the Election of *Orange* County; and the Resolution of the Committee thereupon; which they directed him to report to the House.

First, That it appears to them that the Sheriff of *Orange* County hath behaved himself well at the Election.

Secondly,

Secondly, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that Col. *Vincent Matthews*, and Mr. *Cornelius Cuyper*, are duly elected, and returned to serve in this present General Assembly for *Orange* County, by a Majority of seven lawful Votes.

Resolved, That Col. *Vincent Matthews*, and Mr. *Cornelius Cuyper*, are duly elected Members to serve in the General Assembly, for *Orange* County.

Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, and Mr. *Cornelius Van Horne*, attending, were called in, and the Petition of Mr. *Cornelius Van Horne* was read; and after some Debate,

Mr. *Van Horne*'s Council moved that the Allegations set forth in their Petition, might be allowed or denied.

Then Mr. *Adolph Philipse*'s Council moved that a Scrutiny of both Parties might be heard before the House.

Then both Parties were desired to withdraw.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Verplank*, that there may be a Scrutiny between the Parties of Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, and *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; and the Question being put thereon, it was carried as follows, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.		For the Negative.
Col. *Philipse*,	Mr. *Arent Bratt*,	Mr. *Pierson*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	*John Walter*, Esq;
Mr. *Jones*,	Mr. *Johannis Lott*,	*Simon Johnston*, Esq;
Col. *Rensselaer*,	Mr. *Mott*,	*James Alexander*, Esq;
Mr. *Tur Boss*,	Col. *Chambers*,	Mr. *Peter Winne*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Capt. *Robert Livingston*,	Col. *Hicks*,
Col. *Cuyper*,	Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*.
Col. *Matthews*,	Mr. *Verplank*.	Major *Platt*.

It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a Scrutiny of both Parties be heard before this House *Tuesday* Morning next, at 9 o'Clock.

A Motion was made by Alderman *Johnston*, whether the first Part of Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*'s Petition be rejected or considered? And the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Pierson*,
Col. *Philipse*,	*John Walter*, Esq;
Mr. *Lecount*,	*Simon Johnston*, Esq;
Mr. *Tur Boss*,	Col. *Matthews*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Bratt*,	Mr. *Cuyper*,
Col. *Chambers*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Col. *Rensselaer*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Livingston*.	Mr. *Johannis Lott*,
	Col. *Hicks*,
	James Alexander, Esq;
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Mr. *Winne*,
	Mr. *Jones*.

It being questioned whether as Mr. *Alexander* had acted as a Counsellor, could sit and act as a Member of this House; and along Debate ensuing thereupon, it was confessed by Mr. *Alexander*, that his Name is amongst the Number of the Counsellors, but declaring that he has not acted since his Election, nor will not act as a Counsellor during the Continuance of this Assembly;

The Motion was made, and the Question put, whether his being named as a Counsellor, be a sufficient Reason to expell him from this House or not?

It was carried in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Resolved, That if he should act as a Counsellor, during the Continuance of this Assembly, that it will be sufficient Reason to forfeit his Seat in this House, and he shall be expelled the same.

Ordered, That *William Cosby*, Esq; High Sheriff of the City and County of *New-York*, be served with a Copy of Mr. *Cornelius Van Horne*'s Petition, by the Clerk of this House forthwith, and that the Matter relating to the first Part of Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*'s Petition, be heard by this House on *Tuesday* Morning next, before the Scrutiny.

Ordered, That the Petition of the several Coopers of this City be refered to *Wednesday* next.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 17, 1737.

A Petition of *Charles Lusher*, was presented to the House, and read; also a Petition of *Coenradt Frank*, *Andreas Klebsatel*, *Hanes Lissenman*, *Jorg Right Meyer*, and *Jorg Wenss*, was presented to the House, and read; and one other Petition of *Abraham Meyers Cohen*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before the House; which were severally refered to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

The Committee of Privileges and Elections, met last Night according to Adjournment, at the Black Horse Tavern, to examine into the Allegations of the Petition of Mr. *John Thomas*, against Col. *Frederick Philipse*, and after a full and fair hearing and Defence of the Parties, the Committee unanimously resolved, that the said Col. *Philipse* is duly and lawfully elected, and returned a Member to serve in this present General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*, for the County of *Westchester*, and directed me to report the same to this honourable House this Morning, if the House should think fit to receive the same; which being agreed by the House, Alderman *Johnston* reported the same accordingly.

Resolved, That it did not appear to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that Col. *Philipse* had procured himself to be elected and returned a Member for the County of *Westchester*, by Bribery or Corruption, or other undue Means, as was complained of by the Petitioner.

Mr. *Verplank* moved that Lists might be exchanged between Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*.

Ordered, That Messieurs Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, and Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, do exchange Lists of those Persons they have any Exceptions to, on *Monday* next, by twelve of the Clock of the same Day, at the House of Mr. *John De Honeur*, in this City.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House serve Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, and Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. *Haasbrook*, and Col. *Chambers*, attending according to Agreement, were called in, and after a Hearing of both Parties, they were desired to withdraw.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, whether Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers* is duly elected and returned a Representative for *Ulster* County? And a Debate arising thereon, the previous Question was put, whether the Question be now put? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then a Motion was made, and the Question was put, whether Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers* is duly elected, and returned a Representative for *Ulster* County, to serve in this General Assembly? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That Col. *Chambers* is duly elected, and returned a Representative for *Ulster* County, to serve in this General Assembly.

Then the House adjourned to 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 ho. P. M. Sept. 19, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to vacate the Seats of such Representatives in the General Assembly, as shall accept of any Office, Gift, or Grant, from the Governor or Commander in Chief*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 20, 1737.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration *Thursday* next.

The House (according to Order) proceeded to the Hearing of Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, and *William Cosby*, Esq; touching the Allegations set forth in the first Part of Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*'s Petition.

The said Petition was read, and the Order of the Day; also an Answer of *William Cosby*, Esq; to the Petition of Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*.

And after a full and fair Hearing by the Council of both Parties, they were desired to withdraw, and the further Consideration of this House, upon the subject Matter thereof, is refered till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 21, 1737.

A Motion was made by Col. *Matthews*, and the Queſtion was put, whether the Sheriff has miſbehaved in the late Election for this City or not? And a Debate ariſing thereon, the previous Queſtion was put, whether the Queſtion be now put? It was carried in the Negative.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Morris*,	Col. *Philipſe*,
Major *Platt*,	Mr. *Jones*,
Simon Johnſton, Eſq;	Mr. *Johannis Lott*,
Mr. *Pierſon*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Col. *Chambers*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Mr. *Le Count*,
John Walter, Eſq;	Mr. *Mott*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Col. *Hicks*.	Mr. *Tur Boſs*.
	Mr. *Cornelius Cuyper*,
	Mr. *Arent Brat*,
	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
	Capt. *Livingſton*,
	Mr. *Verplank*,
	Col. *Schuyler*,

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, and the Queſtion was put, whether the Behaviour of the Sheriff in the Election for a Repreſentative for the City and County of *New-York*, has been ſuch as to invalidate the ſaid Election? It was carried in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That the Parties, *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, do attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock, in order to proceed on the Scrutiny.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve the Parties with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1737.

THE Houſe (according to Order) proceeded to the Hearing of Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, and *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and after a full hearing of Capt. *Van Horne*'s Council,

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 22, 1737.

THE Council for both Parties were called in, and after ſome Debate, Mr. *Adolph Philipſe*'s Council, did offer ſome of the Jewiſh Profeſſion, to be admitted as Evidence, and deſired the Opinion of the Houſe.

And then both Parties were deſired to withdraw.

After ſome Time they were called in again, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the ſaid Reſolution, that it was the Opinion of the Houſe that none of the Jewiſh Profeſſion could be admitted as Evidence, in the Controverſy now depending.

Then Mr. *Philipſe*'s Council did proceed, and went through with his Argument; and the further Hearing of the Matter thereof, be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept* 23, 1737.

BOTH Parties were again called in, and the Council for the Petitioner ſumed up his Argument, and then both Sides were deſired to withdraw; and being called in, Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the Reſolution of the Houſe, *to wit*.

Reſolved, That it not appearing to this Houſe, that Perſons of the *Jewiſh* Religion, have a Right to be admitted to vote for Parliament Men, in *Great-Britain*, it is the unanimous Opinion of this Houſe, that they ought not to be admitted to vote for Repreſentatives in this Colony.

The further Hearing of the Scrutiny is refered till 3 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 23, 1737.

THE Houſe proceeded (according to Order) to the further Hearing of the Scrutiny. The Council were heard on both Sides, with Reſpect to Non-Reſident Freeholders, and then were deſired to withdraw.

A Motion was made by Col. *Beekman*, and the Queſtion was put, whether thoſe that are Non-Reſident Freeholders, have a right to vote? And a Debate ariſing thereon, the previous Queſtion was put, whether the Queſtion be now put? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Queſtion was put, whether thoſe that are Non-Reſident Freeholders, have a Right to vote? It was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Philipſe*,	*James Alexander*, Eſq;
Mr. *Peter Winne*,	*John Walter*, Eſq;
Col. *Schuyler*,	*Simon Johnſon*, Eſq;
Col. *Hicks*,	Col. *Morris*,
Mr. *Jones*,	Major *Platt*,
Mr. *Johannis Lot*,	Mr. *David Peirſon*
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*.
Col. *Matthews*,	
Mr. *Tur Boſs*,	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	
Mr. *Lecount*,	
Col. *Chambers*,	
Mr. *Brat*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Capt. *Living ſton*,	
Mr. *Verplank*.	

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 24, 1737.

BOTH Parties attending without, were called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them with the Reſolution of the Houſe;

That all thoſe that are Non-Reſident Freeholders, have a Right to vote in Elections.

Mr. *Lecount*, and Mr. *Mott*, moved for Leave to be abſent, to atend the Court in *Richmond* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1737.

MR. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, attending without, was called in, and laid before the Houſe, a Petition of ſeveral of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of *Albany*, directed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and Council of this Province; which was read, ſetting forth, The Neceſſity of ſecuring thoſe Settlements to the Weſtward and Northward of *Albany*, that in Caſe of a Rupture with the *French*, we may be in a Poſture of Defence, regularly to fortify *Oſwego*, and inforce it with a good Garriſon, and to build a Fort at the *Seneka's* Country, and garriſon it with a ſufficient Number of Men, to keep thoſe *Indians* who are as numerous as the other Five Nations, firm to his Majeſty's Intereſt; and therefore praying the Governor and Council will be pleaſed to recommend the Premiſes to the General Aſſembly of this Province, the ſame is refered to the Conſideration of the Houſe, when the Houſe goes upon his Honour's Speech.

Both Parties attending without, were called in, and after a Debate on both Sides, the Council for Mr. *Van Horne*, moved that they might go on with the Scrutiny regularly, and when they came to any Perſon queried, that then the ſame might be determined and agreed to before any further Proceeding be admitted.

And the Council for Mr. *Philipſe*, moved that they might go through their Liſts, and thoſe Points they could not agree on might be determined by the Houſe.

Then both Parties were ordered to withdraw.

After

After some Time, they were called in again, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them, that it was the Opinion of the House, that the Soldiers that voted on both Sides, should be postponed till the Lists were gone through, and that they intend to proceed on the Scrutiny To-morrow Morning, 9 o'Clock.

Then the House adjourned 'till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 4 ho. P. M. Sept. 27, 1737.

MR. *Jones* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit gaming in this Province.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Renſſelaer* reported from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johannis Lorents Carſtens; That they had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

Col. *Schuyler*, (according to Order) preſented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and for making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration *Friday* next.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating the Fees of the ſeveral Officers within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Deputy Clerk of the Council, do lay before this House a Liſt of Warrants from *March*, 1733, to *September* 1ſt, 1737.

Col. *Matthews*, (according to Order) preſented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned*; *and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the House adjourned to *Wedneſday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 28, 1737.

MR. Speaker laid before this House, two Letters, directed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor; one from *Paſchall Nelſon*, the other from *C. Congrove*, which was read, ſetting forth the great Neceſſity of repairing the House at *Oſwego*.

Ordered, That they be taken into Conſideration when the House goes upon his Speech.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the ſame uſeful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the ſame, as likewiſe the ſeveral Acts whereby the ſame has been revived and continued*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Treaſurer attending (according to Order) was called in, and laid before the House the following Accounts.

An Account of the Exciſe throughout this Colony, publiſhed in *November*, 1720, in the 7th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign. Alſo an Account of what Money has been paid into the Treaſury, from Time to Time, on Account of the ſame.

An Account of Money paid into the Treaſury in the late Treaſurer's Time, on Account of the Exciſe of this Colony, from the Year 1714, to the 5th of *June* 1721; which Exciſe being given to cancel and deſtroy the Bills of Credit to the Value of *Twenty Seven Thouſand, Six Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds*, made currrent by an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the 4th Day of *September*, 1714, in the 13th Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*.

An Account of Money received from ſeveral Perſons on Account of the Exciſe of this Colony, being by Act of Aſſembly to the 1ſt of *November*, 1734, for ſinking *Twenty Seven Thouſand, Six Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds*, called the firſt Long Bill; alſo an Account what Money has been cancelled on the ſame, and what has been paid *Robert Walters*, *Robert Lurting*, and others, for auditing the ſaid Accounts, and what Money has been borrowed out of the ſame, conformable to the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly of this Colony.

An Account of what Money by the late Treaſurer's Books, have been received and paid on that Act, for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony; for putting in the Hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony, ſeveral Quantities of Plate to be applied to the public and neceſſary Uſes of this Colony; and to make Bills of Credit, to the Value of 41517 Ounces and an Half of Plate; publiſhed the 23d of *May* 1717, in the 4th of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George*.

An Account of what Money is received and paid, on Account of the Second long Bill, or that Act, for paying and diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony, paſſed the 23d Day of *December* 1717, in the 4th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign.

An Account of what the Duties have amounted to in the late Treaſurer's Time, as appears by the Books, purſuant to an Act of Aſſembly of this Colony; paſſed the 23d Day of *December* 1717, in the 4th Year of his late Majeſty's Reign; alſo what Bills of Credit have been ſunk on Account of the ſame, and what has ben paid *Robert Walters*, *David Provooſt*, *Johannis Janſen* and *John Cruger*, in auditing the ſame.

An Account of what the ſeveral Duties have amounted to, which were laid by Act of Aſſembly of this Colony; publiſhed the 23d of *Dec.* 1717, entitled, *An* Act, *for diſcharging ſeveral Debts due from this Colony, and putting into the Hands of the Treaſurer, ſeveral Quantities of Plate to be applied for the neceſſary Uſes of this Colony, and to make Bills of Credit, to the Value of* 41517 *Ounces and an Half of Plate for that Purpoſe*; *as alſo an Account what Bills of Credit have been cancelled on ſaid Fund, and likewiſe what has been paid the Commiſſioners for auditing the ſaid Accounts.*

An Account of the Receipt and Diſpoſal of 5350 Ounces of Plate, purſuant to an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing the above Quantity of Plate, for the Uſes therein-mentioned, and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Value*; paſſed in the Year 1723.

An Account of the Receipt and Diſpoſal of 5350 Ounces of Plate, purſuant to an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, for raiſing and levying the above Quantity of Plate for the Uſes therein-mentioned, and for ſtriking Bills of Credit for that Value; which Act, paſſed in the Year 1723.

General Account of the Receipt and Diſpoſal of the Sum of *Six Thouſand, Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds*, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, for raiſing the above Sum, for ſupplying the Deficiences in his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned; and for making Bills of Credit, to be iſſued for that Value; which Act was publiſhed the 24th Day of *July* 1724.

General Account of the Receipt and Diſpoſal, of the Sum of *Six Thouſand, Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds*, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, for raiſing the above Sum, for ſupplying the Deficiences in his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned; and for making Bills of Credit, to be iſſued for that Value, which Act was publiſhed the 24th of *July* 1724.

General Account of the Receipt and Diſpoſal, of the Sum of *Six Thouſand, Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds*, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, for raiſing the above Sum for ſupplying the Deficiences in his Majeſty's Revenue, and for the Uſes and Purpoſes therein-mentioned; and for making Bills of Credit, to be iſſued for that Value; which Act, was publiſhed the 24th Day of *July* 1724.

An Account of the Receipt of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, in Paper Money, received from *David Provooſt*, *Johannis Janſen*, *Jacobus Kipp*, *John Cruger* and *Gerardus Beekman*, Eſqrs, purſuant to an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act, *for making Bills of Credit, and putting the ſame into the Treaſurer's Hands, for exchanging ſuch Bills of Credit of this Province, as are torn and defaced*; which Act was publiſhed the 24th Day of *July* 1724.

An Account of the Receipt of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, in Paper Money, received from *Stephen De Lancey*, Major *Frederick Philipſe*, Capt. *Anthony Rutgers* and *Robert Livingſton*, jun. Eſqrs, purſuant to an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſtriking Bills of Credit, to the Value of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *and putting the ſame into the Treaſury, to be exchanged for ſhattered, torn and defaced Bills, ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of the ſeveral Acts therein-mentioned*; publiſhed the 11th of *November* 1726.

An Account of the ſeveral Articles and Sums of Money, transfered conformable to an Act of Aſſembly of this Province,

vince, for discharging a Debt due to the late Agents of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, &c. which Act being published in *June* 1726.

An Account of what is received and paid, on an Account for raising and levying of *Seven Hundred and Thirty Pounds*, for the Uses therein-mentioned, for borrowing Part thereof, and for appointing an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*; which Act was passed the twelfth Day of *July* 1729.

An Account of the Receipt of *Three Thousand Pounds*, in Paper Money, received from *John Cruger*, *Philip Van Cortlandt*, *Frederick Philipse* and *Henry Beekman*, Esqrs, pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act, *for striking Bills of Credit to that Value, and putting the same into the Treasury, to be exchanged for shattered, torn and defaced Bills*; which Act was published in *October* 1730.

An Account of the Receipt of *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, received from *Frederick Philipse*, *John Cruger*, *Cornelius Van Horne* and *Stephen Bayard*, Esqrs, as also of the Disposition thereof; pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act, *to make and strike Bills of Credit to that Value, on the Funds and for the Uses therein-mentioned*; published in *November* 1734.

An Account of what Money has been received, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, passed in the 8th Year of his Majesty's Reign 1734, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels therein-mentioned*; also an Account of what has been received, pursuant to another Act of Assembly of this Colony, passed in the 8th Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein-mentioned, struck and issued by Virtue of an Act of Assembly*; published the 28th of *November* 1734.

An Account of what the several Duties have amounted to, for supporting this Government, from the 1st of *Septem.* 1735, until the 25th of *March* 1737; also an Account of what Warrants have been paid thereon, during the same Time, pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Colony, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the Act, and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned*; *and to grant to his Majesty several Duties for supporting his Government in the Colony of* New-York; until the 1st Day of *September* 1737.

An Account for what and to whom the Excise has been let throughout this Colony, also an Account of what has been received on Account of the same; which said Excise is given by Act of Assembly for five Years, from the 1st Day of *November* 1734, to the first of *November* 1739; for sinking Bills of Credit made current by an Act of Assembly of this Colony, published the 23d of *December* 1717; entitled, *An* Act, *for paying and discharging several Debts due from this Colony, to the Persons therein-named*; *and for raising and putting into the Hands of the Treasurer of this Colony, several Quantities of Plate, to be applied to the publick Uses of this Colony, and to make Bills of Credit to the Value of* 41517 *Ounces and an Half of Plate, for that Purpose.*

An Account of what Money has been received and paid on that Act, for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony; published the 12th of *July* 1729.

An Account of what Money has been received, pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Province, for laying a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned, passed in the 8th Year of his Majesty's Reign; also an Account of what has been received by Virtue of another Act of Assembly, published in the 8th Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods and a Tax on the Slaves therein-mentioned, during the Time and for the Uses mentioned in the same, which said Duties were laid for sinking of the* Twelve Thousand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit struck and issued, pursuant to an Act of Assembly published the 28th of* November 1734.

And a general Account of what the several Branches of his Majesty's Revenue have amounted to, for supporting this Government, from the 25th of *March* last, to the 1st of *September* 1737, at which Time the Revenue expired, pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Colony; published the 14th of *October* 1732, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal the Act, and to cancel the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned*; *and to grant unto his Majesty several Duties for supporting his Government in this Colony, until the 1st of* September 1737.

James Alexander, Esq; reported from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Assembly or House of Representatives of this Colony, for the Time being, to name, constitute, appoint and pay, one or more Agent or Agents, to sollicit the publick Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 28, 1737.

WHEREAS several Petitioners have prayed, that their Names might be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization, then before this House; and as the said Bill passed without their Names being inserted, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petitioners,

Col. *Schuyler*, moved for Leave that another Bill might be brought in, for naturalizing the aforesaid Petitioners.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Friday* next.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Assembly or House of Representatives for this Colony, for the Time being, to name, constitute, appoint and pay, one or more Agent or Agents, to sollicit the publick Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *James Alexander*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Gustaph Martin Rhuel, Coenradt Frank, Andreas Klebsatel, Hanes Lissenmann, Jorg Rigt Meyer, Jorg Wens, Charles Lushar *and* Abraham Meyers Cohen; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johannis Lorents Carstens; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Jeremiah Van Rensselaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Order of the Day being read;

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration *Tuesday* next.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Petition of the several Coopers of this City.

Ordered, That the Members of *New-York*, do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That *John Walter*, Esq; Capt. *Robert Livingston*, *Simon Johnson*, Esq; Col. *Schuyler* and *David Jones*, Esq; or any three of them, be and are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, and report their Proceedings to the House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 30, 1737.

COL. *Schuyler* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendments, which they directed him to report to the House; which was read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Col. *Matthews*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Justices of the Peace in that Part of *Orange* County, lying to the Northward of the Highlands, to build a Court House and Goal for the said County, at *Goshen*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Matthews* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the* Highlands, *to build a Court House and Goal, for the said County at* Goshen; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. *Cuyper* and Mr. *Mott*, moved for Leave to be absent on extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabati, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Gustaph Martin Rhuell, Coenradt Frank, Andreas Klebsatel, Hanes

Hanes Lissenmann, Jorg Rigt Meyer, Jorg Wenss, Charles Lushar *and* Abraham Meyers Cohen; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, and City of *Albany*, or any three of them.

A Petition of *Matthias Ernest*, *Hans Jury Haas*, *David Loon*, *Dirck Dirck*, *Henrick Godfried*, *Henrick William Will Diel Rebefeller*, *William Halzapel*, *Philip Schuttes* and *Paul Dieck*, was presented to the House, and read, and one other Petition of *Fredericas Muzelius* and *Georgius Wilhelmus Mancius*, was presented to the House, and read, praying their Names may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House; the same is severally refered to the Consideration of the Committee, to whom the said Bill is committed.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 4 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and for making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same; as likewise the several Acts whereby the same has been revived and continued*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col, *Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Simon Johnson, Esq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent clandestine Marriages.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Cloek To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read;

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 4 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1737.

MR. *Jones* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit Gaming in this Province*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 5, 1737.

COLONEL *Matthews* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments, which they directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

David Jones, Esq; from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to consider what new Acts, may be proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony and the Inhabitants thereof, reported that the following Acts being expired, they conceive it necessary they should be revived, *viz.*

An Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law and to regulate the giving of special Bail.*

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* and Mr. *Jones*, prepare and bring in the same.

An Act, *for the better Preservation of Oysters.*

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the same.

An Act, *to provide able Pilots, and to establish their Pilotage between* Sandy-Hook *and the Port of* New-York.

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the same.

And these following Acts being near expiring, they conceive it necessary, that they should be continued, *viz.*

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to discharge the several Demands on the Trading House at* Oswego, *to support his Majesty's Troops posted there, to regulate the* Indian *Trade, to prevent Abuses in the same, and for other Purposes therein-mentioned.*

Ordered, That the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the same, or bring in a new Bill, for the several Purposes above-mentioned.

An Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony.*

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, Mr. *Verplank* and Capt. *Winne*, prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prohibit Gaming in this Province*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration *Friday* next.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Elections of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly.*

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the* Highlands, *to build a Court House and Goal for the said County, at* Goshen; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange* and *Ulster* Counties.

Simon Johnson, Esq; (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent clandestine Marriages*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Philipse* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of special Bail*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Elections of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly.*

The House proceeded to the further hearing of the Scrutiny between *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, and desired the Opinion of the House, what Method they was to Use in going through the Points that they could not agree on themselves,

And then were ordered to withdraw;

After some Time, they were called in again, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them as follows;

Resolved, It is the Opinion of this House, That if any Person will swear, that he at the Time of giving his Vote at the last Election, for a Representative for the City and County of *New-York*, he had Land or Tenements improved in the said City and County, to the Value of *Forty Pounds*, in Freehold, and had possessed the same, three Months before the Test of the Writ appointing the Election, That the Vote of every Person so swearing, shall be admitted to be a good Vote.

Then both Sides were ordered to withdraw.

After some Time, were again called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them as follows;

Resolved, It is the further Opinion of this House, That in administring the said Oath to the several Persons, that have voted in the late Election of the City and County of *New-York*, for a Representative for the said City and County, They shall also add the Words following, *viz.* And that he had not fraudulently procured that Freehold, only on Purpose to gain his Voice in that Election.

The Parties were again ordered to withdraw.

Then the House adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 4 ho. P. M. Oct. 6, 1737.

THE Houſe proceeded on the Scrutiny of *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*; the Council were called in, and ſeveral Voters were examined on both Sides, and the further Hearing of the Matter thereof, be refered till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 7, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Wedneſday* next.

The Houſe proceeded (according to Order) to the Hearing of the Scrutiny of *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*.

The Council were called in,

And after examining ſeveral Votes on both Sides, they were acquainted that the further Hearing of the ſame be refered till 3 o' Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* have Leave to be abſent until he recovers his Health, being often indiſpoſed with a Fever.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 7, 1737.

THE Houſe proceeded (according to Order) to the Hearing of the Scrutiny of *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*.

The Council were called in,

And ſeveral Votes on each Side were examined, and the further Hearing of the Matter thereof, is refered till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 8, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent clandeſtine Marriages*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving and further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded (according to Order) to the Scrutiny of *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*.

The Council were called in,

And ſeveral Voters were examined, and then they were directed to withdraw.

A Motion was made by Mr. Pierſon, and the Queſtion was put, that if it be proved to this Houſe, that any Perſons have voted in the late Election, that are not put down upon the Clerks Liſts, whether they ſhall be allowed their Votes? And a Debate ariſing thereon, the previous Queſtion was put, whether the Queſtion be now put? It's carried in the Negative.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Major *Plat*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Mr. *Pierſon*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Mr. *Johannis Lot*,
Col. *Hicks*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Mr. *Ter Boſt*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*.	Mr. *Lecount*,
	Mr. *Brat*,
	Mr. *Mott*,
	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Mr. *Cuyper*,
	Mr. *Winne*,
	Col. *Chambers*,
	Capt. *Livingſton*,
	Col. *Beekman*.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Mott*, and the Queſtion was put, whether any Perſons Names ſhall be added to the Poll, whoſe Names do not appear upon the ſaid Poll? And a Debate ariſing thereon, the previous Queſtion was put, whether the Queſtion be now put? It's carried in the Affirmative.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	Major *Plat*,
David Jones, Eſq;	Mr. *Peirſon*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	*Simon Johnſon*, Eſq;
Mr. *Johannis Lot*,	Col. *Matthews*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Col. *Hicks*,
Mr. *Ter Boſt*,	*James Alexander*, Eſq;
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*.
Mr. *Brat*,	
Mr. *Mott*,	
Col. *Schuyler*,	
Mr. *Cuyper*,	
Mr. *Winne*,	
Col. *Chambers*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Col. *Beekman*.	

Then the Queſtion was put, whether any Perſons Names ſhall be added to the Poll, whoſe Names do not appear upon the ſaid Poll? It's carried in the Negative.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Major *Plat*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Mr. *Peirſen*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Mr. *Johannis Lot*,
Col. *Hicks*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Mr. *Ter Boſt*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*.	Mr. *Lecount*,
	Mr. *Bratt*,
	Mr. *Mott*,
	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Mr. *Cuyper*,
	M. *Winne*,
	Col. *Chambert*,
	Capt. *Livingſton*.
	Col. *Beekman*.

The Parties, *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*, with their Council, were called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them as follows,

Reſolved, That ſuch ſcrupled Electors as do not come in, on or before *Tueſday* next, to juſtify their Right of voting, ſhall be precluded from juſtifying their Votes afterwards.

And then were directed to withdraw.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 4 ho. P. M. Oct. 10, 1737.

THE Houſe proceeded (according to Order) to the Scrutiny of *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*; the Council were called in, and after ſome Debate on both Sides,

Ordered, The further Hearing of the Matter be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 11, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Thurſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Elections of Repreſentatives to ſerve in the General Aſſembly*.

The Houſe proceeded (according to Order) to the further Scrutiny of *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*; and after ſome Debate,

A Motion was made by *James Alexander*, Eſq; and the Queſtion was put, whether *Abraham Van Gelder*, the Grantee of ſundry Mortgages in fee forfeited, who has been in poſſeſſion of the mortgaged Premiſes for ſeveral Years, ſhall be admitted to take the Oath propoſed to be taken by this Houſe, as a Freeholder? And a Debate ariſing thereon, the previous Queſtion was put, whether the Queſtion be now put? It's carried in the Negative.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Major *Plat*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Mr. *Peirſon*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
Mr. *Winne*,	Col. *Philipſe*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Mr. *Lecount*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Mr. *Ter Boſt*,
Col. *Hicks*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Mr. *Mott*,
	Mr. *Brat*,
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Mr. *Johannis Lot*,
	Col. *Chambert*.

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A Motion was made by *David Jones*, Esq; and the Question was put, whether Mr. *Abraham Van Gelder*'s claiming a Right to vote by Virtue of a Mortgage, be sufficient to intitle him to a Vote? It's carried in the Negative.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Major *Platt*,	Capt. *Livingston*,
Mr. *Peirson*,	*David Jones*, Esq;
Mr. *Winne*,	Col. *Philipse*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Simon Johnston, Esq;	Mr. *Lecount*,
James Alexander, Esq;	Mr. *Tur Bosi*,
Col. *Hicks*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Col. *Matthews*.	Mr. *Mott*,
	Mr. *Bratt*,
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Mr. *Johannis Lott*,
	Col. *Chambers*.

The Council on both Sides, were called in, and after some Debate, the further Hearing is adjourned till 3 o'Clock this Afternoon.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 11, 1737.

THE House proceeded (according to Order) to the further Scrutiny of *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; and Capt. *Cornelius Van Horne*.

The Council were called in, and proceeded on their Arguments.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

The Council on both Sides, summed up their Evidence, and went through their Arguments, and then were directed to withdraw.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration *Friday* next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van Horne*, and Mr. *Philipse*, deliver into this House, by three o'Clock this Afternoon, exact Lists of all the Votes allowed on each Side, until they came before this House, on *Thursday* last.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House serve them with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Simon Johnson, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preservation of Oysters*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1737.

MR. *Van Horne*, delivered to this House a Letter, directed to Mr. Speaker, acquainting the House of the Number of Votes that stood allowed to him, by Mr. *Philipse*, to *Thursday* last.

And Mr. *Philipse*, (according to Order) delivered to the House, a List of the Number of Votes that stood allowed to him, by Mr. *Van Horne*, to *Thursday* last.

Which were examined by the Members of the House.

Resolved, That *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; is duly elected a Member to serve in this General Assembly, for the City and County of *New-York*, in the Room of Capt. *Garrit Van Horne*, deceased.

Ordered, That Col. *Rensselaer*, and Capt. *Livingston*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, and desire he may take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Simon Johnson, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots, and to establish their Pilotage between* Sandy-Hook, *and the Port of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. *Verplank*, (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1737.

COL. *Rensselaer*, and Capt. *Livingston*, acquainted the House, that they had waited on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and there saw Mr. *Adolph Philipse* take the Oaths, and make and subscribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Adolph Philipse*, take his Place accordingly.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-holders, from selling strong Liquors to Servants, and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*. And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made several Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Jones*, accordingly, reported from the said Committee, the Amendments and Clause, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, in at the Table; where the Amendments and Clause, were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 13, 1737.

MR. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, (according to Order) delivered to Mr. Speaker a List of Warrants drawn from *March* Quarter, 1733-4, to the 10th of *October*, 1737.

Ordered, That the said Lists lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Whereas Yesterday the Deputy Clerk of the Council, brought a Message from the Council to acquaint this House, that the Council had passed the two following Bills therein-mentioned.

And whereas this House then conceived that the delivering of such Messages, in that Method was an Innovation, therefore took the Matter into Consideration until this Day, before this House would receive the said Message.

And upon a strict Examination had of that Matter, this House finds that the Method and Usage of delivering Messages to this House, relating to the passing of Bills, has heretofore been by the Hands of one of the Council, (except in three Instances that passed) unobserved towards the Close of that Session of Assembly, which ended in *November* last.

Wherefore it is Resolved, and Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, Mr. *Verplank*, and Mr. *Johnson*, do deliver a Message to the Council, signifying that this House desires Satisfaction from the Council, concerning the said Innovation, which this House conceives is to the Prejudice and Derogation of the Liberty of the General Assembly of this Colony.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Election of Representatives, to serve in the General Assembly*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Alexander* reported, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1737.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Friday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Speech.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preſervation of Oyſters*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *New-York*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to provide able Pilots, and to eſtabliſh their Pilotage between* Sandy-Hook, *and the Port of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *New-York*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 14, 1737.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, his Honour the Lieut. Governor, requires the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor had been pleaſed, in the Preſence of the Houſe, to publiſh the two following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors.* And,

An Act, *for naturalizing* Johannis Lorents Carſtens, *Col.* Philipſe, *Mr.* Johnſon; and Mr. *Verplank* acquainted the Houſe that they had, purſuant to Order, delivered the Meſſage to the Gentlemen of the Council.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern Keepers, and Inn-holders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1737.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving ſpecial Bail.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Philipſe* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Col. *Philipſe* accordingly reported from the ſaid Committee, the Amendments and Clauſe, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, in at the Table; where the Amendments and Clauſe, were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Col. *Schuyler* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to build a new Court Houſe and Goal, in the City and County of *Albany*, and to diſpoſe of the old Court Houſe and Ground.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1737.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1737.

THE Clerk of this Houſe delivered to Mr. Speaker, an Account from Mr. *John Schuyler*, and Mr. *John De Peyſter*, of the Duties of Strouds and Rum tranſported to the Northward and Weſtward of the City and County of *Albany*; by which it appears that they have received from *primo November*, 1731, to the 31ſt of *Auguſt*, 1737, the Sum of *Two Thouſand Six Hundred* and *Twenty Three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Ten-pence Half-penny*; and by Recognizance, there is ſtill outſtanding, the Sum of *Eight Hundred* and *Seventy Three Pounds, One Penny*; in all, *Three Thouſand Four Hundred* and *Ninty Six Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Eleven Pence Half-penny*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of ſpecial Bail, and to explain Part of the ſaid Act*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Chambers* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in *Ulſter* County, to defray the Charges of building a Court Houſe and Goal in the ſaid County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1737.

COL. *Chambers* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to defray the Charges of building the Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage a public School in the City and County of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek, *and* Mathematicks.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, attending, was called in, and read to the Houſe, a Meſſage from the Council; whereupon Mr. Speaker acquainted him, That this Houſe would receive no Meſſages from the Council, ſent by their Clerk.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1737.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to defray the Charges of building the Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terboſch*, be added to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the* Highlands, *to build a Court Houſe and Goal, for the ſaid County, at* Goſhen.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and Mr. *Mott*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to eſtabliſh the Juſtices Courts of *Forty Shillings* and under.

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Col. *Beekman*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to divide *Dutchess* County into Precincts.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Beekman* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to divide* Dutchess *County into Precincts*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1737.

MR. *Adolph Philipse* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to provide able Pilots, and establish their Pilotage between* Sandy-Hook, *and the Port of* New-York, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; where the Bill with the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That this House will, upon *Thursday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech.

Mr. *Verplank*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for defraying and common and necessary Charge of the Manor of *Cortlandt*, in the County of *Westchester*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Simon Johnson, Esq; reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preservation of Oysters, and Power to make Sale of the Forfeitures therein-mentioned*, was committed, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to provide able Pilots, and to establish their Pilotage between* Sandy-Hook, *and the Port of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Adolph Philipse* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the necessary Charge of* Oswego, *and for regulating the Trade there*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

A Message from the Council, by the Honourable *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected*; together with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, which were read, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the Amendments, be refered till this Afternoon.

Col. *Matthews* from the Committee, appointed to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the* Highlands, *to build a Court House and Goal for the said County, at* Goshen; reported that the Committee, had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added two Clauses thereunto, which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1737.

THE House (according to Order) proceeded to the further Consideration of the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected*; which were read the second Time, and after some Debate thereupon, they agreed to all the Amendments, except that Amendment made in Page the 2d, Line the 5th, in leaving out all the Words, from the Word *(unless)* in the said 5th Line, to the Word *(The)* in the 8th Line.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnson*, Esq; do carry back the Bill, with the Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have agreed to all the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected*, except that Amendment, mentioned in Page the 2d, Line the 5th, from the Word *(unless)* in the said 5th Line, to the Word *(The)* in the 8th Line; which Amendment they cannot agree to.

Mr. *Verplank* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and necessary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Preservation of Oysters, and Power to make Sale of the Forfeitures therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnson*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Matthews* (according to Order) reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the* Highlands, *to build a Court House and Goal for the said County, at* Goshen, was committed; That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added two Clauses thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses in at the Table; where the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered; That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauses be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the necessary Charge of* Oswego, *and for regulating the Trade there*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Matthews*, moved for Leave to be absent till *Wednesday* next, on extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and necessary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York* and *Westchester*; or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to divide* Dutchess *County into Precincts*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Westchester* and *Dutchess* Counties; or any four of them.

A Petition of *Thomas Williams*, of the City of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Allowances for Services done by him, for several Years in the said City of *Albany*.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Consideration by the Members of this House.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1737.

MR. *Simon Johnson* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to encourage a publick School, in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to encourage a publick School in the City of* New-

New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 25, 1737.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 26, 1737.

A Petition of the Quakers, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, deſiring Leave to bring in a Bill, for a new Act for the Affirmation.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Hicks* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing and regulating the Courts of* Forty Shillings, *and under, in this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 27, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon *Wedneſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing and regulating the Courts of* Forty Shillings, *and under, in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 27, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the* Highlands, *to build a Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County, at* Goſhen; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 28, 1737.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly or Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Colony, for the Time being, to name, conſtitute, appoint and pay, one or more Agent or Agents, to ſollicit the publick Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain; with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And alſo a Meſſage, to acquaint this Houſe, That the Council do adhere to the ſeveral Amendments, by them made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Repreſentatives, to ſerve in General Aſſembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Aſſembly ſo elected.*

Ordered, That *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; do acquaint the Council, this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Aſſembly ſo elected*; and therefore deſire a Conference upon the Subject Matter thereof, and that they will appoint a Committee of that Board, and a Time and Place to meet a Committee of this Houſe, for that Purpoſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Henry Lane*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Innholders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Amendments were twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *David Jones*, Eſq; do carry the Bill, with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe, do agree to their Amendments made to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will amend the Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Cuyper*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent Swine runing at large in Part of *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 28, 1737.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 29, 1737.

COL. *Hicks* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *That the ſolemn Affirmation of the People called* Quakers, *ſhall paſs inſtead of an Oath*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Hunterſfield*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying, that they may have Leave to bring in a Bill, to divide the Road from *Hunterſfield* to *Ferrebery*, into four equal Parts, and allow more Time to work on the ſaid Road.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Beekman* from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to divide* Dutcheſs *County into Precincts*; was committed, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title thereof, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 31, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to divide* Dutcheſs *County into Precincts, and to repeal the Act therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Henry Beekman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Beekman*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the better clearing and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of *Dutcheſs*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 1, 1737.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Preſervation of Oyſters, and Power to make Sale of the Forfeitures therein-mentioned*; with an Amendment made thereto by the Council, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Amendments being read, is agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Livingſton*, do carry the ſaid Bill with the Amendment, to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to their Amendment made to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will amend the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members of *Dutcheſs* County, be added to the Committee, appointed to conſider of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and neceſſary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; to acquaint this Houſe, that they have appointed *Philip Livingſton*, *James De Lancey* and *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſqrs, a Committee, and deſire this Houſe will appoint a Committee, to meet their ſaid Committee, at the Houſe of Mr. *Todd*, at 7 o'Clock this Evening, to conſer upon the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Aſſembly ſo elected.*

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe,

House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling and regulating the Fees of the several Officers within this Colony*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Simon Johnson*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title thereof, made several Amendments, and added some Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Simon Johnson, Esq; accordingly reported from the said Committee, the Amendments and Clauses, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses in at the Table; where the same were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1737.

MR. *Cuyper* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in* Orange *County, and for repealing all other Acts concerning the same, within the said County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *That the solemn Affirmation of the People called* Quakers, *shall pass instead of an Oath*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Matthews*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for regulating the Highways in *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reasons to be offered by a Committee of this House, at a Conference to be had with a Committee of the Council, upon the subject Matter of their Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected.*

For that as the City of *New-York*, is the usual and most proper and convenient Place of Meeting;

The General Assembly conceives it ought not to be moved to any other Place, without evident Necessity, which by the Amendment in Question it may be.

Ordered, That Capt. *Livingston*, Mr. *Johannis Lott*, Col. *Matthews*, Capt. *Peter Winne*, Col. *Rensselaer* and Mr. *Brat*, be and are appointed a Committee, to meet the said Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place mentioned, in their Message of this Day, upon Amendments by them made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected.*

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 2, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in* Orange *County, and for repealing all other Acts concerning the same, within the said County*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster* and *Orange* Counties.

Col. *Philipse*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for destroying of Wolves within the County of *Westchester*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Beekman* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying-out, publick High Roads in* Dutchess *County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. *Hardenbergh*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for regulating the Proceedings of the Supervisors, Assessors and Collectors, within the County of *Ulster* and *Orange*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Petition of several Patentees and Inhabitants of *Ulster* County, was presented to the House, and read, praying a Stop may be put to the running at large of Swine, in the Southern Precincts of the said County.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Consideration, by this House.

Col. *Matthews*, from the Committee, appointed to meet the Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place set forth in their Message of Yesterday, acquainted this House, that they had according to Order, met the said Committee of the Council, concerning their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected.*

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read;

Resolved, That this House will, *Tuesday* next, take his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1737.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 3, 1737.

A Petition of *Abraham Governieur*, of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that as a Bill is depending before this House, *to enable* Elias Pipon, *or Trustees for him, to sell and dispose of sundry Tracts and Parcels of Land, lying and being in the Township of* Harlem, *and City of* New-York, *heretofore belonging to* Thomas De La Vall, *deceased*; part of which your Petitioner or his Assigns, are legally in Possession of, and Claim a great Part of the Rest;

Therefore prays, he may be heard against the said Bill.

Ordered, That the said *Abraham Governieur*, have Leave to be heard at the Bar of this House, *Thursday* next, concerning the same.

Mr. *Verplank*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for defraying the common and necessary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt *in the County of* Westchester; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Verplank*, accordingly reported the Amendments, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the Bill with the Amendments were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

A Message from the Council, by *James De Lancey*, Esq; to acquaint this House, that the Council desires a present Conference in the Court Room, on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lecount*, acquaint the Gentlemen of the Council, This House will appoint a Committee, to meet them in the Court Room immediately.

Ordered, That Capt. *Livingston*, Mr. *Johannis Lot*, Col. *Matthews*, Capt. *Peter Winne*, Col. *Rensselaer* and Mr. *Bratt*, be and are appointed a Committee, to meet the said Committee of the Council, upon the subject Matter of their Message.

Col. *Matthews*, from the Committee, appointed to meet the Committee of the Council, in the Court Room, acquainted this House, That they had attended the Committee of the Council, and received their Reasons, for their adhering to their Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected*; which he delivered to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank*, do wait upon the Gentlemen of the Council, and acquaint them, that the Reasons assigned by them, for adhereing to their Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected*, are not satisfactory, and therefore, desire

deſire a free Conference upon the ſubject Matter thereof, and that the Council will be pleaſed to appoint Time and Place for the ſame; and Mr. *Verplank*, being returned, reported, that he had delivered the ſaid Meſſage to the Council, to which they anſwered, that they agreed to a free Conference, and appointed *Monday* next, four of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Court Room.

Mr. *Mott*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing and regulating Courts of* Forty Shillings, *and under, in this Colony*; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mott*, accordingly reported the Amendments and Clauſes, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1737.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to divide* Dutcheſs *County into Precincts, and to repeal the Act therein-mentioned*; with ſome Amendments, to which the deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Amendments being twice read, are agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, do carry the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe, do agree to their Amendments, and deſire they will amend the Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the County of* Dutcheſs; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Weſtcheſter*, Manor of *Cortlandt* and Manor of *Livingſton*, or any three of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 4, 1737.

Ordered,

THAT the Members of *New-York*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to prevent the further Importation of Copper Money into the Colony of *New-York*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1737.

A Petition of *Iſaac Raphael Rodrignez*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

Adolph Philipſe, Eſq; (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the further Importation of Copper Money into this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; *James Alexander*, Eſq; and Major *Plat*, be appointed the Managers upon the free Conference to be had with the Council, in the Court Room, upon the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Aſſembly ſo elected*.

And then the Houſe adjourned during Pleaſure.

The Houſe being returned from the free Conference, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; reported, that the Reaſons aſſigned by the Council, for adhering to the Amendments in Queſtion, appeared ſatisfactory to the Committee, and that afterwards the Council delivered to them a Bill with the Amendments, for the Approbation of this Houſe, which report being made and conſidered, was agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Johnſon*, do carry the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe agrees to the Amendments, that was in Queſtion between them, and deſire them to amend the ſaid Bill accordingly.

A Petition of *George Michael Weiſs*, Proteſtant Miniſter, at *Burnet's Field*, in the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, beſeeching this honourable Houſe, that a Proteſtant Miniſter may be ſettled there, in Order to have the *Indians* inſtructed in a Chriſtian Way, which will be a Defence againſt *France*, and encourage a further Settlement and Trade in this Province.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſettling, eſtabliſhing, and regulating the Fees of the ſeveral Officers within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, *Thurſday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

A Petition of *Walter Kippen*, and other Priſoners, under Confinement in the City Hall of *New-York*, for Debt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That ſeveral of your Petitioners have already ſuffered great Hardſhips by a long Confinement, and muſt ſtill ſuffer, and be deprived from doing Juſtice to their Creditors, or provide for their Families, unleſs this honourable Houſe, and the Legiſlature, do interpoſe, and give them Time ſo to do; and that they are willing and deſirous to deliver up all they have to their Creditors, and do every Thing they can to pay them, therefore humbly pray this honourable Houſe will favourably be pleaſed to take their ſorrowful Caſe, and Condition, into Conſideration, and grant them ſuch Relief as the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, and all other Colonies in *America*, have granted to poor inſolvent Debtors in the like Caſes.

Ordered, That the Perſons have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the further Importation of Copper Money into this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for eſtabliſhing and regulating Courts to determine Cauſes of* Forty Shillings, *and under, in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1737.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1737.

A Petition of *John Leſly*, a Priſoner under Confinement for Debt, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that the Act of Aſſembly of this Colony, for Relief of inſolvent Debtors

Debtors, may be revived, whereby the Petitioners may be enabled to be relieved from his Impriſonment.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 10, 1737.

MR. *Abraham Governeur* attending (according to Order) was called in, and produced to the Houſe ſome Deeds, and other Writings; which he read, and then was directed to withdraw. After ſome Time, he was called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him that when the Houſe went upon the Bill concerning *Elias Pipon*, they would then take his Caſe into Conſideration.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 11, 1737.

A Petition of *John Harmanus Wendell*, of the City of *Albany*, one of the Contractors for furniſhing the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego* with Proviſions, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to confer on him the Office of Commiſſioner, for managing and receiving the Duties laid on the Traders to *Oſwego*.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom the Bill to defray the Charge of *Oſwego*, and for regulating the Trade there, is committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 11, 1737.

A Petition of the Truſtees of *Brookland*, in *King's* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to relieve the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, from ſeveral Hardſhips they labour under in coming to *New-York* Market.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve the Corporation of this City with a Copy of the ſaid Petition forthwith, and that they deliver Reaſons to this Houſe, by *Wedneſday* next, why a Bill may not be brought in for the Purpoſes above-mentioned.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 12, 1737.

Ordered,

THAT the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, be heard at the Bar of this Houſe *Wedneſday* next, by themſelves or Council, or both.

Ordered, That the Truſtees of the Town of *Brookland*, be heard by themſelves, or Council, at the Bar of this Houſe *Wedneſday* next, and that Mr. *Smith* ſerve them if he thinks fit.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve the Parties with a Copy of theſe Orders forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 14, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for defraying the common and neceſſary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Weſtcheſter; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That *William Smith*, Eſq; appear as Council for the Truſtees of the Town of *Brookland*, on *Wedneſday* next, at the Bar of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe ſerve him with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 15, 1737.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 15, 1737.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Elections of Repreſentatives to ſerve in the General Aſſembly.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *James Alexander*, Eſq; reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made ſeveral Amendments and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

James Alexander, Eſq; accordingly reported the Amendments and Clauſes, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, were read; and a Debate ariſing thereupon,

The Queſtion was put, whether the Bill be re-committed?

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

Then two other Amendments were propoſed; which were agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be added to the Bill upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to defray the Expence of a ſufficient Conſtables Night Watch, and to repair and new cover Part of the City-Hall wherein the General Aſſembly of this Colony are now met, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repair and new cover Part of the City-Hall.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 16, 1737.

A Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying this honourable Houſe will ſtrike a Sum of Money, purſuant to their ſolemn Promiſes, and lower the Intereſt of Money, moderate the Lawyers Fees which we ſorely groan under, and that there may be a Diſtinction between Merchants and Retailers of any ſtrong Liquors, who pays Licenſe and Exciſe, and that Negroes may be ſuppreſt of having the Benefit of poor Labourers and Tradeſmen.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Truſtees of the Town of *Brookland*, and the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, attending with Council, (according to Order) were called in, and after ſome Debate, they were ordered to appear at the Bar of this Houſe To-morrow Afternoon.

And then were directed to withdraw.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again. He was alſo deſired to move that two Members might be ſent to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, to deſire a Copy of the late Governor's Inſtruction relating to his Salary.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration this Afternoon.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews*, and Mr. *Verplank*, wait on his

his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and desire a Copy of that Part of the late Governor's Instruction relating to his Salary.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 16, 1737.

COL. *Matthews*, and Mr. *Verplank*, being returned, produced to the House from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, a Copy of that Part of the late Governor's Instruction relating to his Salary; which was read,

Ordered, That when any Motion is made, or Question is put in a Committee, and carried either in the Affirmative or Negative, the Members Names that voted for and against such Question, shall be entered in the Journal and Votes of this House.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein,

A Motion was made by Major *Mott*, and the Question was put, whether upon the Death of a Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, President, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, be intitled to a higher Salary than *Seven Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds, per Annum?* And a Debate arising thereupon, the previous Question was put, whether Mr. *Mott's* Question be now put.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Adolph Philipse, Esq;	*James Alexander*, Esq;
Col. *Schuyler*,	*John Walter*, Esq;
Johannis Lot, Esq;	*Simon Johnson*, Esq;
David Jones, Esq;	Capt. *Peter Winne*,
John Lecount, Esq;	Col. *Morris*,
Mr. *Mott*,	Mr. *Pierson*,
Col. *Philipse*,	Col. *Hicks*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Rensselaer*,	Col. *Matthews*,
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Cuyper*,
Col. *Chambers*.	Mr. Speaker,
	Capt. *Brat*,
	Capt. *Livingston*,
	Mr. *Verplank*.

It's carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made by Mr. Speaker, and the Question was put, whether by the late support Act, and the Resolves of the Assembly then made, there was given and granted to his Majesty, *One Thousand Five Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, for five Years, for the Support of his Governor and Commander in Chief of this Colony? And a Debate arising thereupon, the previous Question was put, whether Mr. Speaker's Question be now put?

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
James Alexander, Esq;	*Adolph Philipse*, Esq;
John Walter, Esq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Simon Johnson, Esq;	*Johannis Lot*, Esq;
Capt. *Peter Winne*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Col. *Morris*,	Col. *Philipse*,
Mr. *Peirson*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Col. *Hicks*,	*David Jones*, Esq;
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Rensselaer*,
Col. *Matthews*,	*John Lecount*, Esq;
Mr. *Cuyper*,	Col. *Beekman*.
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Chambers*.
Capt. *Brat*,	
Capt. *Livingston*,	
Mr. *Verplank*.	

It's carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Question was put, whether by the late Support Act, and the Resolves of the Assembly then made, there was given and granted to his Majesty, *One Thousand Five Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds, per Annum*, for five Years, for the Support of his Governor and Commander in Chief of this Colony?

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
James Alexander, Esq;	*Adolph Philipse*, Esq;
John Walter, Esq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Simon Johnson, Esq;	*Johannis Lot*, Esq;
Capt. *Peter Winne*,	*David Jones*, Esq;
Col. *Morris*,	*John Lecount*, Esq;
Mr. *Peirsen*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Col. *Hicks*,	Col. *Philipse*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Col. *Rensselaer*,
Mr. *Cuyper*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Chambers*.
Capt. *Bratt*,	
Capt. *Livingston*,	
Mr. *Verplank*.	

It's carried in the Affirmative.

Then Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 17, 1737.

A Motion was made by *James Alexander*, Esq; and the Question was put, whether upon the Death of the Governor, during the late Support, the Commander in Chief was intitled to the whole Salary?

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
John Walter, Esq;	*Adolph Philipse*, Esq;
James Alexander, Esq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Simon Johnson, Esq;	*Johannis Lot*, Esq;
Capt. *Peter Winne*,	*David Jones*, Esq;
Col. *Morris*,	*John Lecount*, Esq;
Mr. *Peirson*,	Mr. *Mott*,
Col. *Hicks*,	Col. *Philipse*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Col. *Rensselaer*,
Mr. *Cuyper*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Chambers*.
Mr. *Brat*,	
Capt. *Livingston*,	
Mr. *Verplank*.	

It's carried in the Affirmative.

Major *Plat*, from the Committee of the whole House, reported the Resolutions of To-day and Yesterday; which were agreed to by the House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 17, 1737.

THE House proceeded (according to Order) to the Hearing of the Petition of the Trustees of the Town of *Brookland*.

The Council were called in, and proceeded on their Arguments.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

After a full and fair Hearing of the Council, for and against the Allegations of the Petition, they summoned up their Arguments, and then were directed to withdraw.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 18, 1737.

A Petition of the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the several and respective Precincts of the High Lands, *Shawangonk*, the *New Paltz*, or *Wallkill*, and the Southermost Parts of the County of *Ulster*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Damages by Swine running at large in the several Precincts above-mentioned.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the Bill to prevent Damages by Swine in *Orange* County, was committed.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Relief of insolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*; was (according to Leave) presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The House taking into Consideration the Arguments of the Council, upon the Petition of the Trustees of *Brookland*; after a long Debate upon the subject Matter thereof,

It is recommended to the Corporation, and to the Petitioners, to meet together, in order to have the Matter in Controversy between them, agreed on in an amicable Manner; and in Case they cannot agree, to have it determined finally among themselves, that then they would agree to have it determined in the most expeditious Manner in the Supreme Court.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 18, 1737.

JOHN WALTER, Esq; in Behalf of the Corporation, (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, to enable

nable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *New-York*, to repair and new cover Part of their City-Hall wherein the General Assembly of this Colony are now met and assembled, and other Purposes therein-mentioned; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration *Tuesday* next.

Adolph Philipse, Esq; from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the further Importation of Copper Money into this Colony*; was committed, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added some Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, be ingrossed.

A Petition of *Rutger Bleeker*, *Evert Wendell*, and *Reyer Gerritse*, of the City of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying a reasonable Reward for the Services done by them at *Albany*, as Commissioners, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly of this Province, enabling them to perform certain Services therein-mentioned.

Ordered, That the Petition be taken into Consideration by this House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 19, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Election of Representatives, to serve in the General Assembly, and for repealing all former Acts relating thereto*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *James Alexander*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to repair and new cover Part of their City-Hall, wherein the General Assembly of this Colony are now met and assembled, and other Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *Westchester*.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 21, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the further Importation of Copper Money, into this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 22, 1737.

COL. *Philipse* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of* Westchester, *and to repeal Part of the Act therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of insolvent Debtors within the Colony of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment to their Persons*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 22, 1737.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 23, 1737.

A Petition of several of the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of *Richmond* County, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the Preservation of the Oyster Beds, lying near or adjoining to the said County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petition.

Col. *Philipse*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, and further laying-out public High Roads in* Dutchess *County*; was committed, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 23, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, take his Honour's Speech into further Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 24, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon that Part of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech concerning the Deficiences of the late Support; and after some Time spent therein, Major *Plat*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they find the whole Deficiency until the first of *September* last, to amount to the Sum of *Seven Thousand* and *Five Pounds*, *Four Shillings* and *Sevenpence Three Farthings*, due and payable as herein-after-mentioned, *viz.*

	£.	s.	d.	q.
To the Executrix of the late Governor *Cosby*, or his Assigns, for the Remainder of his Salary until the 10th of *March*, 1735,	822	14	9	½
To the President's Salary from that Time, to the 30th of *October* 1736,	995	9	10	½
To the Lieut. Governor ditto, from thence to the 1st of *September*, 1737,	1301	15	4	
To the Chief Justice for two Years Salary, ending the 1st of *September*, 1737,	600	0	0	
To the second Judge for same Time,	300	0	0	
To the Secretary and Clerk of the Council, during the said Time,	120	0	0	
To the Searcher during said Time,	80	0	0	
To the Printer during the same Time,	100	0	0	
To the Land Waiter for the same Time,	60	0	0	
To the Gauger for the same Time,	60	0	0	
To the Door Keeper of the Council,	40	0	0	
To the *Indian* Interpreter,	180	0	0	
To the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs, for the same Time,	360	0	0	
To Firewood and Candles for *New-York*, until the 13th of *June*, 1738,	800	0	0	
For repairing the Fortifications until the said Time,	400	0	0	
For Presents to the *Indians* until the same Time,	800	0	0	
For Voyages to *Albany* until the said Time,	300	0	0	
For Firewood and Candles, for the Garrisons in *Albany*, until the 13th of *June*, 1737,	400	0	0	
To the Clerk of the Assembly for three Sessions, ending the 3d of *May* last,	51	12	0	
To the Door Keeper of the Assembly for the same Time,	23	6	4	
To *Stephen De Lancey*, for *Samuel Baker*,	20	12	0	
To *John De Honeur*, for Expences of Committees,	7	19	4	
And for Chairs and a Table for the Council Room,	14	0	0	
	£. 7837	9	4	

Carried over.

Brought

Brought over	£. 7837	9	4
Towards Payment whereof, the Committee find, that over and above the £. 2000 in Bills of Credit, ready to be ſunk according to the laſt Support Act, there remains a Bill in his Hands, the Sum of,	529	13	7 ¼
And that there remains due from ſeveral Counties, on the £. 3600 Tax, laid in the Year 1726, the Sum of,	290	5	1
And that an Article to *Beekman*, for tranſporting Soldiers, which was charged to the Support, muſt be placed to the *Oſwego* Fund,	12	6	6
	£. 832	4	8 ¼
	£. 7005	4	7 ¼

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 24, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein,

A Motion was made by Col. *Hicks*, and the Queſtion was put, whether over and above the preſent Deficiences, *Fifty Thouſand Pounds* be ſtruck in Bills of Credit, to be let out at five *per Cent.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Hicks*,	*Simon Johnſton*, Eſq;
Col. *Philipſe*,	*James Alexander*, Eſq;
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Tur Boſs*.	*John Le Count*, Eſq;
David Jones, Eſq;	Mr. *Verplank*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Major *Mott*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	*Johannis Lott*, Eſq;
Mr. *Brat*.	Col. *Chambers*,
	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
	John Walter, Eſq;
	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;

Carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, by *John Lecount*, Eſq; and the Queſtion was put, whether over and above the preſent Deficiences, *Forty Thouſand Pounds*, be ſtruck in Bills of Credit, to be let out at five *per Cent.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Simon Johnſton, Eſq;	Col. *Hicks*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Speaker*,
John Lecount, Eſq;	Mr. *Tur Boſs*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Matthews*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Mr. *Peirſon*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Johannis Lott, Eſq;	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Col. *Chambers*,	Mr. *Bratt*.
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
John Walter, Eſq;	
Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;	
Col. *Schuyler*.	

Carried in the Affirmative.

Then Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Major *Plat*, reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 25, 1737.

Reſolved,

THAT there be ſtruck and iſſued, over and above the preſent Deficiences, Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Forty Thouſand Pounds*, to be let out at an Intereſt of five *per Cent. per Ann.* and that ſuch Intereſt be imployed from Time to Time, for the Benefit of this Colony, and the Support of the Government thereof; and diſcharging the ſaid Deficiences in ſuch Manner, as by Act or Acts of the General Aſſembly, hereafter to be paſſed for that Purpoſe, ſhall be directed, and not otherwiſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for eſtabliſhing and regulating Courts to determine Cauſes of* Forty Shillings, *and under, in this Colony*, with ſome Amendments; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Amendments being twice read, are agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott*, do carry the Bill, with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, this Houſe agrees to the Amendments by them made, and deſire they will amend the Bill accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Major *Platt*, reported that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, this Afternoon.

Mr. *Johannis Lott*, in Behalf of the Truſtees of *Brookland*, moved that a Bill might be brought in, purſuant to their Petition, delivered to this Houſe on the 11th Inſtant.

To which ſome Objections was made by *John Walter*, Eſq; in Behalf of the Corporation of *New-York*; it's,

Ordered, That the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, appear at the Bar of this Houſe *Tueſday* next, in the Afternoon, either by themſelves or Council, or both, and deliver Reaſons, why the Truſtees of *Brookland*, may not bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of their Petition.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, ſerve the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 25, 1737.

MR. Speaker communicated to the Houſe, a Letter, dated *November* 21, 1737, directed to himſelf, and ſigned by ſeveral of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*, which was read, ſetting forth, That as the Manor of *Cortlandt*, has a Bill before this Houſe, which is like to paſs into a Law, whereby to enable them to vote in the electing Repreſentatives for *Weſtcheſter* County, and that the ſame Manor ſhall be exempted from paying any Thing towards the Wages of the ſaid Repreſentatives, and that becauſe they have a Repreſentative of their own to Support; And as the Borough of *Weſtcheſter*, has a Member for their Corporation, and are alſo within the above ſaid County, as well as the Manor of *Cortlandt*, therefore deſire they may be either included in the above ſaid Bill, or cauſe one to be brought in for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 26, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Major *Plat* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 28, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better clearing and further laying-out, publick High Roads in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the third Time. *Reſolved*,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tur Boſs* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Major *Mott* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Oyſters in this Colony, at and near* Staten-Iſland; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Col. *Chambers*, moved that the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to defray the Charges of Building a Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned*; which is committed, to a Committee of the whole Houſe, might be re-committed to a ſelect Committee; and a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put, whether the Bill be committed to a ſelect Committee? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the Members of *Ulſter*, *Orange* and *Dutcheſs* Counties.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 29, 1737.

THE Houſe, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for lowering the Intereſt of Money*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; accordingly reported the Amendments and Clauſe, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 29, 1737.

A Petition of *Micajah Townſend*, of *Oyſter-Bay* in *Queen's* County, and *William Hawxhurſt*, the eldeſt Son and Heir at Law, of *Sampſon Hawxhurſt*, late of the ſame Place, Yeoman, deceaſed, in Behalf of themſelves and others; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That *John Townſend*, late of *Oyſter-Bay*, in *Queen's* County aforeſaid, deceaſed, by Deed under his Hand and Seal, bearing Date the 18th Day of *January* 1698, did grant and confirm to his Son-in-Law, the above-named *Sampſon Hawxhurſt*, and his Daughter *Hannah*, Wife of the ſaid *Sampſon*, as his free and proper Gift; a certain Parcel of Land, ſituate and being at a Place, called *Cedar Swamp*, in the Townſhip of *Oyſter-Bay*, aforeſaid; containing about 180 Acres, by Virtue of which Deed, they were poſſeſſed of the Lands ſo granted, until about the Year 1713, when they exchanged the ſame Lands, to one *John Pratt* of *Oyſter-Bay* aforeſaid, ſince deceaſed, for other Lands in the ſaid Town, and ſince which Time, was often ſold, conveyed and deviſed to ſeveral Perſons under Wood, who has made conſiderable Improvements and Buildings thereon, and now hold and poſſeſs the ſame under him, by Virtue of the Titles aforeſaid; that then the ſaid *Sampſon Hawxhurſt*, deviſed the Lands, which he ſo had in Exchange, amongſt his Children, in Fee Simple, who now hold and poſſeſs the ſame, and are willing and deſirous that the ſaid Exchange may be ratified and confirmed; they alſo produced to the Houſe, a Minute of Council, dated the 22d Inſtant, notifying their Intentions, in complying with his Majeſty's Inſtructions in ſuch Caſes given; that one *Jacob Smith*, of *Hempſtead* in *Queen's* County, Eſq; and *Penn Townſend*, of *Oyſter-Bay*, in the ſaid County, did ſee Advertiſements, publickly affixed and ſet up, on the Pariſh Churches of *Hempſtead* and *Oyſter-Bay*, for three *Sundays* ſucceſſively, and more, after the Date of ſaid Advertiſements; therefore pray this honourable Houſe, will favourably be pleaſed to take the Premiſſes into their ſerious Conſideration, and grant them Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the ſaid Agreement as aforeſaid, made between the ſaid *Sampſon Hawxhurſt* and *John Pratt*, and alſo to ſecure the Petitioners, and all thoſe claiming any of the Premiſſes, in the quiet Enjoyment of their Poſſeſſions, according to their Rights therein, or that the Petitioners may be relieved in the Premiſſes, as to this honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Corporation attending (according to Order) was called in, and after a hearing, they were directed to withdraw; and the further Conſideration of this Houſe upon the ſubject Matter thereof, be refered till *Friday* next.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech, be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 30, 1737.

COL. *Schuyler* moved, that as the Seaſon of the Year is far advanced, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the neceſſary Charge of* Oſwego, *and for regulating the Trade there*; may be re-committed to a ſelect Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommended to the Members of *Albany*, Mr. *Verplank*, and *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; or the major Part of them.

A Motion was made, by *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; and the Queſtion was put, that a Tax be laid upon all Lands within this Colony, and that the Money ariſing thereby, ſhall be applied towards the Support of this Government? It was carried in the Negative.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 30, 1737.

THE Houſe, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to encourage a publick School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; after ſome Time ſpent therein,

A Motion was made, by *David Jones*, Eſq; and the Queſtion was put, whether Mr. *Malcolm*, the *Latin* School Maſter, be allowed *Forty Pounds*, *per Ann.* out of the Monies to ariſe, by Virtue of the Act, for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Matthews*,	*Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq;
Capt. *Livingſton*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
James Alexander, Eſq;	*John Walter*, Eſq;
Mr. *Speaker*,	Col. *Hicks*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Col. *Chambers*.
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Tur Boſs*,
Capt. *Brat*,	*John Lecount*, Eſq;
Johannis Lot, Eſq;	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	*David Pierſon*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Major *Platt*,
Col. *Morris*,	Major *Mott*.
Col. *Renſſelaer*.	

It's carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether Mr. *Malcolm*, the *Latin* School Maſter, be allowed *Forty Pounds*, *per Ann.* from the City of *New-York*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Matthews*,	*Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq;
Capt. *Winne*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,	*John Walter*, Eſq;
James Alexander, Eſq;	Col. *Chambers*.
Mr. *Speaker*,	Mr. *Tur Boſs*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	*John Lecount*, Eſq;
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	Major *Platt*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Major *Mott*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*.
Col. *Schuyler*,	
Col. *Hicks*,	
Johannis Lot, Eſq;	
David Jones, Eſq;	
Capt. *Brat*,	
David Peirſon,	
Col. *Morris*.	

It's carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether Mr. *Malcolm's* Salary be continued for a longer Time than one Year?

It's carried in the Negative.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Dec. 1, 1737.

A Petition of *John Miller*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying his Name may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for lowering the Intereſt of Money, to Six* per Cent. was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *and to repeal Part of the Act therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Weſtcheſter* and *Dutcheſs* County, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Oyſters in this Colony, at and near* Staten-Iſland; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Staten-Iſland* and *King*'s County, or the major Part of them.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, upon that Part which relates to a future Support of this Government, Major *Plat* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions for that Purpoſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the Houſe, and are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be given and granted to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, for and towards ſupporting his Government, in and over this Colony, for the Term of one Year, at the Time and in the Manner here-after-mentioned, the following Duties and Impoſitions, on the ſeveral Goods and Merchanizes here-under-mentioned, which ſhall be imported or ſold at Vendue in this Colony, from and after the 31ſt Day of *December*, in this preſent Year 1737; until the 31ſt Day of *December*, which will be in the Year 1738, *That is to ſay*,

For every Negro, Mulatto, *Indian* or other Slave, of four Years old or upwards, imported directly from *Africa*, five Ounces of *Seville*, Piller or *Mexico* Plate, or *Forty Shillings*, in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony.

For every ſuch Slave as aforeſaid, of four Years old or upwards, from all other Places, *Four Pounds*, in like Money.

For every Pipe of Wine, the Sum of *Thirty Shillings*, in like Money, and in that Proportion for a greater or leſſer Quantity; and no Abatement to be made for pricked Wine, nor any other Allowance than Ten *per Cent.* for Leakage, in Caſe the ſame are not filled up aboard or on Shore.

For every Gallon of Shrub, Rum, or other diſtilled Liquors, the Sum of *Two-pence*, in like Money, to be computed from the Importers Invoice; and in Caſe the ſame is not produced and ſworn to, the Caſk are to gauged at the Charge of the ſaid Importer; and if they are not filled up on board or on ſhore, an Allowance is to be made of Five *per Cent.* from the *Weſt-Indies*, and Three *per Cent.* from the Neighbouring Colonies.

For all Dry Goods from the *Britiſh* Iſlands in the *Weſt-Indies*, *Five Pounds* in like Money, for every *Hundred Pounds*, prime Coſt, and after that Rate for a greater or leſſer Quantity.

For every Hundred Weight of Cocoa, reckoning 112lb. to the Hundred, the Sum of *Four Shillings*, in like Money, and after that Rate, for a greater or leſſer Quantity, to be computed from the Importers Invoice; and if in *Dutch Weight*, to allow four *per Cent.*

And on every Hundred Pounds Worth of Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, ſold at publick Vendue in this Colony (except ſuch as were particularly excepted, in one Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying a Duty on Goods ſold by Auction, Vendue or Out cry, paſſed in the Year* 1717) the Sum of *Three Pounds*; and in that Proportion for a greater or leſſer Value.

Reſolved, That all the ſeveral Duties and Impoſitions before mentioned, ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Time being.

Reſolved, That all the Money to ariſe by the Duties and Impoſitions aforeſaid, ſhall remain in the Treaſury, until the ſame be applied, appropriated and diſpoſed of for the Uſe before-mentioned, by Act or Acts of the General Aſſembly, hereafter to be paſſed for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That if the ſaid Money, or any Part thereof, be iſſued, paid or applied under any Colour, Warrant or Order whatever, by the ſaid Treaſurer, before the paſſing of ſuch Act or Acts as aforeſaid, or in any other Manner than what ſhall be thereby directed, it ſhall be deemed a Miſapplication, and he ſhall be accountable and anſwerable for the ſame accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members of *New-York* and *Queen's* County, prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Reſolutions above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Dec. 1, 1737.

A Petition of *Theophilus Elſworth* and *George Leaycraft*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That your Petitioners about two Years paſt, or upwards, ſeverally bought one fourth Part of a Sloop, called the St. *Andrew*, built out of this Colony, and do own the ſaid one fourth Part ſtill, and have for the Term of two Years paſt, been obliged to pay the Duty of Tonnage, which they humbly conceive to be a great Hardſhip; and as there is an Act of General Aſſembly of this Colony, paſſed in the 8th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, which exempts all Veſſels built out of this Colony, if the Inhabitants have owned a fourth Part or more, before the 1ſt of *May* laſt paſt, from paying any Tonnage, as by the ſaid Act may appear;

Wherefore humbly pray, this honourable Houſe, will take the Premiſſes into their ſerious Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief againſt the future Payment of any Tonnage Money, or as to the honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to encourage a publick School, in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; accordingly reported the Amendments and Clauſes, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Col. *Matthews*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Ulſter *County, to defray the Charges of building a Court Houſe and Goal for the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned*; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Dec. 2, 1737.

DAVID *Jones*, Eſq; (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming an Agreement and Exchange of Lands, in the Townſhip of* Oyſter-Bay, *formerly made between* John Pratt *and* Sampſon Hawxhurſt, *deceaſed, and ſecuring thoſe claiming under them, or either of them, in their Poſſeſſions, and alſo to ſecure thoſe in their Poſſeſſions, who hold certain other Lands in the ſaid Townſhip, which were formerly conveyed to the ſaid* Sampſon, *by his Brother* William Hawxhurſt; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Motion was made by *Johannis Lott*, Eſq; in behalf of the Truſtees of *Brookland*, and the Queſtion was put, whether a Bill might be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of their Petition? It's carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, by *James Alexander*, Eſq; That as it was recommended by this Houſe, to the Petitioners of *Brookland*, and the Corporation of *New-York*, as by the Minutes

nutes of this House, of the 18th of *November* last; and as it appears to this House, that though the Parties could not agree the Point in Controversy, yet the Corporation of *New-York*, offered to agree upon a Method for Trial of the Matter at Law, as was recommended by this House, but the Petitioners refused so to agree, and the Question was put, whether the Petitioners (notwithstanding that Refusal) have now come regularly to this House, for granting the Prayer of their Petition, and a Debate arising thereupon, the previous Question was put, whether the Question should be now put? It's carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnson*, Esq; do wait on the Council, to know what Progress they have made in the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for settling, establishing and regulating the Fees of the several Officers within this Colony.*

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 2, 1737.

JAMES *Alexander*, Esq; moved the House, whether they would proceed to take into their Consideration, an Encouragement for the making of Iron in this Colony; and the Matter being debated,

Resolved, That this House will take the same into Consideration, at their next Meeting.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 3, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further Encouragement of a publick School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming an Agreement and Exchange of Lands, in the Township of* Oysterbay, *formerly made between* John Pratt, *and* Sampson Hawxhurst, *deceased, and securing those claiming under them, or either of them, in their Possessions, and also to secure those in their Possessions who hold certain other Lands in the said Township, which were formerly conveyed to the said* Sampson, *by his Brother*, William Hawxhurst; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Major *Moss*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preservation of Oysters in this Colony, at and near* Staten-Island; was committed, reported, That Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Capt. *Livingston*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Capt. *Livingston* accordingly reported the Amendments and Clauses, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table; where the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be ingrossed.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration *Monday* next.

Col. *Hicks* moved for Leave to be absent on extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 10 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 5, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Ulster *County, to defray the Charges of building a Court House and Goal for the said County, and to enable them to finish the same, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hardenbergh*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preservation of Oysters in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pierson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Schuyler*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the necessary Charge of* Oswego, *and for regulating the Trade there*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table; where the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clauses be ingrossed.

Adolph Philipse, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

James Alexander, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purposes therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

James Alexander, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

David Jones, Esq; moved that the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming an Agreement and Exchange of Lands, in the Township of* Oysterbay, *formerly made between* John Pratt, *and* Sampson Hawxhurst, *deceased, and securing those claiming under them, or either of them, in their Possessions, who hold other Lands in the said Township, which were formerly conveyed to the said* Sampson, *by his Brother*, William Hawxhurst; which was committed to a Committee of the whole House, might be re-committed to a select Committee.

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-committed to the Members of *Long-Island*, or the major Part of them.

Col. *Schuyler* moved that the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Gustaph Martin, Rhuall Coenradt Frank, Andreas Klebsatel, Hanes Lissenman, Jorg Rigt Meyer, Jorg Wens, Charles Lushar, *and* Abraham Meyers Cohen; which was committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *Albany*, might be re-committed to a select Committee.

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-committed to the Members of *Albany* and *Dutchess* Counties, or the major Part of them.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

A Petition of *Pilus Jung*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before this House.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 6, 1737.

COL. *Schuyler*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Gustaph Martin, Rhuall Coenradt Frank, Andreas Klebsatel, Hanes Lissenman, Jorg Rigt Meyer, Jorg Wens, Charles Lushar, *and* Abraham Meyers Cohen; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made some Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Johannis Lot, Esq; (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Ferry between the City of* New-York

York, *and the Island of* Naſſau, *and to eſtabliſh the Ferriage thereof, paſſed in the ſixth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign*; which was read the firſt Time, and a Debate enſuing,

James Alexander, Eſq; moved that as it appears by the Bill now read, that it is to diveſt the City of *New-York* of a Right they are legally veſted with; and as Things of that Nature are of the moſt dangerous Conſequence, and tend to render Property uncertain, the Queſtion was put, that this Bill be rejected; whereupon ariſing further Debates, the previous Queſtion was put, whether Mr. *Alexander*'s Queſtion ſhould be now put?

It's carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; acquainted the Houſe that he had (according to Order) delivered the Meſſage, dated the 2d Inſt. to the Council; whereupon they delivered to him the following Anſwer; which was read, *viz.*

That the Bill is under Commitment, and the Council conceive it reaſonable that when the Fees of the ſeveral Officers are to be regulated, the Officers ſhould give all Account of their reſpective Services, and the Fees they now take for them, that the Council may judge whether the Fees are proportionable thereto; which, with the Multiplicity of other Buſineſs, will neceſſarily take up ſo much Time, that they are of Opinion, they ſhall not be able to go through it this Seſſions.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to recover the Arrearages of ſeveral Taxes, at the next Meeting of this Houſe; and that *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 6, 1737.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Petition of *Alexander Malcolm*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That by Virtue of an Act of General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1732, he was intitled to *Eighty Pounds, per Annum*, for five Years; whereof *Forty Pounds* yearly, was laid upon the Fund of the Pedlers Licenſe, and that by Failure of ſaid Fund, there is now a Deficiency unpaid to him of *One Hundred* and *Fifteen Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Six-pence*, therefore humbly prays this honourable Houſe will order the Payment of ſaid Deficiency, and relieve him from the Difficulty of ſo great a Diſappointment.

And a Debate ariſing thereupon,

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether the aforeſaid *One Hundred* and *Fifteen Pounds, Two Shillings* and *Six-pence*, be a Debt due from this Colony?

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Col. *Schuyler*, did not vote.
James Alexander, Eſq;	Col. *Chambers*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
Col. *Morris*,	*John Walter*, Eſq;
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	*Jacobus Turboſs*, Eſq;
Mr. *Verplanck*.	Major *Mott*,
	John Lecount, Eſq;
	Johannis Lot, Eſq;
	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
	Col. *Hicks*,
	Col. *Matthews*,
	Mr. *Peirſon*,
	Major *Platt*,
	Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Capt. *Bratt*.

It's carried in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether the Petition be rejected?

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Col. *Chambers*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
David Jones, Eſq;	*Simon Johnſon*, Eſq;
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Johannis Lot, Eſq;	Mr. *Verplanck*.
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Morris*,
John Lecount, Eſq;	Capt. *Livingſton*,
John Walter, Eſq;	*James Alexander*, Eſq;
Col. *Matthews*,	
Jacobus Turboſs, Eſq;	
Col. *Hicks*,	
Mr. *Peirſon*,	
Major *Platt*,	
Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Capt. *Bratt*.	

It's carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be rejected accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower Simon Johnſon, Eſq; John Aubaneau, and* James Favier, *of the City of* New-York, *and the Survivor of them, to ſell a certain Iſland called* Little Barn's Iſland, *and all the other Lands lying within the Bounds of* Harlem, *which were lately conveyed to them by* Elias Pipon, *to enable them to pay the juſt Debts of the ſaid* Elias Pipon; which was committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, be re-committed to the Members of *New-York, Staten-Iſland*, and *Orange* Counties, or any five of them.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 7, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, from ſelling without Licenſe*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hardenbergh*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland of* Naſſau, *and to eſtabliſh the Ferriage thereof, paſſed in the ſixth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

William Hawxhurſt attending, by Order of this Houſe, was called in, and being examined on Oath, declared, that he verily believed himſelf to be the eldeſt Son and Heir of *Sampſon Hawxhurſt*; that the Name of *William Hawxhurſt*, ſubſcribed to the Petition to this Houſe, for paſſing the Bill therein-mentioned, and now depending in this Houſe, is his hand Writing, and that he is willing, and it's his Deſire that his Right as Heir, in Tail to his Father for the Lands, in the Petition and Bill mentioned, be barred.

And *Iſaac Hicks*, and *David Jones*, Members of *Queen's* County, here alſo, declared that the ſaid *William Hawxhurſt*, was generally deemed and eſteemed, and they believed him to be the eldeſt Son and Heir of the ſaid *Sampſon Hawxhurſt*.

David Jones, Eſq; from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming an Agreement and Exchange of Lands, in the Townſhip of* Oyſterbay, *formerly made between* Sampſon Hawxhurſt, *and* John Pratt, *deceaſed, and ſecuring thoſe claiming under them, or either of them, in their Poſſeſſions, and alſo to ſecure thoſe in their Poſſeſſions who hold certain other Lands in the ſaid Townſhip, which were formerly conveyed to the ſaid* Sampſon, *by his Brother*, William Hawxhurſt; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; moved that the Corporation of *New-York*, be ſerved with a Copy of the Bill now committed, entitled, *An* Act, *for repealing Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Ferry between the City of* New-York, *and the Iſland of* Naſſau, *and to eſtabliſh the Ferriage thereof, paſſed in the ſixth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign*; and that they have a Day aſſigned them, to ſhew Cauſe to this Houſe (if any they have) why that Bill ſhould not paſs this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Corporation of *New-York*, be ſerved with a Copy of the aboveſaid Bill forthwith.

Ordered, That the Corporation of *New-York*, be heard before the Committee, againſt the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House serve the Corporation of this City with a Copy of these Orders forthwith.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 7, 1737.

Ordered, THAT Candles be brought in.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 8, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for confirming an Agreement and Exchange of Lands, in the Township of* Oysterbay, *formerly made between* Sampson Hawxhurst, *and* John Pratt, *deceased, and securing those claiming under them, or either of them, in their Possessions, and also to secure those in their Possessions who hold certain other Lands in the said Township, which were formerly conveyed to the said* Sampson, *by his Brother*, William Hawxhurst; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *David Jones*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council, by *Henry Lane*, Esq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, and for repealing all former Acts relating thereto*; with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Which Amendments were twice read.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 8, 1737.

THE Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 9, 1737.

COL. *Matthews*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages of Swine in* Orange *County, and for repealing all other Acts concerning the same within the said County of* Orange; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made some Amendments, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be ingrossed.

A Message from the Council, by *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for lowering the Interest of Money to six* per Cent; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Which Amendments were twice read.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnson*, Esq; do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for lowering the Interest of Money to six* per Cent. with Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House do agree to the Amendments by them made, and desire they will amend the Bill accordingly.

A Motion being made by one of the Members of this House, in the Committee, upon the Bill for emitting Bills of Credit, for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purposes therein-mentioned.

That a further Sum should be emitted for Payment of the Wages of the several Members of this House generally, which if agreed to, will greatly increase the Debts of this Colony, and will be of dangerous Example.

A Motion was made by *Simon Johnson*, Esq; and the Question was put, that it be a Direction from this House, to that Committee, not to suffer or admit the increasing the Debts of this Colony, by the Payment of the Wages of the Members of the House? And a Debate arising thereon, the previous Question was put, whether Mr. *Johnson's* Question should be now put?

It's carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Question was put, That it be a Direction from this House, to that Committee, not to suffer or admit the increasing the Debts of this Colony, by Payment of the Wages of the Members of this House.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Simon Johnston, Esq;	Col. *Chambers*,
Major *Plat*,	Col. *Matthews*,
John Walter, Esq;	Mr. *Tur Bos*,
Mr. *Pierson*,	Capt. *Brat*,
John Le Count, Esq;	Col. *Beekman*,
Major *Mott*,	Mr. *Verplank*,
Johannis Lott, Esq;	Capt. *Livingston*,
James Alexander, Esq;	Mr. *Hardenbergh*.
Col. *Hicks*,	
Adolph Philipse, Esq;	
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	
David Jones, Esq;	

It's carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Verplank*, and the Question was put, that as this has been a very long Session, that the Members may not be intitled to any Wages from their Constituents?

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Verplank*,	*Simon Johnston*, Esq;
Capt. *Livingston*,	Major *Plat*,
John Walter, Esq;	Mr. *Peirson*,
James Alexander, Esq;	*John Lecount*, Esq;
	Major *Mott*,
	Johannis Lott, Esq;
	James Alexander, Esq;
	Col. *Hicks*,
	Adolph Philipse, Esq;
	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
	David Jones, Esq;
	Col. *Chambers*,
	Col. *Matthews*,
	Mr. *Tur Bos*,
	Capt. *Bratt*,
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Mr. *Verplank*,
	Mr. *Hardenbergh*.

It's carried in the Negative.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 9, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to defray the necessary and contingent Charges of the Garrison at* Oswego, *repairing the same, and for the better regulating the Fur Trade*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Simon Johnson, Esq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Westchester*, from paying towards the Charge of the Representatives of the County of *Westchester*; and a Debate arising thereupon, the previous Question was put, whether Mr. *Johnson's* Motion be now put?

It's carried in the Negative.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Resolved, That no new Thing be brought into this House, or offered by any Person, that will either prolong or delay the necessary Business now before the House.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 10, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Gustaph Martin, Rhuall Coenradt Frank, Andreas Klebsatel, Hanes Lissenman, Jorg Rigt Meyer, Jorg Wens, Charles Lushar, Abraham Meyers Cohen, Johan Miller, Frederikus Murilius, Georgius Wilhelmus Mancius, Matthias Ernest, Hans Jury Haas, David Loon, Dederick Dirck, Godfried Hendrick, Hendrick William Will, Diel Rohesiller, William Holzapel, Philip Schuttes, Paul Dick, Isaac Raphael Rodrignez, *and* Pilus Young; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

John Lecount, Eſq; from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower* Simon Johnſon, *Eſq*; *and* John Aubaneau, *and* James Favier, *of the City of* New-York, *and the Survivor of them, to ſell the Lands lying within the Bounds of* Harlem, *which were lately conveyed to them by* Elias Pipon, *and* Blanche, *his Wife, to enable them to pay the juſt Debts of the ſaid* Elias Pipon; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made ſome Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for emitting Bills of Credit, for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purpoſes thereinmentioned.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *James Alexander*, Eſq; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

James Alexander, Eſq; accordingly reported the Amendments and Clauſes, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 12, 1737.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *James Alexander*, Eſq; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

James Alexander, Eſq; accordingly reported the Amendments and Clauſes, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the County of* Orange, *and ſome Parts of* Ulſter *County, and for repealing all other Acts concerning the ſame, within the ſaid County of* Orange; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Matthews*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 13, 1737.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purpoſes thereinmentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *James Alexander*, Eſq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

John Walter, Eſq; from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of* New-York, *to repair and new cover Part of their City-Hall wherein the General Aſſembly of this Colony, are now met and aſſembled, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was committed, reported, That Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better extinguiſhing Fires that may happen within the City of* New-York; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 13, 1737.

JAMES *Alexander*, Eſq; moved that the Bill for regulating Elections, as it was paſſed by this Houſe, and as amended by the Council, be printed, and a Copy thereof ſent to each Member, in order for their Conſideration, that they may be prepared at their next Meeting to paſs the ſaid Bill, in the beſt Manner; and a Debate ariſing thereupon, the previous Queſtion was put, whether Mr. *Alexander*'s Motion be now put?

It's carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Queſtion was put, that the Bill for regulating Elections, as it was paſſed by this Houſe, and as amended by the Council, be printed, and a Copy therof ſent to each Member, in order for their Conſideration, that they may be prepared, at their next Meeting, to paſs the ſaid Bill in the beſt Manner.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Capt. *Livingſton*,
John Walter, Eſq;	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Capt. *Bratt*,
Mr. *Peirſon*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Tur Boſs*,
Major *Mott*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Col. *Chambers*,
Mr *Cornelius Cuyper*,	*Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq;
John Lecount, Eſq;	*Johannis Lot*, Eſq;
	Mr. *Verplank*.

It's carried in the Negative.

Major *Mott*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Preſervation of Oyſters, at and near *Richmond* County, in this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties, towards ſupporting his Government, in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the Bill with the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read,

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 14, 1737.

MAJOR *Mott*, according to Leave, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Oyſters, at and near* Staten Iſland; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty, ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Philipse* from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of* Westchester, *and to repeal Part of the Act therein-mentioned*; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to raise the Sum of* Two Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *for the Uses therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *John Walter*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Johannis Lot, Esq; moved that a Day might be appointed the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, for their future hearing.

Ordered, That the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, appear To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock, at the Bar of this House, to shew Reasons why the Bill of the Trustees of *Brookland*, may not pass this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, serve the Corporation with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas Williams*, of the City of *Albany*, be taken into further Consideration, at the next Meeting of this House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Dec.* 14, 1737.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better extinguishing Fires, that may happen within the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnson*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of* Westchester, *and to repeal Part of the Act therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preservation of Oysters, at and near* Richmond *County, in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Staten-Island* and *King*'s County, or any three of them.

Whereas the Season of the Year being far advanced, and some of the Members being gone Home, and others ready to go. It's,

Resolved, That the further Hearing of the Corporation of the City of *New-York*, against the Bill of the Trustees of *Brookland*, now under a Committee, be refered to the next Meeting of this House.

Ordered, That *Gabriel Ludlow*, Clerk of the General Assembly, be allowed *Twelve Pounds*, for his extraordinary Services, during this Session.

Ordered, That *Alexander Lamb*, Door Keeper of the General Assembly, be allowed *Four Pounds*, for his extraordinary Services, during this Session.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 15, 1737.

MAJOR *Mott*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preservation of Oysters, at and near* Richmond *County, in this Colony*; was committed, reported That the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Mr. *Pierson*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *That the solemn Affirmation of the People called* Quakers, *shall pass instead of an Oath*; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Preservation of Oysters, at and near* Richmond *County, in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mott* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal so much of the Law of this Colony, concerning* Quakers, *as required them to produce Certificates*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Resolved, That the Speaker and five Members be a Quorum, to adjourn, or be present at a Prorogation, but such Adjournment, is to be for no longer Time, than from Day to Day, without Consent of the Governor, and no less Number than a Majority of the House, shall be sufficient to proceed on any other Business.

Ordered, That the Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, or any three of them, do during the Recess of this House, examine the Allegations thereof, and prepare and get the same ready, in Order to make report to the House, at the first of their Meeting.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Dec.* 16, 1737.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor, requires the Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber at Fort George, *immediately.*

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair; and reported that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, had been pleased, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and the Members of this House, to give his Assent to the following Acts, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors.*
2. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johannis Lorents Carstens.
3. *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for settling and regulating the Militia in this Province, and making the same useful, for the Security and Defence thereof, and for repealing all other Acts relating to the same, as likewise the several Acts, whereby the same has been revived and continued.*
4. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to amend the Practice of the Law, and to regulate the giving of Special Bail, and to explain Part of the said Act.*
5. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to provide able Pilots, and establish their Pilotage between* Sandy-Hook, *and the Port of* New-York.
6. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Preservation of Oysters, and Power to make Sale of the Forfeitures therein-mentioned.*
7. *An* Act, *for the frequent Elections of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Assembly so elected.*
8. *An* Act, *to restrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-holders, from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others.*
9. *An* Act, *to divide* Dutchess *County into Precincts, and to repeal the Act therein-mentioned.*
10. *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the* Highlands, *to build a Court House and Goal for the said County, at* Goshen.
11. *An* Act, *for defraying the common and necessary Charge of the Manor of* Cortlandt, *in the County of* Westchester.
12. *An* Act, *to prevent the further Importation of Copper Money into this Colony.*
13. *An* Act, *for establishing and regulating Courts to determine Causes of* Forty Shillings, *and under, in this Colony.*
14. *An* Act, *for the better clearing and further laying-out, publick High Roads in* Dutchess *County.*
15. *An* Act, *further to encourage a publick School in the City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks.*
16. *An* Act, *to enable the Justices in* Ulster *County, to defray the Charges of Building a Court House and Goal for the said County, and to enable them to finish the same, and for the defraying of other Charges therein-mentioned.*
17. *An* Act, *for lowering the Interest of Money to* Seven per Cent.
18. *An* Act, *for confirming an Agreement and Exchange of Lands, in*

in the Townſhip of Oyſter-Bay, *formerly made between* Sampſon Hawxhurſt, *and* John Pratt, *deceaſed, and ſecuring thoſe claiming under them, or either of them, in their Poſſeſſions, and alſo to ſecure thoſe in their Poſſeſſions who hold certain other Lands in the ſaid Townſhip, which were formerly conveyed to the ſaid* Sampſon, *by his Brother*, William Hawxhurſt.

19 *An* Act, *to reſtrain Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, from ſelling without Licence.*

20. *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Guſtaph Martin Rhuall, Coenradt Frank, Andreas Klebſatel, Hanes Liſſenman, Jorg Rigt Meyer, Jorg Wenſs, Charles Luſhar, Abraham Meyers Cohen, John Miller, Fredericus Muzilius, Georgius Wilhelmus Mancius, Matthias Erneſt, Hans Jury Haas, David Loon, Dederick Dirck, Godfried Hendrick, Hendrick William Will, Diel Rochefeller, William Holzapel, Philip Schuttes, Paul Dirck, Iſaac Raphael Rodrignez *and* Pilus Young.

21. *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of* Orange *and ſome Parts of* Ulſter *County, and for repealing all former Acts concerning the ſame, within the ſaid County of* Orange.

22. *An* Act, *to defray the neceſſary and contingent Charges of the Garriſon of* Oſwego, *repairing the ſame, and for the better regulating the Fur Trade.*

23. *An* Act, *for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purpoſes therein-mentioned.*

24. *An* Act, *to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony.*

25. *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned.*

26. *An* Act, *to enable the Corporation of the City of* New-York, *to raiſe the Sum of* Two Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *for the Uſes therein-mentioned.*

27. *An* Act, *for the better extinguiſhing Fires, that may happen within the City of* New-York.

28. *An* Act, *further to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves in the County of* Weſtcheſter, *and to repeal Part of the Act therein-mentioned.*

29. *An* Act, *for the Preſervation of Oyſters, at and near* Richmond *County, in this Colony.*

Mr. Speaker alſo reported, that his Honour had made a Speech to them, of which to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is as follows, *to wit.*

Gentlemen,

THE Harmony that ſubſiſts between the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature, will, I hope, eſtabliſh an univerſal Benevolence throughout the Province, and put it in a more proſperous and flouriſhing Condition, than it has yet known: That Event will compleat my utmoſt Wiſhes, as my higheſt Aim, has been to reſtore Tranquility to the Country, and to raiſe it's Head from the drooping Situation, it was lately in.

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

I return you my Thanks, for the Regard, which, with Juſtice, you have had to his Majeſty's Honour, in making good the Deficiences of the Revenue; and I promiſe myſelf, that the ſame Duty and Loyalty, with which you have now acted, will at your next Meeting, inſpire you with Reſolutions, *to give an honourable and ample Revenue, to his Majeſty for the future Support of his Government, ſince the advanced Seaſon of the Year, will not allow you Time to do it now.*

Gentlemen,

I Have given my Aſſent to ſuch Bills as are ready for it, and I have done it with much Chearfulneſs, as I hope the Province will fell happy Effects from them.

GEORGE CLARKE.

The Houſe having obſerved at the Publication of the Acts, that of ſeveral of them, no Meſſages had been ſent by the Council, of their having concurred thereto, according to the conſtant Practice upon ſuch Occaſions.

Ordered, That the ſaid Proceeding be entered in the Journal of this Houſe, leaſt a Practice of that Kind, might be conſtrued as a Preſident, to the Prejudice of the Liberties and Privileges of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Speaker do give the Thanks of this Houſe, to the Lieut. Governor, for the Aſſurances he has given of his Intereſt, for obtaining his Majeſty's royal Aſſent to the Act, paſſed this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and to requeſt him in a more particular Manner, to uſe his utmoſt Endeavours for obtaining his Majeſty's royal Aſſent to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the frequent Elections of Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Aſſembly ſo elected.*

Mr. Speaker being returned, acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had deſired the Houſe to adjourn themſelves to the firſt *Tueſday* in *April* next, and the General Aſſembly is accordingly adjourned to the ſaid firſt *Tueſday* in *April* next enſuing.

Die Martis, April 4, 1738.

PURSUANT to an Adjourment on the 16th of *December* laſt, ſeven Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber in the City-Hall, of the City of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair; and,

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 5, 1738.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Renſſelaer* and Capt. *Brat*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him the Houſe is met.

Col. *Renſſelear* and Capt. *Brat*, being returned, reported, that his Honour the Lieut. Govetnor found himſelf indiſpoſed, and therefore did deſign to ſend for the Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in *Fort George*.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor, requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly, and being returned; he reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor had been pleaſed, in the Preſence of the Gentlemen of the Council, to prorogue the General Aſſembly, to the firſt *Tueſday* in *June* next.

Die Martis, June 6, 1738.

PURSUANT to a Prorogation on the 5th of *April* laſt, ſix Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, in the City Hall of the City of *New-York*, Mr. Speaker took the Chair;

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer* and Mr. *Verplank*, wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe is met; they according waited on his Honour, and being returned, reported that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, that he deſigned to come up to the Council Room in the City Hall, and there would ſend for the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Acquainting the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, required the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Room, in the City Hall, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went thither accordingly; and being returned, acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had further prorogued the General Aſſembly, to the laſt *Tueſday* in *Auguſt* next.

[*Here begins the* 12*th of* George *the* IId.]

MEMORANDUM.

Die Martis, Auguſt 29, 1738.

PURSUANT to the Prorogation laſt mentioned, eight Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, at the City Hall of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair, and the Members their Places.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne* and Capt. *Bratt*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe is met; and that they deſire his Honour will pleaſe to give them Leave to adjourn till *Friday* next; then appeared Major *Platt*, Member for *Suffolk* County; and Capt. *Winne* and Capt. *Bratt*, being returned, acquainted the Houſe, that they had accordingly waited on his Honour, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe might adjourn till *Friday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 10 of the Clock, *Friday* Morning next.

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Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 1, 1738.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 1, 1738.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 2, 1738.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to *Monday* next, 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 2 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 4, 1738.

A Motion was made, that Mr. Speaker take the Chair; and he took the Chair accordingly.

Whereas it hath been doubted by ſome Members of this Houſe, whether by the laſt Prorogation of this Houſe, and the Meeting, and Adjournment of the ſame on *Tueſday* laſt, this Houſe was diſſolved; and this Matter being debated for three Days, and maturely conſidered (nineteen Members being preſent) It is *Reſolved*, *Nemine Contradicente*, That this Houſe was not diſſolved, either by the ſaid Prorogation, Meeting or Adjournment, and that this Houſe, does now lawfully and rightfully exiſt, and hath a Being.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne* and Major *Mott*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him, that nineteen Members are met, in Order to proceed on Buſineſs; and being returned, reported to the Houſe, That they had accordingly waited on his Honour, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he deſigned to come up to the Council Room, in the City Hall To-morrow Morning, and there would ſend for the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1738.

ADOLPH *Philipſe*, Eſq; in Behalf of Col. *Frederick Philipſe*, deſired Leave of the Houſe, for the Abſence of the ſaid Col. *Philpſe*, he being obliged to attend the Circuit Courts.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor deſires the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Room in the City Hall, immediately.

The Speaker and the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, had made a Speech to them, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy, and being read, is as follows, *to wit.*

Gentlemen,

'SINCE we were laſt together, we have had the moſt afflicting News of the Death of her Majeſty Queen *Caroline*, a Princeſs endowed with ſo many royal, beneficent and amiable Virtues, that no Diſtance of Time can efface the Remembrance of them; though your Meeting together now, gives a late Opportunity of dutifully and gratefully declaring the Senſe, the People of this Province, have of their irreparable Loſs: I am confident, none of his Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects, who have made the earlieſt Declarations of their Grief, are more ſincere in their Condolance, with our moſt gracious SOVEREIGN, on this ever to be lamented Event.

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'You know, that more than a Year is now expired, without any Support of his Majeſty's Government in this Province, by a Practice not warranted by the Uſage of former Aſſemblies, nor conſonant to the grateful Returns, which a dutiful People owe to the paternal and indulgent Care and Affection, that the King has on all Occaſions manifeſted, in promoting the Welfare of his People, and in ſecuring their religious and civil Rights and Liberties; his Majeſty expects that you give a Revenue as large, and for as long a Time as former Aſſemblies have done.

'It appears by the Treaſurer's Accounts, that the Funds for ſinking the Bills of Credit, ſtruck in the Years 1714 and 1717, are now about *Seventeen Thouſand Pounds* deficient, which Fund will expire next Year.

'The ſecuring the Credit of your Paper Money, deſerves your immediate Conſideration, as it is a Matter of the higheſt Concern to the Province.

'I will give my Aſſent to an Act, to continue the Exciſe, for ſinking of thoſe Bills, when at the ſame Time, you give his Majeſty as ample a Revenue, for ſupporting his Government here, and for as long a Time as former Aſſemblies have done; more than that cannot be expected from me, nor dare I give into; as the Paper Money of this Province, receives it's Currency and Credit from the Authority of his Majeſty's Government, that Credit cannot be ſupported, without ſupporting the Government; they muſt go Hand in Hand.

'*Gentlemen*, I muſt acquaint you, that there is a ſtanding Order of the Plantation Board, that no Perſon be heard there in Support of Bills paſſed in the Plantations, unleſs he makes it appear, that he be Agent for the Colony, in whoſe Behalf he applies: Your Bills will be liable to be rejected, upon the Application of any other Colony, who ſhall think themſelves aggrieved by any Act paſſed here, if no Perſon be authorized to appear for you on ſuch Occaſions; this lately was like to have been the Caſe of the Tonnage Act, paſſed in the Year 1734, and which may ſtill be rejected, unleſs you appoint and furniſh an Agent with ſufficient Reaſons in Support of that Act; it is therefore neceſſary, for you to have an Agent ready on all Occaſions, to appear in behalf of the Province.

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I muſt recommend to you, the finiſhing of the New Fortifications, that they may in all Events be in a Condition of Defence, and to repair that Part of the Barracks in the Fort, which were left unrepaired, when the others were repaired.

'I muſt likewiſe recommend to you, the Payment of thoſe Perſons, whom I ſent to reſide in the *Seneka's* County, to keep the *Indian* Nations ſteady in their Fidelity to this Government; I mean, the Payment of thoſe who have reſided twelve Months there, as well as of the others, that are now ſent upon the ſame Service for the preſent Year.

Gentlemen,

'In the laſt Place, I recommend you, Unanimity and Harmony, in diſpatching thoſe Things, which your Duty to your KING and COUNTRY requires of you.

New-York, *Sept.* 5, 1738. GEO. CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of the Houſe be likewiſe printed, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker.

His Excellency *Lewis Morris*, Eſq; a Member of this Houſe, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, having by Letter directed to the Speaker, acquainted them, that his Majeſty's Service in *New-Jerſey*, in the Office of Governor of that Province; requires his Preſence there, and that he cannot further attend the Service of this Houſe.

On a Motion of *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq;

It is, *Ordered*, That the Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the Electing a Repreſentative, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of his ſaid Excellency, *Lewis Morris*, Eſq;

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, *Thurſday* next.

A Petition of *William Bradford*, of this City, was preſented

ſented to the Houſe, and read, praying he may be continued in the Service of this Colony.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table, for the Peruſal of the Members.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 5, 1738.

Ordered,

THAT the Votes of the Houſe be printed, being firſt peruſed by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Perſon, but ſuch as he ſhall appoint, do preſume to print the ſame.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances, do ſit every *Wedneſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Courts of Juſtice, do ſit every *Thurſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Trade, do ſit every *Friday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Schuyler*, Major *Plat*, *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; Mr. *Abraham Lot*, *John Le Count*, Eſq; Col. *Abraham Gaaſbeck Chambers*, and Col. *Henry Beekman*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inſpect what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report to the Houſe, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and likewiſe what other new Acts they ſhall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony and the Inhabitants thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 6, 1738.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer of this Colony lay before this Houſe, on *Wedneſday* the 13th Inſt. the following public Accounts, *viz.*

An Account, or a Liſt, for how much and to whom the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, has been let to Farm in the ſeveral Cites and Counties thereof, from the firſt Day of *November* laſt, until the firſt Day of *November* next enſuing.

An Account how much has ariſen by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Veſſels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; from the Time he delivered his Account thereof to the Houſe, until the firſt Day of this Inſt. *September*.

An Account how much has ariſen by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein-mentioned, during the Time and for the Uſes mentioned in the ſame*; from the Time he delivered to the Houſe his Account thereof, until the firſt Day of this Inſtant *September*.

An Account how much has ariſen by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned, from the Commencement of the ſaid Act, until the ſaid firſt Day of* September.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe do forthwith deliver a Copy of the above Orders to the Treaſurer.

Col. *Hicks*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to conſider what new Acts may be proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony, and the Inhabitants thereof;

Reported, That the two following Acts being near expiring, conceives it neceſſary they ſhould be revived, or new Bills be brought in for that Purpoſe.

An Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony.*

Ordered, That *Philip Verplank*, Eſq; and Major *Mott*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

An Act, *for regulating the Militia in this Colony.*

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and Col. *Hicks*, prepare and bring in a new Bill for that Purpoſe.

David Jones, Eſq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in the City and County of* New-York, Weſtcheſter *County*, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 7, 1738.

DAVID *Jones*, Eſq; (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Adolph Philipſe, Eſq; reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and which of them they judge proper to be revived or continued, and likewiſe to conſider what news Laws they conceive neceſſary for the Good of this Colony; That the Committee are of Opinion, it will be for the Benefit of the ſaid Colony, and the People thereof, if new Acts were paſſed for the Purpoſes hereunder-mentioned, *to wit.*

An Act, *to regulate, aſcertain, and eſtabliſh Fees in this Colony.*

An Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, from this Colony.*

An Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly of this Colony, for the Time being, to appoint, at the Court of* Great Britain, *one or more Agents, depending altogether on them.*

Which Report being read, is approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour from this Colony.

Ordered, That the Members of *Weſtcheſter* County, prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the General Aſſembly of this Colony, for the Time being, to appoint, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, one or more Agents, depending altogether on them.

Capt. *Bratt* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of *Albany*, living or dwelling in the Townſhip of *Schenectady*, in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, *James Alexander*, Eſq; in Behalf of *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, That they had come to a Reſolution, which they directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame was read, and is as follows.

Reſolved, That it's the Opinion of this Committee, that his Majeſty be addreſſed by this Houſe, on the ever to be lamented Event of the Death of her late Majeſty Queen *Caroline*, and that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and Council, be requeſted to join therein; to which Reſolution the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; *James Alexander*, Eſq; *John Walter*, Eſq; *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; *David Jones*, Eſq; and Col. *Iſaac Hicks*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to prepare an Addreſs of Condolence to his Majeſty, on the ever to be lamented Event of the Death of her late Majeſty Queen *Caroline*.

Ordered, That Capt. *Livingſton*, and Capt. *Winn*, do acquaint the Council with the ſaid Reſolution, and deſire their Concurrence in the ſaid Addreſs; and that they would appoint a Committee, to meet and join with the ſaid Committee of this Houſe, in order to prepare the ſaid Addreſs, at ſuch Time, and Place, as they ſhall be pleaſed to appoint.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into further Conſideration To-morrow.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 8, 1738.

CAPT. *Bratt* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Major *Mott* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and* County

County of New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County, and* Richmond *County*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the above Counties, or any three of them.

David Jones, Esq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the further continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act, for the encouraging of Whaling.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Simon Johnson*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration *Thursday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 8, 1738.

DAVID *Jones*, Esq; (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the encouraging of Whaling*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Supervisors, Assessors, and Collectors in the County of *Ulster*, and to divide the Southermost Part of the said County into two Precincts, and to appoint a Supervisor for the Manor of *Fox-Hall*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1738.

COL. *Schuyler* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for settling and regulating the Militia in this Colony, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

John Lecount, Esq; reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and which of them they judge proper to be revived or continued, and likewise to consider what new Laws they conceive necessary for the Good of this Colony, that the Committee are of Opinion, the following Act ought to be revived.

An Act, for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony.

Which Report being read, is approved of by the House.

Ordered, That *John Lecount*, Esq; prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revive an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the County of *Albany*, or any three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the encouraging of Whaling*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Chambers* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Supervisors, Assessors, and Collectors, in the County of* Ulster, *and for the better defraying the public and necessary Charge of the said County, and to divide the Southermost Part of the County into two Precincts, and to appoint a Supervisor for the Manor of* Fox-Hall; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to let to Farm the Excise of strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the same Duties as distilled Liquors*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Simon Johnson, Esq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, and for repealing all former Acts relating thereto.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

David Jones, Esq; moved for Leave to be absent till *Tuesday* next, on extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sep.* 11, 1738.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for settling and regulating the Militia in this Colony, and making the same useful for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of the Revd. *Henry Barclay*, dated *Fort Hunter, September* 1st, 1738, was presented to the House, and read, offering his Service to this Colony, in confirming the *Indians* in the Interest thereof, and preaching the Gospel to them, and humbly prays some Allowance from this Colony as may render his Stay amongst the said *Indians* practicable; and your Petitioner, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee, when they go on that Part of his Honour's Speech which relates to *Indian* Affairs.

Philip Verplank, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the General Assembly of this Colony, for the Time being, to appoint and pay one or more Agents at the Court of* Great-Britain; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 12, 1738.

HIS Honour the Lieut. Governor, by the Deputy Secretary, laid before this House, a Copy of a Letter to his Honour, from *Peter Le Heup*, Esq; dated the 28th Day of *April* last, acquainting him with the Steps he had taken, together with his Opinion, concerning the Act for frequent Elections. And also a Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary *Clarke*, to his Honour, dated the 25th Day of *April* last, acquainting him with an Application of the Agent of *Bermudas*, to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, for repealing the Tonnage Act of this Colony, with Reasons and Arguments alledged to support that Application.

Ordered, That the said Copies do lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members, and that they be taken into Consideration by the Committee to whom the Bill for appointing an Agent shall be committed.

A Petition of *Barnardus Harsten*, of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That pursuant to an Order of his Excellency *John Montgomery*, Esq; in the Year 1730, he was sent, according to Agreement, to the *Senekas* Country as a Smith and Armourer, at *Fifteen Pounds, per Ann.* and as he still lies out of his Money, humbly prays this honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration, and order the Payment of said *Fifteen Pounds*, which he stands in need of, and your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

John Lecount, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Adolph Philipse, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour from this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Col. *Schuyler*, from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revive an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by fire in the said Town*; reports, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments; which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for the encouraging of Whaling*. After some

ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *David Jones*, Eſq; reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, without any Amendments; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the Bill was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 12, 1738.

DAVID *Jones*, Eſq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to encourage the deſtroying of Wild-Cats, in *King*'s County, *Queen*'s County, and *Suffolk* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members of *New-York*, and *Suffolk* County, prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing the Fees of the ſeveral Officers within this Colony.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *David Jones*, Eſq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Election of Repreſentatives to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, and for repealing all former Acts relating thereto*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 13, 1738.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Superviſors, Aſſeſſors and Collectors, in the County of* Ulſter, *and for the better defraying of the public and neceſſary Charge of ſaid County, and to allow the Manor of* Fox-Hall, *a Superviſor*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange*, *Ulſter*, and *Dutcheſs* Counties, or any three of them.

A Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of *Huntington*, in *Suffolk* County, ſigned by 103 Hands, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth the many Hardſhips they labour under in being at ſo great a Diſtance from the Court-Houſe and Sheriff's Abode, and humbly prays Relief in the Premiſes, as either by annexing their Townſhip to *Queen's* County, or by making a ſmall County of *Brookhaven*, *Smith Town*, *Iſlip*, and other adjacent Places; and your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, ſhall ever pray, &c.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour from this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Treaſurer (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, the ſeveral Accounts, the Titles thereof being read, are as follows;

An Account of the Names of the ſeveral Perſons, who have made their reſpective Entries for Duties with *Abraham De Peyſter*, Treaſurer of the Colony of *New-York*. from the 31ſt of *December* laſt paſt, until the 1ſt of *September* 1738, which aforeſaid Duties, were laid by Virtue of an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty, the ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government, in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned.*

An Account or Liſt, to whom and for what the Exciſe of this Colony, has been farmed for, by the ſeveral Perſons hereafter named, for one Year *(to wit)* from the firſt Day of *November* 1737, until the 1ſt Day of *November* 1738.

General Account of what Money I have received, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, paſſed in the 8th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels, and for the Time therein-mentioned, as alſo an Account of what I have received, purſuant to another Act of Aſſembly, publiſhed the 8th of* November, *in the 8th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein-mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uſes mentioned in the ſame.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 13, 1738.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Arent Brat* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

David Jones, Eſq; (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County and* Suffolk *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Cornelius Cuyper*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in that Part of *Orange* County, lying to the Southward of the Mountains, to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, to finiſh and compleat the Court Houſe in *Orange* Town.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 14, 1738.

THE Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and *James Alexander*, Eſq; in Behalf of *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Thurſday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly of this Colony, for the Time being, to appoint and pay, one or more Agents at the Court of* Great-Britain; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County and* Suffolk *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Queen*'s County and *Suffolk* County, or any three of them.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; That they have appointed the Honourable *Archibald Kennedy*, *Henry Lane* and *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſqrs, to be a Committee, to join the Committee of this Houſe, in order to prepare an Addreſs of Condolance to his Majeſty, on the Death of the late QUEEN; and for that Purpoſe have appointed *Tueſday* next, 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, to meet in the publick Library Room, in the City Hall.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this Houſe, do meet and join, the ſaid Committee of the Council, at the Time and Place ſet forth in their Meſſage.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 14, 1738.

MR. *Cornelius Cuyper* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Orange *County, on the South Side of the* Highlands, *to defray the Charges of building the Court Houſe at* Orange *Town, in the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 15, 1738.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace in* Orange *County, on the South Side of the* Highlands, *to defray the Charges of building the Court House, at* Orange *Town, in the said County, and to enable them to finish the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster* and *Orange* Counties, or any three of them.

Major *Mott*, moved for Leave to be absent on extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 15, 1738.

THE House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony, for the Security and Defence thereof*; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Col. *Schuyler*, reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Col. *Schuyler* accordingly reported the Amendments, which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table; where the Bill with the Amendments, were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause be ingrossed.

David Jones, Esq; from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revive an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent Swine from running at large, in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County, and* Richmond *County*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 16, 1738.

DAVID *Jones*, Esq; from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the destroying of Wild Cats*, in King's *County*, Queen's *County and* Suffolk *County*; was committed, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City and County of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that they may be admitted to Farm the Excise for the said City, the ensuing Year, at the same Rate it was farmed for the last Year.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill for letting to Farm the Excise is committed.

Then the House adjourned to *Wednesday* next, 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. Sept. 20, 1738.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revive an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County, and* Richmond *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *David Jones*, Esq; do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Simon Johnson, Esq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to encourage Ship building within the City and Colony of *New-York*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the destroying of Wild Cats in* King's *County*, Queen's *County and* Suffolk *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Isaac Hicks*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Upon a Complaint of Col. *Chambers*, a Member of this House, of their having been some scurrilous Reflections cast on him, in Relation to his Office, as a Representative, by *Samuel Bevier*, living in the County of *Ulster*;

Ordered, That Col. *Chambers*, be heard at the Bar of this House, this Afternoon, with his Evidences, in Order to prove the said Reflections.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 20, 1738.

THE House (according to Order) proceeded to the hearing of Col. *Chambers*, touching some scurrilous Reflections on him, cast by *Samuel Bevier*, of *Ulster* County; *Dirck W. Ten Broeck*, was called in, and upon an Oath administered to him, *by the House*, declared, that about the 12th of *June* last, he had heard *Samuel Bevier* say, that Col. *Chambers* was a Rogue and Liar, and that he would prove him such; and likewise, that he was a Fool, and no fit Person to be an Assembly Man, and that he was always drunk, and the other Assembly Men, or his Mates, could always make him do as they had a mind.

Then Col. *Chambers*, and his Evidence were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, do forthwith take into Custody, *Samuel Bevier*, and bring him before the Bar of this House, to answer the Premisses.

And then Col. *Chambers* was called in, and took his Place accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 21, 1738.

MR. Speaker, *laid before the House, a Letter from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, dated the 16th of* September *last, which was read, setting forth, The Encroachments of the* French, *near our own Settlements at the* Wood Creek; *and that several of the Sachems were gone to* Quebeck, *in order to make over* Tierondequat, *to the* French; *and also a Copy of a Letter, signed by several Gentlemen at* Albany, *to his Honour, dated* August *the 30th last, acquainting him with the Designs of the* French, *in erecting Forts near our own Settlements, and of the Sachems making over* Tierondequat, *to Governor* Beauharnois, *who 'tis expected will erect strong Buildings there next Spring, and then we shall be inclosed on all Sides; which if not timely Measures be taken, may prove of fatal Consequence to the Crown, and this Province.*

Ordered, That the said two Letters be refered to the Consideration of the Committee, when they go on that Part of his Honour's Speech, relating to *Indian* Affairs.

A Message from the Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor desires the Attendance of this House, in the Council Room, in the City Hall, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly, and being returned; he resumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor had thought proper for his Majesty's Service, to Order the House to adjourn themselves to the 5th of *October* next, and the House accordingly adjourned themselves to the said 5th Day of *October* next ensuing.

Die Jovis, 4 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1738.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment on the 21ſt of *September* laſt, fourteen Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, in the City Hall of the City of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair. And,

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1738.

William Willet, Eſq; attending, was called in, and produced to the Houſe, an Indenture of his being duly elected and returned a Repreſentative for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, in the Room of his Excellency *Lewis Morris*, Eſq;

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks* and *David Jones*, Eſq; wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with *William Willet*, Eſq; and deſire that he may take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Col. *Iſaac Hicks* and *David Jones*, Eſq; being returned, reported to the Houſe, that they had ſeen *William Willet*, Eſq; take the Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration, &c. according to Law.

Ordered, That the above-named *William Willet*, Eſq; take his Place accordingly.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Vincent Matthews* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1738.

ADOLPH *Philipſe*, Eſq; from the Committee, appointed to meet and join the Committee of the Council, to draw up an Addreſs of Condolance to his Majeſty, on the Death of the late QUEEN, reported, That they had met the ſaid Committee of the Council, and had drawn a draught of an Addreſs accordingly; which was read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; acquaint the Council, that the Draught of an Addreſs of Condolance to his Majeſty, on the Death of the late QUEEN, is approved of by the Houſe, and that when the ſaid Draught, is ingroſſed and ſigned by the Lieut. Governor and Council, the Members of this Houſe, will alſo ſign the ſame.

A Petition of *Peter Kock*, *Peter Hoboken* and *Jan De Young*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for naturalizing the Petitioners; alſo two Children of the ſaid Petitioner *Peter Kock*, viz. *Elſie Nericia Kock* and *Anne Chriſtina Kock*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Frederick Morris, Deputy Clerk of the Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Petition from the *Mohawks* Caſtle, which he preſented to the Houſe, which was read, praying, that a Stone Fort may be built among the ſaid *Indians*, and that a Miniſter of the Goſpel may be continued; alſo, that all Perſons inhabiting near their Caſtles, may be prohibited from ſelling any ſtrong Liquors to any *Indian*; as likewiſe from *Schenectady* to the *Falls*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration, when the Houſe goes on that Part of his Honour's Speech, which relates to *Indian* Affairs.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, *Wedneſday* Morning next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1738.

A Petition of *David Carey*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to confirm to him and his Heirs, the Liberty of keeping two ſwinging Gates on the Highway, one between his now Dwelling Houſe, on the Eaſt Part of his ſaid Land, and the other between his Windmill and the Weſt Part of *Benjamin Batley*'s Land, and the ſaid two ſwinging Gates, to be kept in good Repair at his own proper Coſt; alſo two Certificates of his having put up Advertiſements, at three or more Times on the publick Sign Poſt, in the Town of *Southold*, of his Intentions for obtaining an Act, for that Purpoſe; alſo one Certificate from the Commiſſioners, appointed to regulate Highways, in the Town of *Southold*, thereby ſhewing their Inclinations, for the ſaid *David Corey*'s, hanging the ſaid ſwinging Gates; and one other Letter ſigned by ſeveral of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of ſaid Town, ſetting forth the great Conveniency of having the two ſwinging Gates placed in Manner aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereas a Veſſel has lately arrived into this Port, with about Two Hundred Souls, from the Weſt Parts of *Scotland*, with Intention to ſettle in this Colony, and it being the Sentiments of this Houſe, that they ought to be encouraged in this their Intention, in Order for the Strengthening of this Colony, and in ſuch Manner as to induce others to follow their Example. Wherefore it's

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, *James Alexander*, Eſq; Col. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Winne*, be a Committee, to wait upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and adviſe with him, concerning what Encouragement they may expect from the Government, and to make report to this Houſe, of what his Honour ſhall think proper to do on this Head.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1738.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 11, 1738.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went thither accordingly; where his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly, till Tomorrow.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1738.

PURSUANT to a Prorogation of Yeſterday, Nineteen Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, in the City-Hall of the City of *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair, and the Members their Places.

Ordered, That *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; and *William Willet*, Eſq; wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and acquaint him the Houſe is met in order to proceed on Buſineſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Col. *Chambers* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the Superviſors, Aſſeſſors, and Collectors, in the County of *Ulſter*, and for the better defraying the public and neceſſary Charge of the ſaid County, and to divide the Southermoſt Part of the ſaid County into two Precincts, and to appoint a Superviſor for the Manor of *Fox-Hall*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Cuyper* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in *Orange* County, on the South Side of the *Highlands*, to defray the Charges of building the Court Houſe at *Orange Town*, in the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Petition of *David Carey*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm to him and

and his Heirs, the Liberty of keeping two ſwinging Gates on the Highways, one between his now Dwelling Houſe, on the Eaſt Part of the ſaid Land, and the other between his Wind-Mill and the Weſt Part of *Benjamin Bailey*'s Land, and the ſaid two ſwinging Gates to be kept in good Repair, at his own proper Coſt; alſo two Certificates of his having put up Adverſements at three or more Times, on the public Sign Poſt, in the Town of *Southold*, of his Intentions for obtaining an Act for that Purpoſe; alſo one Certificate from the Commiſſioners appointed to regulate Highways in the Town of *Southold*, thereby ſhewing their Inclinations for the ſaid *David Corey*'s hanging the ſaid ſwinging Gates, and one Letter ſigned by ſeveral of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of ſaid Town, ſetting forth the great Conveniency of having two ſwinging Gates placed in Manner aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That Col. *Hicks*, Col. *Schuyler*, Major *Plat*, *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; Mr. *Abraham Lot*, *John Lecount*, Eſq; Col. *Chambers*, and Col. *Henry Beekman*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inſpect what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report to the Houſe, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and likewiſe what other new Acts they ſhall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony and the Inhabitants thereof.

Simon Johnſon, Eſq; and *William Willet*, Eſq; being returned, reported to the Houſe, That they had waited on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and had delivered their Meſſage; upon which his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, that the Houſe might proceed on Buſineſs accordingly.

The Houſe conceiving it highly neceſſary to regulate the Fees of the ſeveral Officers of this Colony;

Ordered, That Mr. *Johnſon*, and Mr. *Jones*, wait upon the Council, and deſire they will be pleaſed to appoint a Committee of their Board, to join a Committee of this Houſe, in order to prepare a Bill for regulating, aſcertaining, and eſtabliſhing the Fees of the ſeveral Officers within this Colony.

Col. *Schuyler* reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and which of them they judge proper to be revived or continued, and likewiſe to conſider what new Laws they conceive neceſſary for the Good of this Colony; That the Committee are of Opinion, it will be for the Benefit of this Colony to bring in the two following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly of this Colony for the Time being, to appoint and pay one or more Agents, at the Court of* Great-Britain.

An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York.

Which Report being approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* prepare and bring in the two above-mentioned Bills.

Adolph Philipſe, Eſq; reported from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, and which of them they judge proper to be revived or continued, and likewiſe to conſider what new Laws they conceive neceſſary for the Good of this Colony; That the Committee are of Opinion, it will be for the Benefit of the ſaid Colony, if the following Act was paſſed, *viz.*

An Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour from this Colony.*

Which Report being approved of by the Houſe,

Ordered, *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour from this Colony.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurii, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 11, 1738.

COL. *Philipſe*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine running at large in the City and County of* New-York, Weſtcheſter *County*, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

David Jones, Eſq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the further continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

David Jones, Eſq; moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in *King's* County, *Queen's* County, and *Suffolk* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Chambers* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Supervifors, Aſſeſſors, and Collectors in the County of* Ulſter, *and for the better defraying the public and neceſſary Charge of the ſaid County, and to divide the Southermoſt Part of the ſaid County into two Precincts, and to appoint a Supervifor for the Manor of* Fox-Hall; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly of this Colony, for the Time being, to appoint and pay one or more Agents, at the Court of* Great-Britain; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Adolph Philipſe, Eſq; (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour from this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Major *Plat* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the Weſt to the Eaſt Part of* David Corey's *Land, running along the Clift or Bank thereof*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Cuyper* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Orange *County, on the South Side of the Highlands, to defray the Charges of building the Court Houſe at* Orange Town, *in the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Col. *Matthews* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Highways in *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Friday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1738.

A Petition of *Peter Kock*, *Peter Hoboken*, *Jan De Young*, and two Children of the ſaid *Peter Kock*, *viz. Elſie Nericia Kock*, and *Anne Chriſtina Kock*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein-mentioned, and for declaring Shrub liable to the ſame Duties as diſtilled Liquors*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Supervifors, Aſſeſſors, and Collectors, in the County of* Ulſter, *and for the better defraying the public and neceſſary Charge of the ſaid County, and to divide the Southermoſt Part of the ſaid County into two Precincts, and to appoint a Supervifor for the Manor of* Fox-Hall; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange*, *Ulſter*, and *Dutcheſs* Counties, or any three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly of this Colony, for the Time being, to appoint and pay one or more Agents at the Court of* Great-Britain; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour from this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Col. *Philipſe* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Weſtcheſter, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

David Jones, Eſq; (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, *and* Suffolk *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

David Jones, Eſq; (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Whereas this Houſe have made one Order of the 16th Day of *June*, 1737, and another Order of the 16th Day of *November* thereafter, concerning the Entry of the Names of the Members, Pro and Con, to each Queſtion voted in the Houſe on Grand Committees; it was moved, whether thoſe Orders were

were in force, notwithſtanding the ſeveral Prorogations ſince? And thereon it's declared, as the unanimous Opinion and Reſolution of this Houſe, That they are of force and ſtanding Rules thereof, and will remain ſo, notwithſtanding any Prorogation or Diſſolution, until they are reverſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in* Orange *County, on the South Side of the* Highlands, *to defray the Charges of building the Court Houſe at* Orange *Town, in the ſaid County, and to enable them to finiſh the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange* and *Ulſter Counties*, or any three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the Weſt to the Eaſt Part of* David Corey's *Land, running along the Cliff or Bank thereof*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, had made a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy, and being read, is as follows.

Gentlemen,

'HAVING in my Speech of the 5th of laſt Month, recommended to you thoſe Things that I thought 'neceſſary to be done by you this Fall, I now refer you 'to what I then ſaid; ſince that Time I have received 'Information that the *French* intend ſpeedily to make 'ſome Settlements at or near the Wood Creek. It is 'your Intereſt to defeat their Deſigns, by the moſt ſpee-'dy and effectual Means, which I think can only be done 'by your enabling me to build a Fort there, and by en-'couraging ſome People to ſettle in that Part of the Coun-'try. There are ſeveral now in this Town who lately 'arrived from *North-Britain*, willing to ſettle with their 'Families at the Wood Creek, but being poor and un-'able to do it without ſome Aſſiſtance, I therefore recom-'mend to you to provide for their Support: Upon ſuch 'Encouragement, I have a fair Proſpect of ſeeing many 'more Families imported hither from that Country, to 'ſettle at the ſame Place.

'I am likewiſe informed that ſeveral Sachems, of the '*Senekas*, are gone to *Quebec* to treat with the Governor 'of *Canada*, as it is apprehended about admitting the '*French* to ſettle at *Tieonderoquat*, in their Country; If this 'be done, there's an End of the *Oſwego* Trade, for the '*French* may ſtop almoſt every Cannoe in their Voyage to '*Oſwego*, and will, without Doubt, in Time, become 'Maſters of all the Six Nations, the Conſequences where-'of are but too obvious; I am perſuaded this may be 'prevented, and the *Senekas* brought to give us Poſſeſſion 'of *Tieonderoquat*, for a ſmall Conſideration, if it be tendered 'to them before the *French* are actually poſſeſt of the 'Place. It is a Thing of high Importance, and requires 'your preſent Aid.

October 13th, 1738. GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of the Houſe, be likewiſe printed, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration this Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 13, 1738.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech.

A Motion was made by *David Jones*, Eſq; whether there ought to be allowed to his Honour, as Lieutenant Governor of this Colony, for the Year that is expired from the firſt Day of *September*, 1737, to the firſt Day of *September* in this preſent Year 1738, a higher or greater Salary than the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Eighty Pounds*?

And a Debate ariſing thereon, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
John Walter, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Major *Plat*,
Capt. *Winne*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
William Willet, Eſq;	*John Lecount*, Eſq;
Col. *Hicks*,	*Johannis Lot*, Eſq;
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Col. *Chambers*,
Mr. *Cuyper*,	Mr. *Peirſon*,
Mr. *Speaker*,	Col. *Beekman*.
Capt. *Brat*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*.	

A Motion was made by Mr. Speaker, whether the uſual Salary of *One Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*, given to former Governors and Commanders in Chief, ſhall be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for the Year that is expired from the firſt Day of *September*, 1737, to the firſt Day of *September* laſt?

And a Debate ariſing thereon, and the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
John Walter, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Major *Plat*,
Capt. *Winne*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
William Willet, Eſq;	*John Lecount*, Eſq;
Col. *Hicks*,	Col. *Lot*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Chambers*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Peirſon*,
Mr *Cuyper*,	Col. *Beekman*.
Capt. *Bratt*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*.	

A Motion was made by Mr. Speaker, that the Salary for the Chief Juſtice, and going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September*, 1737, to the firſt of *September*, 1738, there be allowed the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*.

And a Debate ariſing thereon, Mr. *Lecount* moved that there be allowed to the Chief Juſtice, for his Salary, and going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September*, 1737, to the firſt of *September*, 1738, no greater Sum than *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*.

And the Queſtion being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	*John Walter*, Eſq;
Mr. *Pierſon*,	*James Alexander*, Eſq;
Col. *Beekman*,	*Simon Johnſon*, Eſq;
Major *Plat*,	Capt. *Winne*,
David Jones, Eſq;	*William Willet*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	Col. *Hicks*,
John Lecount, Eſq;	Major *Mott*,
Col. *Johannis Lot*,	Col. *Matthews*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*.	Mr. *Cuyper*,
	Mr. Speaker,
	Capt. *Brat*,
	Capt. *Livingſton*,
	Col. *Chambers*,
	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Col. *Philipſe*.

Then the Queſtion was put, that there be allowed to the Chief Juſtice, for his Salary, and going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September*, 1737, to the firſt of *September*, 1738, the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*? And was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
John Walter, Eſq;	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Mr. *Peirſon*,
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Col. *Beekman*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Major *Plat*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Major *Jones*,
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Capt. *Winne*,	*John Lecount*, Eſq;
William Willet, Eſq;	*Johannis Lot*, Eſq;
Col. *Hicks*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*.
Major *Mott*,	
Col. *Matthews*,	
Mr. *Cuyper*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Col. *Chambers*.	

A Motion

A Motion was made by Mr. Speaker, that there be allowed to the second Judge, for his Salary, and going the Circuits, from the first of *September*, 1737, to the first of *September*, 1738, the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*; and a Debate arising thereupon, Mr. *Johnson* moved that there be allowed to the second Judge for his Salary, and going the Circuits, from the first of *September*, 1737, to the first of *September*, 1738, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, and no more.

And the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following.

For £. 100	For £. 150
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Peirson*,
Simon Johnson, Esq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Col. *Rensselaer*,	Major *Platt*,
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Hicks*,
Mr. *Cuyper*,	Col. *Chambers*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Capt. *Winne*,
William Willet, Esq;	Mr. Speaker.
Col. *Beekman*,	
John Walter, Esq;	
James Alexander, Esq;	
Johannis Lot, Esq;	
John Lecount, Esq;	

Then Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 14, 1738.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging of Whaling*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County and* Suffolk *County*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the Island of *Nassau*, or any three of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County, and* Richmond *County*; was read the second Time, and committed to the above Members, or any three of them.

Ordered, For the future, that upon any Question being put, the Names of such Members in the House, as do neither vote for the Affirmative or Negative, shall be put in a Column by themselves, under the Name of Neuters.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on *Monday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Consideration.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1738.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter Kock, Peter Van Hoboken, Jan De Iong, Elsie Naricia Kock, and Anne Christina Kock, was presented to the House, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 17, 1738.

DAVID *Jones*, Esq; from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County, and* Richmond *County*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill without any Amendments; which they directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

David Jones, Esq; from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wild Cats, in* King's *County*, Queen's *County and* Suffolk *County*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill without any Amendments; which they directed him to report to the House; which were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Peter Kock, Peter Van Hoboken, Jan De Iong, Elsie Naricia Kock, and Anne Christina Kock; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and *Albany*, or any five of them.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration this Afternoon.

Mr. *Pierson* being acquainted that the Small-Pox was in Town, desired Leave to be absent.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 17, 1738.

A Petition of *Johannis Meddelar*, was presented to the House, and read, praying his Name may be inserted in a Bill of Naturalization now before the House.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

Col. *Schuyler*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.*

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Adolph Philipse*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had made some further Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 18, 1738.

A Petition of *James Stringham*, *Joseph Sackett*, jun. and *Nathaniel Hazard*, jun. was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the establishing and making of Pig Iron in this Colony, by Act of Assembly, will save a considerable Sum yearly to the Province, therefore humbly prays this honourable House would encourage the making Pig Iron, in such Manner as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be refered to the Consideration of this House, at their next Meeting.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace, in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

A Petition of *Walter Kippen*, *John Munroe*, *David Le Telier*, and *Henry Benson*, Prisoners under Confinement in the City-Hall of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, praying this House will take their unhappy and miserable Circumstances into Consideration, and grant such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors.

Whereas it has appeared to this Houſe, that ſeven or nine Commiſſioners, and any four or five of them, to be a Quorum, are a ſufficient Number to tranſact the Affairs uſually tranſacted by them with the *Indians*, and that heretofore the Number of thoſe Commiſſioners has been ſuch, but of late Years they have increaſed to about twenty, which, with the Expences of ſo many to tranſact thoſe Affairs, has tended to the expending more of the Monies allowed them in their own Expences than is needful.

Wherefore, Mr. *Alexander* moved, that this Houſe would addreſs his Honour the Lieut. Governor, that he would be pleaſed to revoke the preſent Commiſſioners for *Indian* Affairs, and to grant a new one to any Number not exceeding nine, and ſuch a Number of them as he ſhall think convenient to be a Quorum, and that he would be pleaſed to give them Inſtructions, that they ſhould hold all their Meetings with the *Indians*, in ſome proper Place for that Purpoſe, in a grave and ſolemn Manner, and not in a Tavern; and that they would be as ſparing in their own Expences as poſſible, that ſo the Monies allowed them by the Colony, may be in the beſt Manner applied for preſerving the *Indians* in the *Britiſh* Intereſt.

Agreed, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and Capt. *Winne*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with the ſaid Reſolution, and addreſs him accordingly.

A Motion was made by *David Jones*, Eſq; and the Queſtion was put, that there be allowed to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Time being, for all ſuch Services and Things as are or ſhall be required of him, by all or any of the Acts of General Aſſembly, or otherwiſe, the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*, *per Ann.* to commence from the firſt of *September*, 1737.

Which was carried in the Negative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	*John Walter*, Eſq;
David Jones, Eſq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Major *Plat*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Philipſe*,
Simon Johnſton, Eſq;	Col. *Hicks*,
	Mr. *Johannis Lott*,
	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
	Col. *Chambers*,
	John Lecount, Eſq;
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Col. *Matthews*,
	Mr. *Cuyper*,
	Mr. Speaker,
	Capt. *Bratt*,
	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
	Capt. *Livingſton*,
	Philip Verplank, Eſq;

A Motion was made by Mr Speaker, and the Queſtion was put, that there be allowed to the Treaſurer of the Colony, for the Time being, for all ſuch Services and Things, as are or ſhall be required of him, by all or any of the Acts of General Aſſembly or otherwiſe; the Sum of, *Two Hundred Pounds*, *per Annum*, to commence from the firſt Day of *September* 1737? Which was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
John Walter, Eſq;	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
Capt. *Winne*,	Major *Plat*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Major *Mott*,
Col. *Hicks*,	*Simon Johnſton*, Eſq;
Col. *Johannis Lott*,	
Col. *Chambers*,	
John Le Count, Eſq;	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Col. *Matthews*,	
Mr. *Cuyper*,	
Mr. Speaker,	
Capt. *Brat*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Philip Verplank, Eſq;	

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, and proceeded to conſider how much ought to be allowed, for the ſeveral Salaries and other Contingences of the Colony, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* laſt paſt; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Adolph Philipſe*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, concerning the ſaid Services, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the Houſe, being as follows, *to wit*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to his Honour as Lieutnant Governor of this Colony, for the Years Salary that is expired, from the firſt Day of *September* 1737, to the firſt Day of *September*, in this preſent Year 1738, the Sum of - - £. 150

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Chief Juſtice, for his Salary and going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* laſt paſt, the Sum of - - - 300

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Second Judge, for his Salary and going the Circuits, during the ſaid Time, the Sum of - - 120

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Secretary, for ingroſſing and inrolling the Acts of General Aſſembly, during the ſame Time, the Sum of - 30

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the Council, during the ſaid Time, for his Service and Attendance on the Council, during the Sitting of the General Aſſembly, and for all other Publick Services, the Sum of - - 30

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Land and Tide-Waiter, after the Rate of *Thirty Pounds*, for one Year, from the 31ſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* laſt, the Sum of - 20

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Door Keeper of the Council, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* laſt, the Sum of - 20

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the *Indian* Interpreter at *Albany*, for Interpreting, *Thirty Pounds*, and for all ſuch Meſſages and other Services, as he has been directed to do by the Governor or the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* more, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt Day of *September* 1738, both amounting to Sum of - - - 90

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, for their Diſburſements and Expences to the ſix Nations of *Indians*, and for Preſents imployed by them, for the publick Services, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* laſt paſt, the Sum of - - 170

Reſolved, That there be allowed for Firewood and Candles, for the Garriſons in the City and County of *Albany*, from the 13th of *June* 1737, to the 13th of *June* 1738, the Sum of - - 200

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, for his Services as Clerk, for ingroſſing all public Acts, and for all other Incidents of his Office, *Twelve Shillings* a Day, upon a Certificate of the General Aſſembly, ſigned by the Speaker, for the Number of Days he actually ſerved in each Seſſion, from the 3d Day of *April* laſt, to the End of this preſent Seſſion.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Door Keeper of the General Aſſembly, *Five Shillings* a Day, for every Day he actually attended that Service, during the Time, and payable upon a like Certificate, as is above-mentioned.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for all the Services performed by him in that Office, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* laſt paſt, the Sum of - £. 200

Reſolved, That the uſual Allowances before-mentioned, ſhall be made payable as well out of the Ballance, which appeared to remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer, in the Year 1737, as out of the Money ariſen or to ariſe, by Virtue of the Act then paſſed, entitled, *An Act, for granting to his Majeſty, the ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government, in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner*

ner therein-mentioned; and that a Bill be brought in, to apply the ſaid Allowances accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members of *New-York*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, to appropriate the Payment of the ſaid Allowances accordingly.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, this Afternoon.

Major *Platt*, being acquainted of the Small-Pox being in Town, deſired Leave to be abſent.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1738.

Ordered,

THAT the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, do forthwith take into Cuſtody, *Samuel Bevier*, of *Ulſter* County, and bring him before the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer the Complaint of Col. *Gaaſbeck*.

Reſolved, That the Act, entitled, *An Act, for granting to his Majeſty, ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; be continued from the 31ſt of *December* next enſuing, to the 31ſt of *December*, which will be in the Year 1739.

And a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether a Drawback ſhall be allowed upon Wine exported, during the Time above-mentioned? And it was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner here-under-mentioned, *to wit*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
John Walter, Eſq;	*Johannis Lott*, Eſq;
Col. *Schuyler*,	Capt. *Winne*,
David Jones, Eſq;	*William Willet*, Eſq;
Col. *Philipſe*,	Major *Mott*.
John Lecount, Eſq;	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Brat*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*.
Philip Verplank, Eſq;	Mr. *Cuyper*,
Col. *Matthews*,	Col. *Hicks*.
Col. *Chambers*,	
Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;	
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	
James Alexander, Eſq;	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	
Col. *Beekman*.	

Then a Motion was made, that the ſaid Drawback, be *Twenty Shillings*, on a Pipe of Wine, exported within ſix Months after its Importation? And it was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, *to wit*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
William Willet, Eſq;	*John Walter*, Eſq;
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Philipſe*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	*James Alexander*,
Mr. *Cuyper*,	*Simon Johnſon*, Eſq;
Col. *Hicks*,	*Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq;
David Jones, Eſq;	
Col. *Schuyler*,	
John Lecount, Eſq;	
Capt. *Bratt*,	
Philip Verplank, Eſq;	
Col. *Matthews*,	
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Johannis Lott, Eſq;	
Capt. *Winne*.	

Reſolved, That on Wine, imported during the ſaid enſuing Year, a Drawback of *Twenty Shillings* a Pipe, ſhall be allowed, for what ſhall be exported with ſix Months after the Importation thereof.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the two Reſolutions above-mentioned, and that the Members of *New-York*, and the County of *Weſtcheſter*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Motion was made, by *David Jones*, Eſq; and the Queſtion was put, that the Conſideration of the Salaries, of the ſeveral Officers of the Government, and other Allowances for the enſuing Year, be poſtponed until the Meeting of this Houſe, the next Year? Which was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Adolph Philipſe, Eſq;	*John Walter*, Eſq;
Col. *Philipſe*,	Col. *Manhowi*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	*William Willet*, Eſq;
Johannis Lott, Eſq;	Major *Mott*,
John Lecount, Eſq;	Mr. *Cuyper*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Chambers*,	Capt. *Bratt*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	*Philip Verplank*, Eſq;
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	Col. *Hicks*,
Col. *Beekman*,	*Simon Johnſon*, Eſq;
David Jones, Eſq;	*James Alexander*, Eſq;
Capt. *Livingſton*.	

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech.

The following Motion was made, by *James Alexander*, Eſq; *viz.*

That a Duty of *Two-pence*, *per* Gallon, be raiſed on all ſpirituous Liquors, diſtilled within this Colony, towards paying *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, *per Ann.* for ſupporting one or more Agents, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, that whatever that is deficient of the ſaid Sum, be raiſed on all real and perſonal Eſtates in this Colony, and by the Direction of the Committee, the firſt Part of the ſaid Motion was put, *to wit*, that a Duty be laid on ſpirituous Liquors diſtilled in this Colony, towards the Uſe above-mentioned? And it was carried in the Affirmative, in this Manner, *to wit*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
David Jones, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
Johannis Lott, Eſq;	Col. *Chambers*,
John Lecount, Eſq;	Capt. *Brat*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
John Walter, Eſq;	Col. *Beekman*,
William Willet, Eſq;	Mr. Speaker,
Col. *Matthews*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	Capt. *Winne*,
Major *Mott*,	*Philip Verplank*, Eſq;
Mr. *Cuyper*,	
Col. *Hicks*,	
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Duty be aſcertained and fixed at *Two-pence*, *per* Gallon? And it was carried in the Affirmative, thus, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
David Jones, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
Johannis Lott, Eſq;	Col. *Chambers*,
John Lecount, Eſq;	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Beekman*,
John Walter, Eſq;	Mr. Speaker,
William Willet, Eſq;	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Col. *Hicks*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	Capt. *Winne*,
James Alexander, Eſq;	*Philip Verplank*, Eſq;
Major *Mott*,	Col. *Matthews*.
Mr. *Cuyper*,	
Capt. *Bratt*,	
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	

Ordered, That Candles be brought in, and they were bro't in, accordingly.

Then the latter Part of Mr. *Alexander*'s Motion, was propoſed to be put, but Major *Mott*, moved that the previous Queſtion ſhould be put, whether the ſaid Motion be now put, and the Queſtion being aſked accordingly? It paſſed in the Negative, *to wit*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
James Alexander, Eſq;	Col. *Philipſe*,
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. Speaker,	*David Jones*, Eſq;
Philip Verplank, Eſq;	*Johannis Lott*, Eſq;
	John Lecount, Eſq;
	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
	John Walter, Eſq;
	William Willet, Eſq;
	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
	Major *Mott*,
	Mr. *Cuyper*,
	Col. *Matthews*,
	Col. *Chambers*,
	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Capt. *Winne*,
	Capt. *Bratt*,
	Capt. *Livingſton*,
	Col. *Hicks*,
	Col. *Renſſelaer*.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether the uſual Duty on Hawkers and Pedlers, ſhall be applied as a further Fund to pay an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*? and it paſſed in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Philipſe*,	*James Alexander*, Eſq;
Col. *Chambers*,	*Simon Johnſon*, Eſq;
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	*Philip Verplank*, Eſq;
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. Speaker,
David Jones, Eſq;	Col. *Schuyler*,
Johannis Lott, Eſq;	Capt. *Winne*,

John

John Lecount, Eſq;
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
John Walter, Eſq;
William Willet, Eſq;
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Major *Mott*,
Mr. *Cuyper*,
Col. *Matthews*,
Col. *Hicks*.
Capt. *Bratt*.
Capt. *Livingſton*.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that what the ſaid two Funds prove deficient to diſcharge and pay the ſaid Agency, ſhall be made up by a Tax on the Eſtates real and perſonal in this Colony? And it paſſed in the Affirmative, in this Manner, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.
David Jones, Eſq;
Johannis Lott, Eſq;
John Lecount, Eſq;
John Walter, Eſq;
William Willet, Eſq;
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
James Alexander, Eſq;
Major *Mott*,
Mr. *Cuyper*,
Col. *Hicks*,
Simon Johnſon, Eſq;
Col. *Philipſe*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,
Col. *Schuyler*,
Capt. *Winne*.

For the Negative.
Col. *Chambers*,
Capt. *Bratt*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. Speaker,
Col. *Beekman*,
Philip Verplank, Eſq;
Col. *Matthews*.

Then Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; reported from the Committee, the following Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the Houſe, being at follows, *to wit*.

Reſolved, There be allowed for one or more Agents for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, *per Ann*.

Reſolved, That for diſcharging the ſaid Sum, there be a Duty laid on ſpirituous Liqours diſtilled in this Colony, of *Two-pence*, *per* Gallon.

Reſolved, That the uſual Duty on Hawkers and Pedlers, be likewiſe applied for the ſame Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That whatever theſe two Funds fall ſhort in any Year of the ſaid Agency, ſhall be made up by a Tax on the Eſtates real and perſonal in this Colony.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1738.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany*, or any three of them; and that they prepare a proper Clauſe, to raiſe a Sum, not exceeding the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, on the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, within the Colony of* New-York, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, and for other Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. Speaker from the Chair, acquainted this Houſe, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, had ſent for him this Morning, and acquainted him, that he was informed, that the Houſe intended to tack the Bill for the Continuance of the Paper Money, to the Bill for the Support of the Government; which he was pleaſed to ſay, he could not paſs, becauſe it was contrary to his Inſtructions, and ordered him to lay before this Houſe, Part of the 12th Inſtruction, which he then gave him; he further told him, that in Caſe the Aſſembly would Support his Majeſty's Government for five Years, he would continue the Exciſe for that Time; and the ſaid Inſtruction, being laid before the Houſe, and read, is in the following Words.

Part of the 12*th Inſtruction*,

You are to obſerve in the paſſing of Laws, that the Style of enacting the ſame be, by the Governor, Council and Aſſembly, and no other; you are alſo as much as poſſible, to obſerve in the paſſing of all Laws, that whatever may be requiſite upon each different Matter, be accordingly provided for by a different Law, without intermixing in one and the ſame Act, ſuch Things as have no proper Relation to each other.

And the ſaid Meſſage and Inſtruction, being taken into Conſideration by this Houſe;

It's unanimouſly reſolved, Not to paſs any Bill for the Grant of Monies for Support of Government, but with Aſſurance that the Bills ſtruck and iſſued in the Years 1714, and 1717, as alſo the Exciſe Act, be continued from the firſt Day of *November*, 1739, for a ſufficient Number of Years to cancel and deſtroy them Bills.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; do acquaint his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with the above Reſolution.

Col. *Schuyler*, and *Simon Johnſon*, Eſq; being returned, acquainted this Houſe, that in Purſuance of the above Order, they had waited on the Lieut. Governor, and acquainted him with the above Reſolution of this Houſe, on the Meſſage and Inſtruction aforeſaid, and that his Honour was pleaſed to anſwer, that he could not give his Aſſent to ſuch a Bill unleſs this Houſe would ſettle a Support for as long a Time, and in as ample a Manner as had been given to former Governors, neither could he conſent to the Appropriation of the Money.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1738.

WHEREAS upon a Complaint of Col. *Chambers*, on the 20th of *September* laſt, that one *Samuel Bevier*, had calumniated him, by ſaying he was a Rogue, and Lyar, and likewiſe, that he was a Fool, and no fit Perſon to be an Aſſembly Man, and that he was always drunk, and that the other Aſſembly Men could always make him do as they had a mind; the Houſe iſſued a Warrant to the Serjeant at Arms, to take the ſaid *Samuel Bevier* into Cuſtody, and bring him to the Bar of this Houſe, and by Reaſon of a Prorogation, the Serjeant at Arms not being able to make a Return of his Warrant, the ſaid Col. *Chambers* moved, that the Houſe would certify and declare how his Conduct and Behaviour

haviour has been in this House; whereupon the House do hereby unanimously certify, That the said Col. *Chambers* has duly attended the Service of this House, in a sober and discreet Manner, and that he (as far as is known to the other Members) always acted as a free Representative for the publick Service of this Colony.

Resolved, That in the Bill ordered to be brought in for the farther supporting this Government until the 31st of *December*, which will be in the Year 1739, and for paying the Salaries and Allowances, in the Year 1737, there shall be added one or more Clauses, to continue the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, passed in the 12th Year of her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, from the first Day of *November*, 1739, for such Number of Years as the House shall conceive sufficient to sink and cancel the Bills of Credit which were struck and issued by Virtue of the two Acts commonly called the Long Bills, passed in the Years 1714, and 1717, and that the Money to arise by the Excise, to be so continued, shall be applied for sinking and cancelling the said Bills, and that the said Bills shall remain current during the Time the said Excise is now intended to be continued.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to prepare the Bill first mentioned, do add proper Clauses therein, for the Purposes mentioned in the foregoing Resolution.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1738.

COL. *Schuyler*, and Capt. *Winne*, acquainted the House, that they had (according to Order) waited on the Lieut. Governor, and delivered their Message of the 18th Inst. upon which he was pleased to say, that he would do any Thing that was for the Good of *Indian* Affairs.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Corporation of *Kingston*, in the County of *Ulster*, was presented to the House, and read, complaining of some undue Practices and Proceedings, of some Supervisors and Justices, in the electing and approving of *James Stringham* as a Loan Officer; as also of some undue Proceedings of the said *James Stringham*, in that Office.

Ordered, That the several Persons complained of, be served with a Copy of the said Petition.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly.

Gentlemen,

WHEN you came together this Fall, I was not without Hopes that you brought with you hearty Dispositions to consult the true Interest of your Country, which can only be attained by a loyal and dutiful Regard to his Majesty's Honour, in the Support of his Government, since it is from thence only that you can hope for my Assent to such Laws, as the People whom you represent expect you will prepare for it.

You cannot but know that there are many Things of great Importance to the Province, that called for your early Help, for I recommended them to your Consideration. On some of them the Welfare (I was going to say the Fate) of your Country, in a great Measure depends; but how unconcerned you have been about them, the People whom you represent, will see by your Votes.

Ever since the Revolution, the Æra from whence we may date our present Happiness in the full Enjoyment of our civil and sacred Rights and Liberties, the Assemblies of this Province have, from Time to Time, given to his Majesty, and his Royal Predecessors, a Revenue for the Support of Government for a Term of Years: What I asked of you is no more; other Assemblies, prompted only by their Duty, and their Zeal and Affection to his Majesty and his royal Predecessors, have given such a Revenue as I have mentioned; but you had, besides these, other Inducements to do it; you have a large Sum of Paper Money subsisting, which will be next Year without any Fund to sink it; its Currency will cease, it will no longer pass, but become as waste Paper, and hundreds of People will then be Losers by it, for it will probably be in so many Hands. I offered to continue the sinking Fund if you would give such a Revenue as former Assemblies have all along given, nor was there any Thing new or unreasonable in the Demand. The Example of former Assemblies, your Duty to his Majesty, and Gratitude for his constant Protection of your Trade and Country, both by Land and Sea, at a vast Expence, the Fruits whereof you reap, ought to have determined you to accept of my Offer; but, instead of expressing your Gratitude and Duty, by supporting his Majesty's Goverment as former Assemblies have done, you sent Yesterday two of your Members to acquaint me, that it was unanimously resolved by your House, not to pass any Bill for the Grant of Monies for the Support of Government, but with Assurance that the Bills struck and issued in the Years 1714, and 1717, as also the Excise Act, should be continued from the first Day of *November*, 1739, for a sufficient Number of Years to cancel and destroy them Bills. I see too in your Votes of Yesterday, in the Afternoon, a Resolve of your House in the following Words, *to wit*.

"*Resolved*, That in the Bill ordered to be brought in for the further supporting this Government until the 31st of *December*, which will be in the Year 1739, and for paying the Salaries and Allowances in the Year 1737, there shall be added one or more Clauses to continue the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed*

in this Colony, paſſed in the twelfth Year of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, from the firſt Day of *November*, 1739, for ſuch Number of Years as the Houſe ſhould conceive ſufficient to ſink and cancel the Bills of Credit which were ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of the two Acts commonly called the Long Bills, paſſed in the Years 1714, and 1717, and that the Money to ariſe by the Exciſe, to be ſo continued, ſhall be applied for ſinking and cancelling the ſaid Bills, and that the ſaid Bills ſhall remain current during the Time the ſaid Exciſe is now intended to be continued."

On this Reſolve you ordered that the Committee appointed to prepare the Bill firſt mentioned, do add proper Clauſes therein for the Purpoſes mentioned in the aforegoing Reſolution: Theſe are ſuch preſumptuous, daring, and unprecedented Steps, that I could not look upon them without Aſtoniſhment, nor with Honour, ſuffer you to ſit any longer; I have therefore thought fit, with the unanimous Advice of his Majeſty's Council, to diſſolve you, and you are accordingly diſſolved.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Colony of *NEW-YORK.*

MEMORANDUM.

THE General Assembly having been dissolved, on *Friday* the 20th of *October* 1738, Writs were issued on the 14th of *February*, for chooſing a new one, returnable the 27th of *March* 1739, in Consequence whereof, the following Persons were returned Representatives, for the several Places here-under-mentioned, *viz.*

City and County of *New-York.*
Adolph Philipſe, Esq;*
Col. *John Moore*,*
David Clarkſon, Esq;*
William Roome, Esq;*

City and County of *Albany.*
Col. *Philip Schuyler*,
Capt. *Peter Winne*,*

Weſtcheſter County.
Col. *Frederick Philipſe*,*
Mr. *Daniel Purdy.*

Suffolk County.
Mr. *David Pierſon*,
Mr. *William Nicoll.*

Queen's County.
David Jones, Esq;
Mr. *Thomas Cornell.*

King's County.
Abraham Lot, Esq;*
Col. *Johannis Lot.*

Ulſter County.
Mr. *John Hardenbergh*,*
Mr. *Abraham Haaſbrook.**

Richmond County.
John Le Count, Esq;
Richard Stillwell, Esq;

Dutcheſs County.
Col. *Henry Beekman*,*
Jacobus Tur Boſs, Esq;

Orange County.
Mr. *Gabriel Ludlow*,*
Thomas Gale, Esq;*

Borough of *Weſtcheſter.*
Col. *Lewis Morris.**

Townſhip of *Schenectady.*
Capt. *Arent Bradt.*

Manor of *Renſſelaerwyck.*
Col. *Jeremiah Van Renſſelaer.*

Manor of *Livingſton.*
Capt. *Robert Livingſton*,*

Manor of *Cortlandt.*
Philip Verplank, Esq;

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. March* 27, 1739.

FOURTEEN of the said Members (*to wit*, those marked thus*) appearing in the Assembly Chamber in the City-Hall, they desired Col. *Morris* and Col. *Moore*, to wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him with the Number met, and that they attend his Directions.

Col. *Morris* and Col. *Moore*, being returned, reported to the Members, that his Honour had been pleased to say, he would come up to the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, and there would send for them.

Mr. *Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainted the Members, *That his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, required their immediate Attendance at the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.*

Then the said Members, repaired to the Council Chamber, in

in the City-Hall, accordingly; and there took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration, and took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, purſuant to the Laws made for thoſe Purpoſes, before his Honour in Council: After which, his Honour directed them to return to their Houſe and chooſe a Speaker, and preſent him to his Honour, for his Approbation; and they being returned to the Aſſembly Chamber, unanimouſly choſe *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; their Speaker, and conducted him to, and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Then the Houſe waited on his Honour, and preſented their Speaker, who was pleaſed to approve of their Choice; and after a ſhort Apology in behalf of himſelf, and deſiring the uſual Privileges and Protection of the Members and their Servants, he acquainted his Honour, that many of the Members who have not had the Small Pox, were afraid to come to the Houſe at this Time, when that Diſtemper was ſo rife in this City; and therefore were deſirous, that either the Meeting might be adjourned for ſome Time, or that the Aſſembly might meet at ſome other Place. Whereupon his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, that he was ready to conſent, that they ſhould ſit at ſome convenient Place near this City, and that he would ſend a *Dedimus* to qualify them there; after which his Honour was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Houſe, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy, which was read in the Houſe, and is as follows;

Gentlemen,

'I Take this firſt Oportunity to congratulate you, on the Birth of a Prince of his Majeſty's royal and illuſtrious Houſe, an Event, propitious to the Proteſtant World in general, and more eſpecially to all his Majeſty's Dominions.

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I iſſued Writs for the Election of this Aſſembly, and for their Meeting ſo ſoon as the Seaſon of the Year would admit of it, there being many Things, that require your early Attention; and I hope you have brought with you Diſpoſitions, equal to your Abilities, to conſult his Majeſty's Honour, and the true Intereſt of the People whom you repreſent; which are ſo linked together, that they cannot be ſeparated, without evident Injury to your Country; your Duty and Allegiance exact the firſt, and the other is expected from you by the People; you have beſides theſe Obligations, many other that ought to excite your Gratitude to the beſt of Kings; your Trade and Navigation are ſecured by a Guard Ship, your Frontiers and Settlements by a Land Force, which are maintained at a great Expence to *England*, while you reap the Benefit of this his Majeſty's Bounty and Goodneſs, both in the Protection they give you, and in the large Sums of Money that they expend yearly among you; you are happy in the full Enjoyment of your ſacred and civil Rights and Liberties; in a Word, you are poſſeſſed of all thoſe ineſtimable Bleſſings, that are peculiar to *Engliſhmen*, and which the People of other Countries would purchaſe at the Expence of all they are worth; being in this happy Situation, it ought to be your principal Care to ſhew your Gratitude, in ſupporting his Majeſty's Government, by which you are protected in the Enjoyment of thoſe Felicities; look up then to the great Example of a *Britiſh* Parliament, who expreſs their Duty, their Zeal and Affection to his Majeſty, by devoting their firſt Counſels to his Service, in giving him an honourable Revenue; do you ſo likewiſe, and then you may with Confidence hope for the Continuance of his royal Favour in all Things reaſonable, the ſureſt Means to make you a flouriſhing People.

'There is now a long Arrear due for the Support of Government, the yearly Amount whereof you well know; I therefore earneſtly recommend it to you, to make ſpeedy and ample Proviſion for the Payment of it, and to give to his Majeſty, for ſuch Term of Years as former Aſſemblies have done before you, an ample and honourable Revenue for the future Support of his Government, which his Majeſty expects from you; former Aſſemblies have done this ever ſince the happy Revolution, and ſome of them at a Time, when the Province was far leſs populous, when your Trade was much inferior to what it now is, and when a Detachment of the Militia, was yearly ſent to *Albany*, at a large Expence to the Colony, to defend the Frontiers againſt the *French*, with whom we were then at War, a Situation widely different from the happy peaceful State wherein you now are; and which, I hope you will long enjoy by the powerful Influence of his Majeſty's juſt and ſteady Meaſures, guided by the moſt conſummate Wiſdom.

'The Fort in the *Séneka*'s Country, and one Part of the Barracks in *Fort George*, will tumble down, if they be not ſpeedily repaired; I therefore recommend it to you, to make effectual Proviſion for thoſe Purpoſes; your own Intereſt requires it, as it will be much leſs Expence to repair, than to rebuild them.

'I have again, ſent ſome Perſons to reſide in the *Séneka*'s Country this Year, to defeat the Attempts of the *French*, who are always induſtrious to alienate the Affections of the *Indians* from us, and I make no doubt (if you will enable me) of obtaining from the *Séneka*'s ſome Land at *Tierondequat*, ſufficient to erect a Fort on, and to raiſe Proviſions to victual a Garriſon, which will be of great Uſe in that Place, both in ſecuring your Fur Trade, and the Fidelity of the Six Nations; and as they are Matters of great Importance to you, they require your preſent Attention.

'This is the Year that the Six Nations, expect of Courſe to meet me at Albany; but as the late Aſſembly neglected to give the uſual Sums of Money for that Service, I recommend it to you; I for my Part, will be ready to meet them there, if you enable me, and I hope you will do it in Time, leaſt a Diſappointment of their Expectations, ſhould ſhake their Fidelity to his Majeſty, the Conſequences whereof, may prove fatal to the Province.

'The Peopling of that Part of the Country to the Northward of *Saraghtoga*, will be of great Advantage to the Province, as well in ſtrengthening the Frontier, as inlarging your Trade; ſeveral Families arrived here the laſt Fall from North *Britain*, who are willing to ſettle there, and more expected from thence this Year, but as they are poor, they will want ſome Help to enable them to ſubſiſt their Families, until by their Labour they can raiſe Proviſions to ſubſiſt themſelves, and I am perſuaded, that you will give them ſome needful Aſſiſtance.

Gentlemen,

'I have received his Majeſty's Diſapprobation of the Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1737, *for the frequent Election of Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly, and for the frequent Meeting of the General Aſſembly ſo elected*; a Copy whereof, I have ordered to be laid before you, that it may be entered in your Journals.

'The Act paſſed in the Year 1699, *for the regulating and returning able and ſufficient Jurors*, being expired, I recommend it to you, to paſs a Bill for the like Purpoſe; and that it may be more effectual, you will do well to conſult the Laws of *England*, on that Head; and to make it as agreeable thereto, as the Circumſtances of the Province will admit of; ſuch a Law will be of great Advantage to the Province, in guarding and fencing the Lives, Liberties and Properties of the People, from the Dangers that may otherwiſe threaten them, and ſuch a Law too, ought to be perpetual.

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'The making good the Deficiences of the Revenue, and giving a future Support for a Term of Years; require at this Time, your moſt ſerious Conſideration, as the Tranquility and Proſperity of the Province, do in the higheſt Degree depend thereon; nor is your own Reputation and Honour leſs concerned therein, ſince your Actions, not Words, muſt be the Meaſure of your Zeal and Affection to his Majeſty's Perſon and Government. You have now an Opportunity, to ſhew that your Zeal and Affection are nothing ſhort of that, which former Aſſemblies have manifeſted on the like Occaſions; you will thereby too, have Opportunities to eſtabliſh a perfect and laſting Harmony in the Province, and to gain the Applauſe of every Well-Wiſher to the Country, by paſſing ſuch Bills, as may conduce to make you an opulent People; do you what is incumbent on you, and you will find me ready to aſſent to ſuch Bills as are not inconſiſtent with his Majeſty's Honour and my Duty.'

March 27, 1739. GEO. CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed. Ordered

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of the Houſe, be likewiſe printed, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Perſon, but ſuch as he ſhall appoint, do preſume to print the ſame.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more eaſy Acknowledgment and Recording of Deeds*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved and Ordered, That the Speaker and five Members, have Power to adjourn the Houſe, from Day to Day, and for no longer Time, unleſs by the Approbation of the Lieut. Governor or Commander in Chief; and likewiſe, that they be a ſufficient Number to be preſent at an Adjournment or Prorogation of the Houſe, but no leſs Number than a Majority of it, ſhall have Power to tranſact any other Buſineſs.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. March* 28, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 29, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 10 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 10 *ho. A. M. March* 30, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and by the Approbation of the Lieut. Governor, ſignified by Capt. *Winne* and Mr. *Haaſbrook*, adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 2, 1739.

THE Houſe met (and Capt. *Winne*, informing the Houſe, that he and Capt. *Livingſton*, ſaw Col. *Philip Schuyler* and Mr. *Arent Bradt*, take the Oaths and make Subſcriptions according to Law, before the Chief Juſtice, who had a *Dedimus* for that Purpoſe, the ſaid Members took their Places accordingly) and adjourned to 10 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 3, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 4, 1739.

COL. *Beekman*, informed the Houſe, that he and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, ſaw Mr. *Jacobus Tur Boſs*, take the Oaths and make Subſcriptions according to Law, before the Chief Juſtice, who had a *Dedimus* for that Purpoſe; whereupon the ſaid Mr. *Tur Boſs*, took his Place accordingly.

As a Majority of this Houſe, has not met ſince the Time his Honour the Lieut. Governor made his Speech to it, on the 7th of laſt Month;

Ordered, That the ſaid Speech be again read, and after the reading thereof;

Ordered, That the ſame be committed, to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Speech be taken into Conſideration, on *Friday* next.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor be addreſſed on his ſaid Speech; and,

Ordered, That the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, and of the County of *Weſtchester*, do prepare and bring in the Draught of ſuch an Addreſs accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Ludlow*, Mr. *Abraham Lott*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, or any five of them be, and hereby are appointed a Committee of Privileges and Elections, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, and that they meet every *Tueſday* and *Friday* at five o'Clock in the Afternoon, in the Houſe, and that they may adjourn to any other Place, and that they do report their Proceedings with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe, from Time to Time.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances, do ſet every *Wedneſday* in the Afternoon in the Houſe.

As one third Part of the Members have not had the Small Pox, and for that Reaſon ſcruple to attend the Service of the Houſe in this City, but are willing to do it in the Houſe of Capt. *Warren*, at *Greenwich*;

Ordered, That Col. *Moore* and Mr. *Clarkſon*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, and deſire that he will be pleaſed to allow the Houſe, to adjourn themſelves to the Place above-mentioned.

Col. *Moore*, reported that Mr. *Clarkſon* and himſelf, had (according to Order) waited on the Lieut. Governor, with the above Meſſage, and that his Honour had readily agreed, that the Houſe ſhould adjourn to, and ſit at *Greenwich*.

Ordered, That the Houſe be adjourned thither accordingly.

And then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe, to meet there To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 5, 1739.

COL. *Morris* reported to the Houſe, that he, and Col. *Schuyler*, ſaw Col. *Renſſelaer* take the Oaths, and make Subſcriptions according to Law, before the Chief Juſtice, who had a Dedimus for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer* take his Place accordingly.

Coll *Philipſe* reported to the Houſe, that he, and Mr. *Abraham Lot*, ſaw *David Jones*, Eſq; Mr. *David Purdy*, Col. *Johannis Lot*, and Mr. *Thomas Cornell*, take the Oaths, and make Subſcriptions according to Law, before the Chief Juſtice, who had a Dedimus for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the above-mentioned Members take their Places accordingly.

Col. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of an Addreſs to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, delivered in ſuch a Draught accordingly; which was read, and after ſome Amendments thereto, was approved of by the Houſe; and,

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer*, and Mr. *Hardenberg*, wait on the Lieut. Governor to know when and where he will be attended with the Addreſs of this Houſe to his Honour.

Upon a Motion of *David Jones*, Eſq;

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That when a Queſtion is put in the Houſe, or in a Committee of the whole Houſe, and carried in the Affirmative or Negative, as the Caſe may happen, that not only a Minute be made of the Queſtion, and how carried, as uſual, but that alſo the Perſons Names who voted for and againſt it, be taken Notice of, and publiſhed in the Votes.

A Petition of *Abraham Gaaſbeck Chambers*, and *Albert Pauling*, Eſqrs, both of *Ulſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of an undue Election, lately held in the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and make report to the Houſe, and that the Parties be heard either by themſelves or their Council.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Philipſe*, *David Jones*, Eſq; Mr. *Abraham Lot*, *David Clarkſon*, Eſq; and Mr. *Lecount*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inſpect what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report to the Houſe, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and likewiſe what other new Acts they ſhall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony, and the Inhabitants thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 6, 1739.

COL. *Renſſelaer* reported to the Houſe, that he, and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, had waited on the Lieutenant Governor, to know when and where his Honour would be attended with the Addreſs of this Houſe, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to appoint 5 o'Clock this Afternoon, in the Council Room in *Fort-George*.

The ingroſſed Addreſs to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, was read and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker ſign the ſaid Addreſs in Behalf of the Houſe; which Addreſs is in the Words following.

To the Honourable *George Clarke*, Esq; Lieut. Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony of *New-York*.

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the said Colony.

May it please your Honour,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of this Colony, do, with Hearts full of Joy, sincerely congratulate your Honour on the Birth of a Prince of his Majesty's Royal House, as an Event very propitious for the British *Nation in general.*

We embrace this Opportunity to assure you, that the several Matters recommended to us by your Honour, shall, in the Course of our Proceedings, be maturely considered, and have their due Weight adequate to the Reasonableness of the Things and to the Circumstances of the Colony.

We conceive it our indispensable Duty on the other Hand, to preserve the Credit, and to promote the Welfare of the Colony, and do flatter ourselves that the Bills we shall in the mean while prepare for those Purposes, will receive the Assent of your Honour, who has so considerable an Interest in the Country.

We were in no small Hopes from the Declaration your Honour had been pleased to make to the late Assembly, that the Act for the frequent Elections of Representatives, would have received the royal Assent, and though you have acquainted us that his Majesty has thought fit to disapprove thereof, we flatter ourselves, that if a new Act was prepared for that Purpose, agreeable to the Laws of Great-Britain, *his Majesty would be graciously pleased to approve of it.*

As for our Parts, we are met with a real Disposition to discharge our Duty as well for the Good and Benefit of the Colony, as for the Service of his Majesty.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, and such Members as return to Town, do present the said Address to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, at the Time and Place above-mentioned.

Col. *Philipse* moved that a Bill might be brought in to continue an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony*, passed in the 12th Year of her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, from the first Day of *November*, in this present Year 1739, for such Number of Years as the House shall conceive sufficient to sink and cancel the Bills of Credit which were struck and issued upon that Fund, by Virtue of the two Acts commonly called the Two Long Bills, passed in the Years 1714, and 1717, and that the Money to arise by the Excise to be so continued, may be applied for sinking and cancelling the said Bills, and that the said Bills shall remain current during the Time the said Excise shall be continued.

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente, That a Bill be brought in for those Purposes, and that he prepare and bring in the same accordingly.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony, do lay before this House, by *Wednesday* next, an Account how much has arisen by Virtue of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned, from the first of* September *last, until the* 31*st of* December *following inclusive.*

Ordered, That the Treasurer do, at the same Time, lay before the House, a List or Account, for how much, and to whom the Excise has been let to Farm, from the first of *November* last, to the first of *November* next ensuing.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House serve the Treasurer with a Copy of the above Orders.

Whereas by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for emitting Bills of Credit for Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purposes therein-mentioned*; the Treasurer was directed to send for several Books for the Use of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer deliver into the Assembly Chamber, in the City of *New-York*, so many of the said Books as he has already procured, unto the Members of the said City and County, or to any two of them, who are to deposite the same in the said Chamber, or in the Speaker's Room, for the Use aforesaid, and to make a List or Catalogue thereof, to be entered in the Journal of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk serve the Treasurer with a Copy of the above Order.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, *David Clarkson*, Esq; in Behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman of the said Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Col. *Philipse* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 7, 1739.

THE Speaker acquainted the House, that he, and a Majority of the Members, had Yesterday at six of the Clock in the Afternoon, waited on the Lieut. Governor in *Fort-George*, with the Address of this House; that he read, and then presented the same to him, and his Honour gave the following Answer thereto.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this Address, and am very glad to find you met with real Dispositions to consult his Majesty's Honour, and the true Interest of your Country, which are so blended as not to be separated by you without Injury and Dishonour to the Province. You cannot take a surer way to have your Laws approved, than by making them agreeable to those of England, *and you may be assured that I will use my best Endeavours to obtain his Majesty's royal Approbation of them, and will do the Province all the Service which my Duty to his Majesty, and my Honour, will allow me to do.*

Col. *Philipse* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County, and* Richmond *County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. *Ludlow* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace, living in the South Part of *Orange* County, to raise in that Part of the County to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, for finishing and compleating the Court-House and Prison, in *Orange* Town.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris*, Chairman, reported the Proceedings and Resolution of the said Committee, in Manner following, *to wit*.

A Motion was made by *David Jones*, Esq; that as the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting unto his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned, passed in the Year* 1737, was expired, the Committee would come to a Resolution to lay and continue the same Duties for some further Time; and Debates arising thereupon, Mr. Speaker moved that the previous Question might be put, whether the said Motion should be now put? And the said previous Motion being accordingly put, and the Question asked thereupon, it was carried in the Affirmative by sixteen against four, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Jacobus Turbosh, Esq;	*Adolph Philipse*, Esq;
Capt. *Livingston*,	*David Clarkson*, Esq;
Col. *Philipse*,	Col. *Moore*, and
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	*William Rooms*, Esq;
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	
Capt. *Bratt*,	
Mr. *Haasbrook*,	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Capt. *Winne*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Col. *Lot*,	
Mr. *Cornell*,	
David Jones, Esq; and	
Col. *Schuyler*.	

Then Mr. *Jones* did again move, that the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting unto his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned, passed in the Year* 1737; being expired, that this Committee would come to a Resolution to lay and continue the same Duties for some further Time; and that Motion being accordingly put, and the Question asked thereupon, it was carried in the Affirmative by 16 against 4; thus,

For

For the Affirmative.
Jacobus Turbosi, Esq;
Capt. *Livingston*,
Col. *Philipse*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Bratt*,
Mr. *Haasbrook*,
Col. *Beekman*,
Capt. *Winne*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,
Mr. *Gale*,
Mr. *Purdy*,
Col. *Lot*,
Mr. *Cornell*,
Mr. *Jones*, and
Col. *Schuyler*.

For the Negative.
Adolph Philipse, Esq;
David Clarkson, Esq;
Col. *Moore*, and
William Roome, Esq;

After which the said Committee came to the following Resolution, *to wit*.

Resolved, That the Act, entitled, *An Act, for granting unto his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time, and in the Manner therein-mentioned, passed in the Year* 1737, being expired by its own Limitation, be revived and continued from the first Day of *May*, in this present Year 1739, unto the first Day of *December* next following.

Then the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the said Committee, the Proceedings and Resolution above-mentioned; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same was again read, and approved of by the House, and thereupon it was

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the foregoing Resolution, and that Mr. *Jones*, and Col. *Schuyler*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into further Consideration on *Monday* next.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 9, 1739.

COL. *Schuyler* reported to the House that he and Mr. *Purdy*, saw Mr. *Lecount*, and Mr. *Stillwell*, take the Oaths, and make Subscriptions according to Law, before the Chief Justice, who had a Dedimus for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Messieurs *Lecount*, and *Stillwell*, take their Places accordingly.

His Honour the Lieut. Governor, sent to the House his Majesty's Repeal and Disapprobation of the Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act, for the frequent Election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent calling and meeting of the General Assembly so elected, passed in the Year* 1737; which being read;

Ordered, That the same be entered at large in the Journal of the House, and that the Clerk do return it to the Lieutenant Governor, being in the Words following, *to wit*:

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 30th *November*, 1738.

PRESENT,

The KING'S most excellent MAJESTY.

Archbishop of *Canterbury*,	Earl of *Albercorne*,
Lord Chancellor,	Earl of *Silkirk*,
Lord President,	Lord *Harvey*,
Duke of *Montague*,	Lord *Harrington*,
Earl of *Pembroke*,	Mr. Speaker,
Earl of *Grantham*,	Sir *Paul Methuen*,
Earl of *Cholmondley*,	*Horatio Walpole*, Esq;

WHEREAS by Commission under the great Seal of *Great-Britain*, the Governor, Council, and Assembly of his Majesty's Province of *New-York*, are authorized and impowered to make, constitute and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, for the public Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the said Province; which Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, are to be, as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, and to be transmitted for his Majesty's royal Approbation or Disallowance: And whereas in pursuance of the said Powers, an Act was passed in the said Province in *December*, 1737, entitled,

An Act, for the frequent Election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and for the frequent calling and meeting of the General Assembly so elected.

Which Act, together with a Representation from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, proposing the Repeal thereof, having been refered to the Consideration of a Committee of the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, for Plantation Affairs, the said Lords of the Committee did, this Day, report to his Majesty, as their Opinion, that the said Act ought to be repealed: His Majesty taking the same into his royal Consideration, was pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to declare his Disallowance of the said Act, and pursuant to his Majesty's royal Pleasure thereupon expressed, the said Act is hereby repealed, declared void and of none Effect; whereof the Governor, or Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

J. VERNON.

Alderman *Roome* reported, That the Treasurer had (according to an Order of this House the 6th Instant) delivered this Morning into the Assembly Chamber, in the City-Hall of *New-York*, in the Presence of the Speaker and himself, the following Books, *to wit*.

The Statutes at large, in six Volumes of the public Acts of Parliament, from Magna Charta, to the seventh Year of his present Majesty's Reign, lettered on the Back and on the Sides, in Capital Golden Letters, *viz*.

FOR THE USE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COLONY OF NEW-YORK.

And the Votes of the House of Commons, from the 24th of *January*, in the eleventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, to the 20th of *May*, 1738.

And he reported further, That the Treasurer had informed them, that as he had not been able to procure in *Barbados*, *Jamaica*, and *Virginia*, the Laws of those Places, he has ordered them to be sent from *London*.

Ordered, That the said Statutes and Votes, remain in the said Chamber, or in the Speaker's Room, to and for the only Use of the General Assembly for the Time being, whilst they are sitting.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revive an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of these several Counties, or any six of them.

Col. *Philipse* moved for Leave to be absent to attend the Circuit Courts, in *Richmond* County, which the House was not inclinable to grant, because they were unwilling to spare any Members at this Time.

David Jones, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for granting to his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time, and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; which was read the first Time and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. *Ludlow* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace, living in the South Part of* Orange *County, to raise in that Part of the County to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating the Court-House and Prison, in* Orange *Town*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Mr. *Ludlow* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for holding Elections, to choose Representatives at both Court Houses in *Orange* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 10, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for granting unto his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the*

the Manner therein-mentioned; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

David Jones, Esq; from the Committee to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto; which they directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, living in the South Part of* Orange *County, to raise in that Part of the County to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating the Court House and Prison, in* Orange *Town*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange*, *Ulster*, and *Dutchess* Counties, or any 4 of them.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris* reported, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Mr. *Ludlow* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for holding Elections of Representatives, in the County of* Orange, *at both Court Houses in the said County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. April 11, 1739.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for holding Elections of Representatives in the County of* Orange, *at both Court Houses in the said County*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Treasurer (according to Order) laid before the House, the following Account and List, *viz.*

An Account how much has arisen by Virtue of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majesty, several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; from the first Day of *September* 1738, to the 31st of *December* following, being - - - £. 668 11 2 ½

And by a former Account, it appears that there had arisen by the said Act, from the 31st of *December*, to the said first Day of *September*, the Sum of - - 2244 15 5 ½

So that the whole Produce of the Duties imposed by that Act, amounts to the Sum of £. 2913 6 8

And a List to whom and for how much the Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, has been let to Farm in the Cities and Counties therein-mentioned; from the first Day of *November* 1738, to *prime November* next, amounting to the Sum of £. 546 15 0

By which List it appears, that no Account or Bonds have been transmitted to the Treasury of the said Excise, from the following Places, *viz.*

From the City and County of *Albany*.
From *King*'s County.
From *Suffolk* County.
From *Richmond* County. And,
From *Orange* County.

And the Titles of the said Accounts and List being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House.

Capt. *Livingston*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for granting unto his Majesty, several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and added some Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table; where it was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration, To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. April 12, 1739.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for granting to his Majesty, several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*, with some Alterations thereto; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Upon a Motion of Mr. *Hardenbergh*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House, make out Summonses, from Time to Time, concerning any controverted Elections before the House, to such Person or Persons as shall apply to him for the same.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration, To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. April 13, 1739.

ALDERMAN *Roome*, reported, That he and Mr. *Hasbrook*, saw Mr. *William Nicoll*, take the Oaths and make Subscriptions according to Law, before the Chief Justice, who is authorized for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Mr. *Nicoll*, take his Place as a Member of this House accordingly.

An Account, was delivered to the House, of *Daniel Gautier*, for Materials and Workmanship of a Table, made by him, for the Room wherein the Assembly now sits at this Place, amounting to the Sum of, *One Pound, One Shilling and Threepence.*

And whereas by the Adjournment of the House, from the City-Hall to *Greenwich* (for the Reasons mentioned the 3d of this Month) several other Expences have accrued, for transporting the Chairs, Books, Papers, Desk and other Things, from the City-Hall to this Place, as there will likewise accrue, for returning them thither again.

Ordered, That the Clerk or Door Keeper prepare an Account, how much those Charges have and will amount to, That Care may be taken at the next Meeting of the House, to discharge the several Charges above-mentioned; as likewise for mending Glass Windows in the Assembly Chamber, and for the Use of this Room.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. April 14, 1739.

A Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County*, *and* Richmond *County*; and,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for granting to his Majesty, several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; with some Alterations thereto.

Which Message was received, as well because the House is upon the Point of taking a Recess till after Harvest, as because the Council do at present, sit at so great a Distance from the Assembly; but that the House

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do however, reserve to themselves, the Privilege of Right belonging to them, *viz.* That all Messages from the Council, touching the passing of Bills, be brought by one of their Members.

Col. *Philipse*, Chairman of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported from the said Committee, That the Parties and their Council being called in, and having argued the two Points specified in the Petition of Capt. *Albert Pawling* and Col. *Gaasbeck Chambers*, against the sitting Members, for *Ulster* County, and refered to this Committee; also the Motion of Mr. *Smith*, that any Person having been questioned upon the Poll, and sworn his Oath, should be conclusive; which Matters having been duly considered, the said Committee, came to the following Resolutions.

1. *That a Scrutiny be allowed of, in the controverted Election above-mentioned.*

2. *That a proper Form of an Oath be prescribed by the House, to be administred to the Persons objected to on either Side.*

3. *That if any Person having been scrupled, and his Vote not allowed of, on Account of his Non-Age, such Person may be permitted to prove his Age by the Oath of any other Person, and that if any Person under the Age of* 21 *Years, hath been polled at the said Election, his Vote ought to be struck out of the said Poll.*

4. *That if any Person, having proved he did offer to give his Vote in the said Election, and tendered to swear to his Freehold, but being refused by the Sheriff, such Person, shall (upon taking the said prescribed Oath) have his Name added to the Poll.*

5. *That the Petitioners or their Agents, do deliver to the sitting Members, or to their Agents, Lists of the Persons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the sitting Members, mentioning in the said Lists, the several Heads of Objection, and distinguishing the same against the Names of the Voters excepted to, and that the sitting Members, do by themselves or by their Agents, deliver the like Lists, to the Petitioners or their Agents.*

April 14, 1739. By Order of the Committee,
Frederick Philipse, Chairman.

Which Report being duly considered, was approved of and agreed to by the House, and thereupon the House came to the Resolutions and Orders following, *viz.*

Resolved, That there shall be a Scrutiny of the said Election, and that the same shall be held in the Court House at *Kingston*, before and in the Presence of, Col. *Philip Schuyler*, Col. *Jeremiah Rensselaer*, Capt. *Peter Winne*, Mr. *Jacobus Tur Bos* and Mr. *Thomas Gale*, or any three of them, and that the said Scrutiny be begun the first *Tuesday* in the Month of *June* next, and be continued from Day to Day, until the same is wholly gone through, and the Members before whom the same is made, have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, and they are to report to this House, at its first Meeting after the present intended Recess, a true and full Account, how the said Scrutiny shall appear to them.

Resolved, That the several Voters, against whom Objections shall be made of either Side, shall, before such of the said Members, as shall appear in the said Court House, for holding the said Scrutiny, be obliged to take the following Oath, *viz.* *YOU* A. B. *do swear upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that at the Time you gave your Vote at the last Election of Representatives for* Ulster *County, you had Lands or Tenements improved in the said County, to the Value of* Forty Pounds *in Freehold; and that you had your Title to such Freehold, three Months before the* 14*th Day of* February *last, and that you did not procure that Freehold, to gain your Voice in the said Election.* So help you God.

And all such of the said Voters that shall take the same, shall be allowed good Votes, and such of them as refuse to take it, are to be disallowed and struck out of the Poll, and concerning Minors and refused Votes, as well as in all other Matters relating to the said Scrutiny; the same are to be conformable to the Report of the Committee aforesaid.

And in pursuance of a mutual Agreement between the said Parties, it is

Ordered, That the said Parties, do on the second *Tuesday* in *May* next, in the said Court House, between the Hours of 8 and 12, before Noon, exchange Lists of the several Voters each of them do object against, and that such Lists, shall be in the Form and Manner mentioned in the said Report.

Ordered, That the Expences of such of the aforesaid Members as do come to hold the said Scrutiny at *Kingston*, shall be equally borne, paid and discharged, by the Parties aforesaid, until the said Scrutiny be finished and compleated.

Ordered, That the Clerk deliver a Copy of the Report, and of the several Resolutions and Orders aforesaid, to Col. *Philip Schuyler*, for the Use of the Members, before whom the said Scrutiny is to be held; and that he likewise give Copies thereof, to the Parties that apply for the same.

The Speaker acquainted the House, that as the Members who have not had the Small Pox, intend to return to their Habitations from *Greenwich*, had proposed to the Lieut. Governor, that the Remainder of the House, might adjourn to the Assembly Chamber, in the City-Hall of *New-York*, and that his Honour had readily agreed thereto.

Resolved, That the House be adjourned thither accordingly.

And then the Speaker adjourned the House, to meet in the Assembly Chamber, in the City-Hall in *New-York*, at 3 o'Clock this Afternoon.

New-York, *Die Sabatii*, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 14, 1739.

FREDERICK MORRIS, Deputy Clerk of the Council, attending without, was called in, and delivered the following verbal Message from the Lieut. Governor, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor, requires the immediate Attendance of this House, in the Council Room in the City-Hall.

The Speaker and the House went thither accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and made the following Report to the House, *to wit.*

That his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and the Members of the House, been pleased to give his Assent to the two following Bills, entitled,

1. *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Swine from running at large in the City and County of* New-York, *the County of* Westchester, Queen's *County*, King's *County, and* Richmond *County.*

2. *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for granting to his Majesty, several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; with some Alterations thereto.

That after the said Assent, he had acquainted the Lieut. Governor, that he had it in Charge from the House, to desire him, that he would allow it a Recess, to the third or rather to the fourth *Tuesday* in *August*, by which Time, the Members hoped the Town would be clear of the Small Pox, which is still very rife in it, and that his Honour had readily consented thereto.

And that after the said two Acts were published at the City Hall, in the usual Manner, the Lieutenant Governor had recommended him to return to the House, and adjourn it to the fourth *Tuesday* in *August* next.

Then the Speaker adjourned the House, to the fourth *Tuesday* in *August* next, and the House is accordingly adjourned, to the said fourth *Tuesday*, in the Month of *August* next ensuing.

[*Here begins the* 13*th of* George *the* IId.]

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 28, 1739.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment of this House, on the 14th of *April* last, to this Day, 13 Members being met in the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair, and the Members their Places; and they being of Opinion, that a sufficient Number to proceed upon Business was not like to appear this Day, desired Col. *Beekman*, and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, to acquaint his Honour the Lieut. Governor, what Number of Members are met, and that they intend to adjourn until To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned to *Wednesday* next, 10 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 29, 1739.

SEVERAL Members appearing in the House more than did Yesterday;

Ordered, That Col. *Rensselaer*, and Mr. *Clarkson*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint his Honour, that there are a sufficient

ſufficient Number of Members in the Houſe to proceed upon Buſineſs.

Mr. *Clarkſon*, reported that he and Col. *Renſſelaer*, had delivered the above-mentioned Meſſage to the Lieut. Governor, and that his Honour ſaid he would immediately come to the Council Chamber in the City-Hall.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor, requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour was pleaſed to make a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy; and the ſame being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

'AT the Opening of this Seſſion, I recommended to 'you many Things of high Importance to his Ma'jeſty's Honour and Service, and the true Intereſt of the 'Province, which I hope you will now moſt ſeriouſly 'conſider; and at the ſame Time, provide for the finiſh'ing of the Battery in this City, that before it be too 'late it may be put in ſuch a Condition as may ſecure you 'from the Attempts of an Enemy. The *Mohawks* are 'very uneaſy that *Fort-Hunter* has been ſo much neglec'ted, and if it be not out of Hand, rebuilt or repaired, 'I fear they may take a Reſolution to leave their Country, 'and go to *Canada*.

'As my Thoughts are always imployed to make this a 'more flouriſhing Country, I have reflected on the Decay 'of Ship-building, which for many Years has been much 'regreted, but little attempted to be retrieved: Nature 'has been very bountiful in giving you (in a better Mea'ſure than to your Neighbours) all Things neceſſary for 'ſo beneficial a Branch of Trade; beneficial to all De'grees of Men, and yet almoſt wholly unthought of or 'neglected. I am not ignorant that many Cauſes may be 'aſſigned for its decay, ſome of which, and particularly 'one, it is not in the Power of the Merchant, or Buil'der, at preſent, to remove, nor do I ſee any other way, 'whereby a Remedy may be applied, than by your Aid. 'If the Demands of the Builder, be higher than in the 'neighbouring Provinces, the Merchant will not, cannot 'build here without injuring himſelf; if the Builder un'dertakes the Work at the ſame Rate that is given in the 'neighbouring Provinces, he complains, (and I fear with 'too much Truth) that he labours only to be undone, for 'the exceſſive Wages of Carpenters, which he muſt be 'obliged to hire, for want of Apprentices, being unable 'in his preſent Poverty, to maintain them: It is you 'alone who can apply a Remedy to this Evil, and you 'may do it at a very ſmall annual Expence; for I am per'ſuaded that *Two Hundred Pounds*, a Year, given to Ship'builders with Apprentices, at the Rate of *Eight Pounds*, 'a Year, with each Apprentice, for ſix or ſeven Years, 'will ſoon revive that neceſſary and uſeful Work: It 'will make Ship-builders willing to take Apprentices, 'enable them in their preſent Neceſſities, to maintain 'them, and to build for the Merchant, at as low a Rate, 'as in the neighbouring Provinces; and from ſuch a 'Nurſery of Ship-carpenters, you may in a reaſonable 'Time, hope to ſee that Branch of Trade, grow to a 'great Heighth. You will then keep among you many 'Thouſand Pounds which are now yearly exported out of 'this Province by your Neighbours, who are at preſent 'your Carriers; it will enable the Merchants and Factors, 'to make quicker Remittances to *England*, and give new 'Life and Vigour to Trade in general; the good Effects 'whereof, every Man in the Province will ſoon feel, nor 'will any Part of the Money thus given by you, be loſt 'to the Province, ſince it will all remain and circulate 'in it: Something is abſolutely neceſſary to be done to 'revive this withering Branch of Trade; and if you can 'fall upon any Method more eaſy, more practicable, and 'more conducive to that End, I will moſt heartily concur 'with you in it. Your own immediate Intereſt requires 'a ſpeedy and effectual Remedy, and I hope you will 'not let this Seſſion wear away without applying it.

'*Gentlemen*,

'The Governor of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay*, having ſent me a Vote of the Aſſembly of that 'Province, and wrote to me himſelf, ſignifying his and 'their Deſire to have the Boundaries of the two Provinces, 'ſettled by Commiſſioners; I now lay thoſe Papers be'fore you, hoping that you will enable me to defray the 'Expence of that Work, on the Part of this Province, 'that the People of the *Maſſachuſetts* may be confined 'within their proper Bounds; the Peace on the Frontiers 'preſerved, and the Inhabitants of thoſe Parts, know 'more preciſely to whom they owe their Obedience.

'If you do this, it will be neceſſary that a Law be paſſed 'in each Province, to make the Agreement of the Com'miſſioners concluſive to both; and when I know your 'Reſolutions, I will write to the Governor of the *Maſſa'chuſetts* upon it.

'The Soldiers in the reſpective Garriſons, being at 'preſent, without Bedding, Kettles, Bowles, or Platters, 'I earneſtly recommend it to you, to make at this Junc'ture, ſome Proviſion for it, as well as for Powder, till 'Stores are ſent from *England*.

GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

The Speaker deliverd likewiſe to the Houſe, the Papers refered to in the ſaid Speech, *to wit*.

A Letter from his Excellency Governor *Belcher*, to his Honour, dated the 26th of *March* laſt, and a Vote of the Aſſembly of the *Maſſachuſetts*, dated the 29th Day of *November* laſt; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Vote be entered at large in the Journal of this Houſe, being in the Words following, *viz.*

'At a great and general Court, or Aſſembly, for his Maje'ſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſets*, in *New-England*, held at '*Boſton*, by Prorogation, the 29th of *November*, 1738.

'In Council, voted, That his Excellency the Governor, be 'deſired to write to the Governor of *New-York*, to propoſe that 'Commiſſioners may be appointed by that Government, to join 'with Commiſſioners of this Government, to ſettle the Boun'daries between the two Provinces.

'In the Houſe of Repreſentatives, read and concurred.

'A true Copy of Record, examined

'Per *Simon Froſt*, Deputy Secretary.'

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration on *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Aug 30, 1739.

THE Speaker communicated to the Houſe, a Letter, dated Yeſterday; and another of this Morning, from the Members that have not had the Small Pox, ſetting forth, That they are ſtill ſcrupulous to attend the Service of this Houſe, in the City of *New-York*, becauſe it is not yet free from that Diſtemper, but that they are ready to attend that Service, if the Houſe will vouchſafe to ſit at the Houſe of Mr. *Harmanus Rutgers*, near the *Freſh-Water*; and as the ſaid Gentlemen make one Third of all the Members, the Houſe inclines rather to ſit at *Freſh-Water*, than to tranſact Affairs of Moment without the Aſſiſtance of ſuch a Number, provided the Lieut. Governor will allow the Houſe to adjourn thither.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Capt. *Livingſton*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, and deſire that his Honour will be pleaſed to agree that the Houſe adjourn to and ſit at the *Freſh-Water*.

Col. *Moore* reported, That Capt. *Livingſton*, and himſelf, had delivered the above-mentioned Meſſage, to the Lieut. Governor, and that his Honour readily conſented that the Houſe might adjourn to, and ſit at the Place above-mentioned.

Ordered, That the Door Keeper, imploy Mr. *Daniel Gautier*, to remove the Table which is now at *Greenwich*, and ſit and fix the ſame in the Houſe of Mr. *Harmanus Rutgers*, near *Freſh-Water*, and that he likewiſe remove thither the Chairs that are in the Aſſembly Chamber.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then Mr. Speaker adjourned the Houſe to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to meet at the Houſe of Mr. *Harmanus Rutgers*, at *Freſh-Water*.

FRESH-WATER.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Aug. 31, 1739.

MR. *Abraham Lot*, acquainted the Houſe, that Mr. *Nicoll*, and himſelf, had ſeen Mr. *David Pierſon* take the Oaths

Oaths, and make Subscriptions, according to Law, before the Chief Justice, who had a *Dedimus* for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *David Pierson* take his Place accordingly.

Col. *Schuyler*, pursuant to an Order of this House, of the 14th of *April* last, for holding and making a Scrutiny in *Kingston*, upon Complaint of an undue Election in *Ulster* County, reported, That the Members appointed in the said Order, to be a Committee for holding the said Scrutiny, did meet at the Time and Place, and in the Manner directed in the said Order; and that after a due Examination of the Voters, objected against by both Parties; and on mature Consideration thereof, the said Committee did find, that Mr. *John Hardenbergh*, and Mr. *Abraham Haasbrook*, the sitting Members, have been duly elected, and returned as Representatives for the said County of *Ulster*.

Mr. *Jones*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or are near expiring, and what new ones they conceive necessary to be made, reported, That the said Committee are of Opinion, that a Bill ought forthwith to be prepared to regulate the Militia, for the Defence and Security of this Colony.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Morris*, and Col. *Moore*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpose above-mentioned.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and directed him to move, for Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on *Tuesday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Consideration.

Then the House adjourned to *Saturday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 1, 1739.

Ordered,

THAT the Treasurer do lay before this House, on *Friday* next, the following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account how much has arisen by an Act, entitled, *An Act, for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An Act, for granting unto his Majesty several Duties for supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; with some Alterations, from the 1st Day of *May* last, until this Day, inclusive.

An Account or List, how much the Excise from *November* last, to the first of *November* next, has been let for, or farmed at in the City and County of *Albany*, *King's* County, *Suffolk* County, *Richmond* County, and *Orange* County, or in such of them as have transmitted Accounts thereof to the Treasury, since the 11th of *April* last.

An Account how much has arisen by the Act, entitled, *An Act, for laying a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; from the Time he delivered his Account thereof to this House, until this Day, inclusive.

And an Account how much the Loan Officers (and which of them) have paid into the Treasury, conformable to an Act, entitled, *An Act, for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and ether the Purposes therein-mentioned.*

Ordered, That the Vendue Master do, on *Friday* next, lay before the House, an Account how much has arisen until this Day inclusive, by the Duty on Goods sold at Vendue, imposed as well by the Act, entitled, *An Act, for granting to his Majesty several Duties for supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; as by the Act reviving the same, from the first Day of *May* last, to the first Day of *December* next ensuing.

Ordered, That the Commissioners appointed to erect a Battery, &c. at *New-York*, by an Act, entitled, *An Act, to appoint and impower Commissioners for erecting Fortifications in this Colony, at the several Places therein-mentioned*; do lay before this House, on *Friday* next, an Account how, and in what Manner, the *Six Thousand Pounds* received by them for that Service, or what Part thereof, has been imployed and expended by them in and about the same.

Ordered, That the Commissioners appointed to erect a Stone Fort, &c. at *Albany*, by an Act, entitled, *An Act, to appoint and impower Commissioners for erecting Fortifications in this Colony, at the several Places therein-mentioned*; do lay before this House, in the speediest Manner they are able, an Account how, and in what Manner, the *Four Thousand Pounds* received by them for that Service, or what Part thereof has been imployed and expended in and about the same.

Ordered, That the Commissioners appointed to erect a Fort, &c. at *Schenectady*, by an Act, entitled, *An Act, to appoint and impower Commissioners for erecting Fortifications in this Colony, at the several Places therein-mentioned*; do lay before this House, with all convenient Expedition, an Account how, and in what Manner, the *Eight Hundred Pounds* received by them for that Service, or what Part thereof has been imployed and expended in and about the same.

Ordered, That *David Cory*, and the other Commissioners appointed to purchase great Guns, &c. for the Use and Security of *Suffolk* County, by an Act, entitled, *An Act, to appoint and impower Commissioners for erecting Fortifications in this Colony, at the several Places therein-mentioned*; do lay before this House, with all convenient Expedition, an Account how, and in what Manner, the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Sixty One Pounds, Ten Shillings*, out of the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, received by them for the Purpose above-mentioned, or what Part thereof has been imployed for the Use, in and by the said Act directed.

Ordered, That the Commissioners appointed by an Act, entitled, *An Act, to defray the necessary and contingent Charges of the Garrison at* Oswego, *repairing the same, and for the better regulating the Fur Trade, passed in the 11th Year of his Majesty's Reign, to collect and receive the Duties imposed thereby on Rum, and Strouds, carried or transported for Sale to the* Indians, *or* French; do with all convenient Expedition, lay before this House, a particular Account how much the said Duties have amounted to from the Commencement of the said Act, to this Day inclusive.

Ordered, That the Clerk do forthwith deliver to the Treasurer, Vendue Master, and the Commissioners living in *New-York*, Copies of the foregoing Orders, so far as the same do relate to them respectively; and that he do likewise transmit by the first Opportunities, to the other Commissioners, the like Copies, so far as the same do relate to them respectively.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 3, 1739.

COL. *Philipse* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to continue and inforce the further Currency of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned, also further to continue the Act*, entitled, *An Act, for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for Years*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony, for the Security and Defence thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 4, 1739.

COL. *Schuyler*, acquainted the House, that he, and Mr. *Bradt*, saw Mr. *Verplank* take the Oaths, and make Subscriptions according to Law, before the Chief Justice, who had a Dedimus for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank* take his Place accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to continue and inforce the further Currency of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned*; also further to continue the Act, entitled, *An Act, for laying an Excise on all strong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for Years*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony, for the Security and Defence thereof*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee, upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. And after some Time spent therein, Col. *Morris* reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, for Leave to sit again; and reported likewise, that the Committee are of Opinion, That some Members of the House, be sent to wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and to desire that he will Order proper Estimates to be laid before this House, of what is requisite to put this Colony in a Posture of Defense.

Which Report he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table; where the same being again read, was approved of by the House; and,

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Clarkson*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, and desire his Honour to cause the Estimates above-mentioned, to be laid before this House.

Resolved,

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, on *Thurſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 5, 1739.

MR. *Clarkſon* reported to the Houſe, that he and Col. *Schuyler*, had (according to Order) delivered the Meſſage of Yeſterday to the Lieut. Governor, and that his Honour had thereupon, delivered them an Eſtimate of the Expence, requiſite to repair and complete the Battery in this City, and alſo told them, that as ſoon as he had the other proper Eſtimates, he would Order them to be laid before the Houſe; which ſaid Eſtimate (amounting to the Sum of *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*) being read;

Ordered, That the ſame be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Lieut. Governor's Speech is refered, and to be conſidered of by them, when they take into Conſideration, that Part of the ſaid Speech, which relates to Fortifications.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 5, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 6, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 6, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee, upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 7, 1739.

THE Commiſſioners appointed to erect a Battery in this City, attending, was called in, and (according to Order) laid before the Houſe, an Account, by which it appears, That they have laid out for Materials and Workmanſhip for the ſaid Battery, and making 16 Carriages, building a Store Houſe and other Materials; the Sum of *Five Thouſand, Nine Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Two-pence*; and that they have ſtill in Hand, the Sum of *Eighty Six Pounds, Three Shillings and Ten-pence.*

Mr. *Cruger*, Vendue Maſter in the City of *New-York* (according to Order) laid before the Houſe, two Accounts of Goods ſold at Vendue, by which it appears, that the ſaid Duty has amounted, from *primo January* $173\frac{7}{8}$, to *primo January* $173\frac{8}{9}$; to the Sum of *Forty Five Pounds, Eight Shillings and Ten-pence Half-penny*, and from the firſt Day of *May* 1739, to the firſt Day of this Month, to the Sum of *Twenty One Pounds, Nine Shillings and Seven-pence*; amounting both to the Sum of *Sixty Six Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Five-pence Half-penny.*

The Treaſurer attending without, was called in, and (according to Order) laid before this Houſe, the ſeveral Accounts under-mentioned, *to wit.*

1. An Account of what the ſeveral Duties have amounted to, for ſupplying his Majeſty's Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *May* laſt, until the firſt Day of *September* 1739 incluſive; amounting to the Sum of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred and Eighteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Four-pence Three Farthings.*

2. An Account or Liſt to whom and for what the Exciſe of this Colony, has been let for or farmed at, in the ſeveral Cities and Counties in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *November* 1738, until the firſt Day of *November* 1739; amounting to the Sum of *Six Hundred and Forty Seven Pounds, Four Shillings*; and by which it appears, that no Accounts or Recognizances hath been tranſmitted to the Treaſury for the City and County of *Albany*, *Richmond* County, and *Orange* County.

3. An Account of what Intereſt Money has been paid into the Treaſury, by the ſeveral Loan Officers of this Colony, for the Loan of *Forty Thouſand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, let out by them at Intereſt; amounting to the Sum of *One Thouſand, Eight Hundred Pounds.*

4. And an Account of what the Duty on the Tonnage of Veſſels have amounted to, from the firſt Day of *September* 1738, until the firſt Day of *September* 1739 incluſive; being *Six Hundred and Five Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Seven-pence.*

And the Titles of the ſeveral Accounts above-mentioned, being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts lie on the Table, for the peruſal of the Members of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 7, 1739.

COL. *Moore*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony, for the Security and Defence thereof*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 8, 1739.

A *Petition of* Laughlen Campbell, Alexander Montgomerie, Ronald Campbell *and* Alexander M^{c} Naught, *in behalf of themſelves, and Twenty-ſeven Families, lately arrived from* North Britain, *was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That by their Petitions laid before the late General Aſſembly, they had made Application to the Lieut. Governor, repreſenting, That they came from* North-Britain, *to ſettle the Frontiers of this Province, but being unable in their preſent Poverty to ſubſiſt themſelves, prayed ſome Allowance from this Houſe, for the Space of eighteen Months, until by their Induſtry, they ſhould be able to ſubſiſt themſelves; That the Petitioner* Laughlen Campbell, *has lately brought into this City, at a very great Expence, forty-one Families more, in Order to ſettle on the Encouragement of this Government, which he perceives will be of conſiderable Importance to the Province in General, both by peopling that Part of the Country, and making Barriers on the frontier Settlements; and that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had given all the Encouragement in his Power. Therefore, prayed this honourable Houſe, will make ſuch Proviſions for them on this Occaſion, as to them ſhall ſeem meet*, &c.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table, for the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 10, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Beekman* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, living in the South Part of* Orange *County, to raiſe in that Part of the County to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and completing the Court-Houſe and Goal, in* Orange *Town*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 11, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, living in the South Part of* Orange *County, to raiſe in that Part of the County, to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal in* Orange *Town*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ludlow* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee, upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Morris* reported, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 11, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 12, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 12, 1739.

DAVID *Jones*, Eſq; from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue and inforce the further Currency of the Bills of Credit therein-mentioned*; alſo further to continue the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe on all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for Years*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee, upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris* reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept* 13, 1739.

A Petition of *John Peter Zenger*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he has ſerved this Colony as Printer thereof, from the 15th of *June* 1737, to the 28th of *October* 1738, and received but one year's Salary for the ſaid Time, though he performed more publick Work than uſual, during the ſaid Time, and therefore humbly prays, this honourable Houſe will grant ſuch Relief to him, as to them ſhall ſeem meet, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe, when they go on that Part of his Honour's Speech, which relates to the Salaries of the Officers of this Government.

A Petition of *Walter Kippen*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he has ſuffered upwards of five Year's Impriſonment, and hath a diſmal Proſpect of being confined for the Remainder of his Days, unleſs this honourable Houſe are pleaſed to vouchſafe him ſome charitable Relief, as is in their Power to grant him; and therefore humbly prays this Houſe, will graciouſly be pleaſed to take his unhappy and miſerable Circumſtances into their ſerious Conſideration, and afford him ſuch ſeaſonable Relief for his Enlargement, as ſhall be thought juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they are of Opinion, ſome Members be ſent to wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, to deſire he would be pleaſed to favour the Houſe with the remaining Eſtimates for the putting of this Colony in a Poſture of Defence; alſo directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That Col. *Renſſelaer*, and Capt. *Livingſton*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, to deſire that he would be pleaſed to Favour the Houſe with the remaining Eſtimates for the putting of this Colony in a Poſture of Defence.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 13, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue the Duty of Exciſe, and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 14, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Monday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 17, 1739.

COL. *Renſſelaer* reported to the Houſe, that himſelf and Capt. *Livingſton*, had (according to Order of this Houſe on *Thurſday* laſt) delivered their Meſſage concerning the remaining Eſtimates to put this Colony in a Poſture of Defence, to the Lieut. Governor, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to anſwer thereto, that he had imployed a Carpenter to examine the Barracks in *Fort-George*, and ordered him to bring an Eſtimate of what ſhould be wanting to repair them; which when finiſhed, he would lay before the Houſe with ſome others.

Mr. *Verplank* acquainted the Houſe, that one of his Children was very ill, and therefore deſired Leave to be abſent for a few Days.

Ordered, That he have Leave accordingly.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 18, 1739.

COL. *Schuyler* communicated to the Houſe, a Letter from the Commiſſioners appointed to erect a Stone Fort, &c. at *Albany*, dated the 10th Inſtant, and directed to the Members of that County, ſignifying that as there is a Surplus of Money received for that Service, they have enquired of a proper Place to build a Fort at *Saraghtoga*, (for which it ſeems intended by the Act of Aſſembly) and that they are informed that the moſt convenient Place for that Purpoſe is oppoſite to *Bab's* Creek, on the Weſt Side of the River, and that they are ready to imploy the ſaid Overplus for that Service forthwith, if approved of.

Col. *Schuyler* laid likewiſe before the Houſe, from the ſaid Commiſſioners, an Account of the Money expended by them in building the Fort at *Albany*, &c. amounting to the Sum of *Three Thouſand Six Hundred* and *Twenty Eight Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, and that they compute *One Hundred*, will be neceſſary to build Carriages for the great Guns, ſo that there will after that, remain in their Hands, about the Sum of *Two Hundred* and *Seventy One Pounds, Four Shillings*; and the Titles of the ſaid Letter and Accounts, being read;

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members, and be conſidered when the Committee takes into Conſideration that Part of the Lieut. Governor's Speech, which relates to Fortifications.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 18, 1739.

MR. Speaker, from the Chair, communicated to the Houſe, a Letter from his Honour the Lieut. Governor; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be entered at large in the Journal of this Houſe, being in the Words following, *to wit.*

New-York, September 18, 1739.

HErewith I ſend you the Eſtimate that the Houſe requeſted, and now I think you have every Thing before you that is neceſſary for your own Convenience; but I hope when you conſult that, you will not neglect to make honourable Proviſion for the Support of his Majeſty's Government, in as ample a Manner as former Aſſemblies have done: Upon thoſe Terms you ſhall always find me ready to paſs ſuch Laws as may be for the Good of the Country.

The Victuallers at Oſwego, *complain that the Collectors of the Duties for the Support of that Place, have been very dilatory in paying their Warrants, whereby they are great Sufferers: This Evil ſhould be inquired into, redreſſed for the Time paſt, and prevented for the Time to come. I deſire you will communicate this to the Houſe.*

I am, Sir,

Your moſt obedient

Humble Servant,

GEORGE CLARKE.

Adolph Philipſe, Eſq; Speaker of the Aſſembly.

In the ſaid Letter was incloſed a further Eſtimate of building and repairing Fortifications; which being likewiſe read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

A new Fort to be built in the *Mohawk's* Country, on the Plan of that at *Schenectady*,	£. 800
A Fort to be built at *Tierondequat*,	£. 250
A Fort to be built at or beyond *Saraghtoga*,	£. 500
Repairing or rebuilding the Barracks in *Fort-George*, that were not repaired when the reſt of the Fort was,	£. 500

Proviſion for 20 Soldiers, to be added to the 20 now at *Oſwego*, and for 20 Men of the ſix Nations, who are to be invited to reſide there to ſtrengthen that Garriſon, and fix great Guns ſent thither.

Bedding and Ammunition for all the Garriſons, till I am ſupplied from home.

It will be neceſſary to have a Smith, with four or five intelligent Perſons, always reſiding in the *Seneka's* Country, to keep the *Indians* ſteady in our Intereſt.

The Chief of the *Senekas* being gone from their Caſtle, and now actually ſettled at *Tierondequat*, to prevent the *French* from poſſeſſing themſelves of that Place, has given Notice thereof to the Commiſſioners for *Indian* Affairs, with an Invitation for them to ſend ſome Perſons to take Poſſeſſion thereof in the King's Name. No Time ought to be loſt therein, and upon a Vote of Credit, I believe proper Perſons may be got to go there, and Goods procured to reward the Chief of the *Senekas*.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members, and that the ſaid Eſtimate be referred to the Committee upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech, and to be conſidered of by them, when they take into Conſideration that Part of his Honour's Speech which relates to Fortifications.

Col. *Schuyler* communicated to the Houſe, a Letter from the Commiſſioners appointed to erect a Fort, &c. at *Schenectady*, dated the 10th Inſtant, with an Account incloſed, by which it appears, that they have laid out for that Service, the Sum of *Eight Hundred* and *Three Pounds*.

Ordered, That the above-mentioned Account lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of the Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 19, 1739.

COL. *Schuyler* laid before the Houſe, from the Commiſſioners of the Duties on Strouds and Rum, tranſported for Sale to the *Indians* and *French*, the three following Accounts *viz.*

A general Account, whereby it appears that they had received for the ſaid Duties, in the reſpective Years, from the Year 1731, until the 10th Day of *September*, in this preſent Year 1739; in the Whole, the Sum of £. 3839 9 5

And that there was beſides, ſtanding out upon Account of the ſaid Duty, on the ſaid 10th of this Inſt. the Sum of £. 892 11 10

A general Account of all their Payments to the ſaid 10th of *September*, amounting to £. 3885 13 8

And all their Receipts until the ſame Time, amounting as above, to the Sum of £. 3939 5

So that they are now in advance, £. 46 8 8

Againſt which they note that there was ſtill ſtanding out of the ſaid Duties, the above-mentioned Sum of £. 893 11 10

And an Account of Diſburſements for repairing of the Houſe at *Oſwego*, in the Year 1738, amounting to the Sum of £. 219 2½

And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 19, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, on that Part thereof which relates to Fortifications, Col. *Morris* reported the following Reſolution of the Committee; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, being in the Words following, *viz.*

Reſolved, That for putting the Battery at *Copſey*, in the City of *New-York*, in a Poſture of Defence, there be allowed the Sum of *One Thouſand* and *Two Hundred Pounds*, including the Sum of *Eighty Six Pounds*, *Three Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, ſtill in the Hands of the Commiſſioners that erect the ſaid Battery; which Report and Reſolution, he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 20, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech; and taking into Conſideration that Part of it which relates to a Fort in the *Mohawk's* Country, the Committee agreed that a new one ſhould be built there, and a Debate ariſing about the Sum to be allowed for that Purpoſe, it was agreed that the ſame ſhould be determined by a Vote, whether it ſhould be *Five Hundred Pounds*, or *Six Hundred Pounds*, and it being put to the Vote accordingly, it was carried for the laſt mentioned Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*, by twelve againſt eleven, in Manner following, *to wit.*

For £. 500	For £. 600
Mr. *Cornell*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Jones*,	Mr. *Winne*,
Mr. *Hardenberg*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Nicol*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. *Johannis Lott*,	Mr. *Livingſton*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Stillwell*,	Mr. *Turbeſt*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Bratt*,
Mr. *Gale*.	Mr. *Roome*,
	Col. *Philipſe*.

Then the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported the Proceedings of the Committee to have been in the Manner above-mentioned; and that they had directed him to report, that *Six Hundred Pounds* be allowed to build a new Fort, on the Plan of that of *Schenectady*, at or near the Place where *Fort-Hunter* now ſtands.

Which Report he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and thereupon it was

Reſolved, That for building a new Fort, on the Plan of that at *Schenectady*, at or near the Place where the Remains of *Fort-Hunter* now ſtands, as well to ſecure the five Nations of *Indians* in general, and to preſerve and fix the *Mohawks* in particular,

particular, in the *British* Interest, as to secure the Christian Settlements thereabouts, the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*.

Col. *Morris* acquainting the House, that having a Tryal depending in *Westchester*, desired Leave to be absent.

Ordered, That he have Leave accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 20, 1739.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

The House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 21, 1739.

COL. *Schuyler* communicated to the House, a Letter from the Commissioners of the Duty on Rum and Strouds, signifying that the outstanding Debts of *Eight Hundred Ninety Two Pounds, Eleven Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, mentioned in their Account of that Duty, dated the 10th of this Month, cannot be look'd upon as a compleat and real Debt, in as much as they have Reason to expect that many of the Goods entered for *Oswego*, will be returned unsold, of which the Duty must be remitted according to the Act which imposed them; and that they have more Reason to apprehend some Debts will be difficult to recover though Recognizances are taken for them.

Capt. *Winne* presented to the House a Petition of *Johan Joost Herkeman, Henry Van Rensselaer*, jun. and *J. Johannis H. Wendell*, Contractors for victualling the Troops at *Oswego*, &c. praying that they may be paid more punctual and according to Contract, otherwise they and their Creditors must suffer, &c. which being read;

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table for Consideration, and for the Perusal of the Members.

A Bill (according to Leave) was presented to the House, entitled, *An* Act, *for Relief of* Walter Kippen, *an insolvent Debtor in the Goal of the City of* New-York, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*; which was read the first Time and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 21, 1739.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent on that Part relating to Fortifications, Mr. *Livingston* moved that there be a Sum given to the seventy Families of the *Highlanders*, at the Rate of *Seven Pounds* per Family, to enable them to settle the Frontiers at *Wood Creek*; upon which there arose a Debate, and a Motion was made by Mr. *Cornell*, to postpone that Matter, and being put to the Vote, was carried in the Affirmative by nineteen against five, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Piersen*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Mr. *Cornell*,	Mr. *Bratt*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Col. *Rensselaer*,
Mr. *Jones*,	Capt. *Livingston*.
Mr. *Stillwell*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Col. *Moore*,	
Col. *Johannis Lot*,	
Mr. *Haasbrook*,	
Mr. *Clarkson*,	
Mr. Speaker,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Mr. *Lecount*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Mr. *Turbos*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Col. *Philipse*.	

Col. *Philipse* then moved that the subject Matter abovementioned, be taken into Consideration on *Friday* next, which was agreed to by the Committee.

Then Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones*, in Behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman, reported the Proceedings of the Committee to have been in the Manner above-mentioned; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed unto by the House; he likewise reported that he was directed to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech, be taken into Consideration on *Monday* next.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 22, 1739.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After some Time spent on that Part relating to Fortifications, the Committee came to the following Resolution.

Resolved, That there be allowed the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, as well for rewarding the *Senekas*, who have prevented the *French* from settling at *Tierondequat*, as for purchasing some Lands from them in the Name of his Majesty, his Heirs, and Successors, to and for the Use and Benefit of this Colony, and for erecting a House of Possession there; and that the said Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be put into the Hands of *Philip Livingston*, Esq; and all the present Members of the General Assembly, representing the City, or any other Parts of the County of *Albany*, or the major Part of them, to be applied to and for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid.

And the Committee having likewise taken into Consideration that Part of his Honour's Speech, and Estimate, which recommends the providing for the respective Garrisons, Bedding, Kettles, Bowles or Platters, are humbly of Opinion, that his Majesty does not expect his regular Troops should be supplied with those Particulars at the Charge of the Colony; and that the People whom we represent, would be greatly surprised if we should load them with such an unusal Burthen; more especially as we can find no President of that Kind, except to that Detachment which was first sent to *Oswego*.

The Committee are of the same Opinion as to Powder, in as much as the Kings and Queens of *England*, have, ever since this Colony has been under their Dominion, furnished their Forts and Garrisons in it, not only with Powder, but likewise with all other Ammunition and warlike Stores.

And the Committee does conceive that upon proper Application, this Colony will (especially as Affairs are now circumstanced) be as amply supplied with these Stores, as some other on this Continent, in as much as this Colony lies more exposed, and is of as great Consequence to the *British* Dominions in *North-America*, as any other on this Continent; which, from its Situation and Neighbourhood, is obvious and evident.

Then Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones*, in Behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman, reported the foregoing Resolution and Proceedings of the Committee, to have been in the Manner above-mentioned; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed unto by the House; he likewise reported that the Committee had directed him to move, they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Consideration *Monday* next.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 24, 1739.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones*, in Behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman, reported, That they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 25, 1739.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones*, in Behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman, reported from the Committee, that they were come to the several following Resolutions, *viz.*

Resolved, That the Consideration of repairing the Barracks in *Fort-George*, and of what may be proper to be allowed unto such Persons as have been sent by the Lieut. Governor, to reside among the *Senekas*, be refered to the Committee when they go upon that Part of his Honour's Speech relating to the Support of Government.

Resolved, That the several Sums agreed to, be allowed, *to wit.*

For the Battery at *New-York*,	£. 1200	0	0
For a new Fort in the *Mohawk's* Country,	£. 600	0	0

And

And *One Hundred Pounds*, for the Sachems of the *Senekas*, &c. amounting in all, to the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Ninety Pounds*, ſhall be paid and made good in the Manner following, *to wit*.

By an Overplus remaining in the Hands of the Commiſſioners that erected the ſaid Battery, the Sum of	£. 86 3 10
By unapplied Bills of Credit remaining in the Treaſury, out of the Bills of Credit ſtruck by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An Act, to ſtrike and make current, Bills of Credit to the Value of* Twelve Thouſand Pounds, *on the Funds and for the Uſes therein-mentioned, the Sum of*	£. 185 0 0
	£. 271 3 10
Reſolved, That for making good, and paying the Remainder of the aforeſaid Allowances, there ſhall be borrowed out of the Bills of Credit now in the Treaſury, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An Act, to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Veſſels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*, the Sum of	£. 1628 16 2
	£. 1900 0 0

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the two Reſolutions laſt mentioned; and,

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Jones*, prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 25, 1739.

MR. *Jones*, (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to appoint and impower Commiſſioners to erect and compleat the ſeveral Fortifications therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Thurſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 26, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to appoint and impower Commiſſioners to erect and compleat the ſeveral Fortifications therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 26, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1739.

MR. *Jones* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to appoint and impower Commiſſioners to erect and compleat the ſeveral Fortifications therein-mentioned*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 27, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee, upon the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* (in behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman) reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 28, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for compleating and building the Fortifications, and other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned, for the Defence and Security of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* (in behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman) reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, on *Tueſday* next.

Reſolved, That the Conſideration of the Matter of the *Highlanders*, be adjourned to the ſame Day.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1739.

MR. Speaker, by the Recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor, communicated to the Houſe, a Letter from *Jonathan Belcher*, Eſq; Governor of the *Maſſachuſets*, to his Honour, dated the 17th of *September* laſt; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be entered at large in the Journal of this Houſe, and then returned to his Honour, being in the Words following, *viz.*

S I R,

THIS Poſt favours me with Your's of the 10th Inſtant, where I find your Honour had recommended the Affair of the Boundaries between this Province and *New-York*, to your Aſſembly; and that you hoped, they would enable you to defray the Expences of it, and you would then appoint Commiſſioners; But that you thought they would give their firſt Attention, to the putting your Province into a Poſture of Defence; as what I have now wrote your Honour is not a new Thing, but what I have in the Courſe of nine Years paſt, been urging on one Governor and another at *New-York*, I hope your Aſſembly will not riſe, without coming into what this Province, have ſo reaſonably and ſo long requeſted of your Government; as I would by no Means countenance any Intruſions on the King's Lands, ſo neither would I diſcourage any of his Majeſty's good Subjects of this Province, from ſettling the Land granted them by the Crown, for more than a Century paſt; and if after ſo many Applications from this Government, to that of *New-York*, for an amicable Adjuſtment of the Boundaries betwixt them, they will not be perſuaded to do what is ſo reaſonable, and to

to preſerve Peace and good Neighbourhood; your People muſt be anſwerable, if any Inconveniences iſſue upon this Governments proceeding to ſettle ſuch Lands, as they judge they have a juſt Right to; the Aſſembly of this Province is to ſit the 19th Inſtant, and may ſo continue, while I may have your Anſwer; I would therefore again, deſire your Honour to preſs your Aſſembly to comply with what you have moved to them upon this Head.

I am, Sir,
Your Honour's moſt obedient,
Moſt humble Servant,
J. BELCHER.

Boſton, Sept. 17, 1739.

Col. *Morris*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to appoint an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 2, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for his adminiſtring of the Government of this Colony, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt Day of *September*, in this preſent Year 1739; after the Rate of *Seven Hundred and Eighty Pounds, per Annum.*

A Motion was made, by Mr. *Pierſon*, That there be allowed to the Chief Juſtice, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt Day of *September* 1739, a Salary, after the Rate of *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* and Mr. *Clarkſon* moved, that the ſame ſhould be after the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum*; and the ſaid two Motions being ſeverally put to the Vote? It was carried, for the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum*, by 19 againſt 6, in Manner following, *to wit.*

For £. 250	For £. 300.
Mr. *Cornell*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Mr *Jones*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
Col. *Johannis Lott*,	Mr. *Roome*,
Mr. *Pierſon*.	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Col. *Philipſe*,
	Mr. *Purdy*,
	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
	Mr. *Lecount*,
	Mr. *Stillwell*,
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Mr. *Tur Boſs*,
	Mr. *Ludlow*,
	Mr. *Gale*,
	Capt. *Bradt*,
	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
	Mr. *Verplank*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed, to *James De Lancey*, Eſq; as Chief Juſtice, and for his going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* 1738, after the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; as Second Juſtice of the Supream Court, and for his going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* 1738, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*; and another Motion that there be allowed to him for that Year, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds?* The aforeſaid Motions, were determined for *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, by 14 againſt 11, in Manner following, *to wit.*

For £. 100.	For £. 150.
Mr. *Cornell*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Mr. *Jones*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Mr. *Pierſon*,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Capt. *Bradt*,
Col. *Johannis Lot*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Gale*,	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Capt. *Wiant*,
Mr. *Stillwell*,	Col. *Schuyler*.
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Mr. *Roome*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*.	Mr. *Tur Boſs*,
	Mr. *Ludlow*,
	Mr. *Verplank*,
	Col. *Beekman*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; as Second Juſtice of the Supream Court, and for his going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* 1738, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.*

Then Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* (in Behalf of Col. *Morris*, Chairman) reported the foregoing Reſolutions of the Committee, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed unto by the Houſe; he likewiſe was directed to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Honour's Speech, into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 3, 1739.

WHEREAS this Houſe is informed, that notwithſtanding they have already paſſed a Bill, to continue for a ſufficient Term, the Currency of the Bills of Credit, iſſued in the Years 1714 and 1717, and to prolong for the ſame Time, the Fund for the gradual cancelling of them; yet many of the good People of this City and Colony are under Apprehenſions, that if the ſaid Act ſhould not paſs into a Law, the Currency of ſuch of the aforeſaid Bills, as they ſhould be poſſeſſed of at the End of this Year, might be diſputed, which they conceive would not only occaſion great Difficulties to them in particular, but likewiſe affect the Credit, Trade and Commerce of this Colony in general; which the Houſe having maturely conſidered, and being heartily inclined to remove the ſaid Apprehenſions, have unanimouſly come to the following Declaration and Reſolution, *viz.*

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That in Caſe the above-mentioned Bill ſhould not paſs into a Law, this Houſe in general, and every Member of it in particular, will to the utmoſt of his and their Power and Ability, zealouſly endeavour to preſerve effectually, the Credit of all the Bills of Credit of this Colony, and more particularly thoſe emitted in the aforeſaid Years 1714 and 1717, as they make no Manner of Doubt, but all future Aſſemblies will likewiſe do.

Col. *Morris*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the more effectual collecting his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto, and for eaſing the Tenants of Lands within this Colony, of many Hardſhips under which they at preſent Labour.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, at half an Hour after 11 *o'Clock this Morning.*

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went thither accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1739.

THE Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that in purſuance of a Meſſage from the Lieut. Governor, on *Wedneſday* laſt, himſelf and the Members of this Houſe, had then attended on him, at the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, and that his Honour had there, in the Preſence of the Council, and the ſaid Members, been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*, and that after the ſame was publiſhed in the uſual Manner, the Houſe did again attend on him, and the Gentlemen of the Council in the ſaid Chamber, where his Honour prorogued the General Aſſembly to this Day, by a Speech to that Purpoſe; of which a printed Copy being produced, and read,

Ordered, That the ſame be entered in the Journal of the Houſe, and is the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Come to put an End to this Seſſion, and to give you a ſhort Receſs; I was in Hopes, and I believe every reaſonable Man expected, that at this Juncture, you would ſeriouſly have laid to Heart the true Intereſt of your Country, by ſhewing your Duty and Loyalty to his Majeſty, in ſupporting his Government in an honourable Manner, from whence you might aſſuredly expect my Aſſent to ſuch good Laws as you might prepare for it: Your Conſtitution is built upon a Plan, as nearly reſembling that of *England*, as the Nature of the Thing would admit of; why would you not then tread in the Steps of a *Britiſh* Parliament? Wiſe Men make Choice of the beſt Examples for their Conduct; you cannot have a greater or better, nor can your Wiſdom be more conſpicuous, than in taking that of a *Britiſh* Parliament; who though they have ever been jealous of the Rights and Liberties of the People, yet have always been zealous and forward to Support the Government that protects them; they look upon the Obligations to be reciprocal; and as they expect Protection, ſo in the firſt Place they ſupport the Government, that it may be able to give it them; they know the Right and Prerogative of the Crown, nor do they attempt to invade them. They give a groſs Sum for the Civil Liſt, which is here called a Revenue for the Support of Government; they appropriate it to that Uſe, but do not touch upon the Application or Diſpoſition of it; that being the legal and known Prerogative of the Crown, and the Deficiences are made good in the like Manner.

That you may have Time to reflect ſeriouſly on theſe Things, I have thought fit to prorogue you to the 9th Day of this preſent Month of *October*; and I do accordingly prorogue you to the 9th Day of this preſent Month of *October*; on which Day you are to meet at the City-Hall, and proceed on Buſineſs, the Government having been long without a Support, and the People wanting many Things for their Convenience; theſe ought to go, and muſt go Hand in Hand; a proper Revenue is the Sinews of a Government, but if it wants Strength, how can it give Protection?

G. CLARKE.

The Houſe do obſerve, that no Meſſage has been ſent to them by the Council, of their Concurrence to the above-mentioned Bill, entitled,

An Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; and though a Prorogation has intervened, they conceive themſelves obliged to declare, that ſuch Omiſſions are contrary to former Practice, and not agreeable with the good Correſpondence which ought to ſubſiſt between the two Houſes in their legiſlative Proceedings.

Ordered, That Col. *Lot* and Col. *Renſſelaer*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him, That according to his Prorogation, the Houſe is met to proceed on Buſineſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue the Duty of Exciſe, and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Col. *Lott*, reported that himſelf and Col. *Renſſelaer*, had according to Order, delivered their Meſſage to his Honour the Lieut. Governor; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would come up to the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, preſently.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, *The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, immediately.*

The Speaker and the Houſe went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had made a Speech to them, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy, and being read, is as follows:

Gentlemen,

THE ſhort Prorogation you have had, being intended to give you an Opportunity, to re-conſider thoſe Things which at your laſt ſitting I recommended to you, for his Majeſty's Honour, and the Intereſt of the Province; I will not give you the Trouble of a Repetition, but refer you to them; hoping that you will effectually provide for them, wherein, as well as in all other Things, for the Benefit of the Province, you ſhall find my ready Concurrence.

Oct. 9, 1739. G. CLARKE.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Ludlow*, Mr. *Abraham Lot*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, or any five of them, be, and hereby are appointed a Committee of Privileges and Elections, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, and that they meet every *Tueſday* and *Friday*, at 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the Houſe, and that they may adjourn to any other Place, and that they report their Proceedings, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe, from Time to Time.

Ordered, That the grand Committee for Grievances, do ſit every *Wedneſday* in the Afternoon in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Philipſe*, *David Jones*, Eſq; Mr. *Abraham Lot*, *David Clarkſon*, Eſq; and Mr. *Lucas*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inſpect what Laws are expired or near expiring, and to report to the Houſe, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and likewiſe what other new Acts they ſhall conceive proper to be made for the Benefit of this Colony, and the Inhabitants thereof.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue the Duty of Exciſe, and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, during the Time therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe; and that it be an Inſtruction to them to add proper Clauſes for ſtriking new Bills of Credit to the Value of for exchanging ſuch of the old Bills as are ſo ſhattered, torn, and defaced, as are ſcarcely paſſable in Payment.

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The House resolved into a Committee upon that Part of the Lieut. Governor's Speech relating to Fortifications; and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and *David Jones*, Esq; reported from the Committee, That they had come to the following Resolutions for putting this Colony in a proper Posture of Defence, *viz.*

Resolved, That towards finishing and compleating the Battery on *Copsy* Rocks, in the City of *New-York*, and for making at least 30 Carriages for the same, there be allowed the Sum of *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, including the Sum of *Eighty Six Pounds, Three Shillings and Ten-pence*, still in the Hands of the Commissioners that erected the same.

Resolved, That for building a new Fort in the *Mohawk's* Country, on the Plan and in the Form of that in *Schenectady*, at or near the Place where the Remains of *Fort Hunter* stands, the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*.

Resolved, That as well for rewarding the *Seneka's* Sachems, and *Indians* who have prevented the *French* from settling at *Tirondequat*, as for purchasing some Lands from them in the Name of his Majesty, to and for the sole Benefit of this Colony, and for erecting a House of possession there, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, to be lodged for that Purpose in the Hands of *Philip Livingston*, Esq; and the present Members of the General Assembly for the City, and any other Part of the County of *Albany*.

Resolved, That the several Allowances above-mentioned, shall be paid and made good in Manner following, *to wit.*

By a Ballance remaining in the Hands of the Commissioners who erected the Battery on *Copsy* Rocks, the Sum of	£. 86 3 10
By unapplied Bills of Credit remaining in the Treasury, out of the Bills of Credit struck by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An Act, to strike Bills of Credit to the Value of* Twelve Thousand Pounds, *on the Funds and for the Uses therein-mentioned*; the Sum of	£. 185 0 0
And that for making up the Allowances aforesaid, there shall be borrowed out of the Bills of Credit now in the Treasury, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An Act, to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein-mentioned*; the Sum of	£. 1628 16 2
	£. 1900 0 0

Which Report he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the several Resolutions above-mentioned; and,

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Jones*, prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourned to 1 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 10, 1739.

DAVID *Jones*, Esq; (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for compleating and building the Fortifications, and other the Purposes therein-mentioned, for the Defence and Security of this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 12, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for compleating and building the Fortifications, and other the Purposes therein-mentioned, for the Defence and Security of this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1739.

COL. *Schuyler*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for compleating and building the Fortifications, and other the Purposes therein-mentioned, for the Defence and Security of this Colony*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, and Clause, be ingrossed.

Resolved, That this House will, on *Tuesday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Consideration.

Col. *Morris* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the General Assembly, or House of Representatives of this Colony, for the Time being, to name, constitute, appoint and pay one or more Agent or Agents, to solicit the publick Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

Also a Bill for the more effectual collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto, and for easing the Tenants of Lands within this Colony, of many Hardships, under which they at present labour.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in the above-mentioned Bills accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1739.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for compleating and building the Fortifications, and other the Purposes therein-mentioned, for the Defence and Security of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 15, 1739.

DAVID *Clarkson*, Esq; from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to continue the Duty of Excise, and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, during the Time therein-mentioned*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made some Amendments to the Bill, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1739.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein;

A Motion was made by Mr. *Nicol*, that the Act, entitled, *An Act, for granting unto his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein mentioned, passed in the Year* 1737; having by a subsequent Act, passed in this present Year 1739, been revived, and further continued to the 1st Day of *December* next; that the Committee would come to a Resolution further to continue the said Acts from the 1st Day of *December*, in this present Year 1739, unto the 1st Day of *December* next following; and Debates arising, Mr. Speaker moved that the previous Question be put, whether Mr. *Nicol's* Motion should be now put? And the said previous Question being accordingly put, it was carried in the Affirmative by 14 against 8, in Manner following, *to wit.*

For the Negative.	For the Affirmative.
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Johannis Lot*,
Mr. *Clarkson*,	Mr. *Abraham Lot*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Stillwell*,
Capt. *Livingston*,	Mr. *Nicoll*,
Mr. *Roome*,	Mr. *Cornell*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Capt. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Wiint*,	Col. *Rensselaer*,
	Mr. *Haasbrook*,
	Col. *Beekman*,
	Mr. *Purdy*,
	Mr. *Lecount*,
	Mr. *Verplank*,
	Mr. *Turbosi*.

Then the Question was put, that the Act, entitled, *An Act, for granting unto his Majesty several Duties towards supporting his*

his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time, and in the Manner therein-mentioned, paſſed in the Year 1737; having by a ſubſequent Act, paſſed in this preſent Year 1739, been revived and further continued to the 1ſt Day of *December* next; that the Committee would come to a Reſolution further to continue the ſaid Acts from the 1ſt Day of *December*, in this preſent Year 1739, unto the 1ſt Day of *December* next following? It was carried in the Affirmative by 19 againſt 4, as follows, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Johannis Lot*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
Mr. *Stillwell*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Mr. *Roome*.
Mr. *Cornell*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Mr. *Lecount*,	
Mr. *Verplank*,	
Mr. *Turboſs*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Capt. *Winne*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Col. *Schuyler*.	

Then Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported, That it was the Opinion of the Committee, that the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting unto his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time, and in the Manner therein-mentioned, paſſed in the Year* 1737. As alſo the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for granting unto his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned, with ſome Alterations thereto, paſſed in this preſent Year* 1739; be further continued from the 1ſt Day of *December*, in this preſent Year 1739, unto the 1ſt Day of *December* next following.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting unto his Majeſty, ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned, paſſed in the Year* 1737; as alſo the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act, for granting unto his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time, and in the Manner therein-mentioned, with ſome Alterations thereto, paſſed in this preſent Year* 1739; be further continued from the 1ſt Day of *December*, in this preſent Year 1739, unto the 1ſt Day of *December* next following.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the foregoing Reſolution; and,

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll*, and Mr. *Cornell*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1739.

MR. *Nicoll* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; paſſed in the 11th Year of his Majeſty's Reign; as likewiſe the ſubſequent Act whereby the ſame has been revived and continued, with ſome Alterations thereto, paſſed in the 12th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue the Duty of Exciſe, and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, and to ſtrike ſome new Bills for exchanging ſuch old ones as are or may be unfit to circulate*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; paſſed in the 11th Year of his Majeſty's Reign; as likewiſe the ſubſequent Act whereby the ſame has been revived and continued, with ſome Alterations thereto, paſſed in the 12th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to add proper Clauſes for allowing a Drawback of 20s. a Pipe, on Wine exported beyond Sea within ſix Months after its Importation.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1739.

COL. *Morris* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the General Aſſembly, or Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Colony, for the Time being, to name, conſtitute, appoint, and pay one or more Agent or Agents, to ſolicit the public Affairs of this Colony, at the Court of* Great-Britain; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Ludlow* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, living in the South Part of *Orange* County, to raiſe in that Part of the County to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal, in *Orange* Town.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1739.

MR. *Nicoll*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time, and in the Manner therein-mentioned*; paſſed in the 11th Year of his Majeſty's Reign; as likewiſe the ſubſequent Act whereby the ſame has been revived and continued, with ſome Alterations thereto, paſſed in the 12th Year of his ſaid Majeſty's Reign; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, amended the Body of the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *towards the further ſupporting the Government of this Colony until the firſt Day of* December, *which will be in the Year* 1740, *by continuing the Duties granted and continued by the two Acts therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Ludlow* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, living in the South Part of* Orange *County, to raiſe in that Part of the County to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal, in* Orange Town; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration *Tuesday* next.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1739.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1739.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, living in the South Part of* Orange *County, to raise in that Part of the County to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating the Court House and Goal, in* Orange *Town*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange*, *Ulster*, and *Dutchess* Counties, or any four of them.

The House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech; during which,

A Motion was made by Capt. *Livingston*, that his Honour's Speech be proceeded upon immediately, and the Question being put accordingly? It was carried in the Negative, by 17 against 5, in Manner following.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Capt *Livingston*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Haasbrook*,	Mr. *Clarkson*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Verplank*,
Mr. *Cornel*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Nicoll*.	Mr. *Tur Boss*,
	Capt. *Bradt*,
	Col. *Johannis Lott*,
	Mr. *Lecount*,
	Mr. *Roome*,
	Mr. *Stillwell*,
	Mr. *Gale*,
	Mr. *Purdy*,
	Col. *Moore*,
	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Col. *Rensselaer*,
	Capt. *Winne*,
	Col. *Beekman*.

Then Mr. Speaker moved, that the Consideration of the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be refered to *Thursday* next, and being put to the Vote? It was carried in the Affirmative, by 16 against 6, in Manner following.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. Speaker,	Capt. *Livingston*,
Mr. *Clarkson*,	Mr. *Nicoll*,
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	Mr. *Verplank*,
Mr. *Tur Boss*,	Mr. *Haasbrook*,
Capt. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Johannis Lott*,	Mr. *Cornell*.
Mr. *Lecount*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Capt. *Winne*,	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Mr. *Stillwell*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Col. *Moore*,	
Col. *Schuyler*,	
Col. *Rensselaer*.	

Then Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones*, reported from the Committee the said Proceedings, and that he was directed for Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration, *Thursday* next.

Mr. *Lecount*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for reviving an Act, entitled, *An* Act *for regulating Fences, for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Jones*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for continuing an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out, publick Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1739.

MR. *Jones* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Col. *Schuyler*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Abraham Lot*, from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to consider what new Laws may be necessary for the Benefit of this Colony, reported, that the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs*, being nigh expiring, they conceive it necessary to have it continued; and that the Act, *for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; as also the Act, *for incouraging Whaling*, being expired; they conceive it necessary to have them revived.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the Continuance of the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones*, prepare and bring in a Bill, *for licensing Pedlers and Hawkers.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll*, prepare and bring in a Bill, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Whaling.*

Mr. *Lecount* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Col. *Beekman* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, living in the South Part of* Orange *County, to raise in that Part of the County, to the Southward of the Mountains, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating the Court House and Goal in* Orange *Town*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made some Amendments to the Bill, which they directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Mr. *Nicoll*, moved for Leave to bring in the three following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk.

2. *An* Act, *to prevent firing the Woods, in the County of* Suffolk.

3. *An* Act, *to enable the Inhabitants of* Brook Haven, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Constables at the Places thereinmentioned.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in the above-mentioned Bills accordingly.

Mr. *Cornell*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for reviving an Act, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Penning and Folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1739.

COLONEL *Schuyler* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Township of* Schenectady, *in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second Time.

Col. *Philipse*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Relief of such insolvent Debtors, as shall be charged in Execution for Debts, not exceeding *Forty Shillings*, and the Costs of Suit, within the several Counties therein after-mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Nicoll* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Nicoll*, (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Col. *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Johan Jooſt Petre*, in Behalf of himſelf, and ſeveral Inhabitants of *Burnet's Field*, in the County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That as their Situation being about 80 Miles Weſtward of the City of *Albany*, do conceive themſelves a ſmall Barrier to this Colony; and that in Caſe of a Rupture, they conceive themſelves in Danger of their Lives, or abandoning their Settlements, to the great Diſhonour of their King and Country; therefore humbly pray to be aſſiſted by the Publick, in ſuch Manner, as to the honourable Houſe ſhall be thought fit, to build a Retreat for themſelves and Families.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table for Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1739.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, That the Council have paſſed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for compleating and building the Fortifications, and other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned, for the Defence and Security of this Colony.*

2. *An* Act, *further to continue the Duty of Exciſe, and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, and to ſtrike ſome new Bills for exchanging ſuch old ones, as are or may be unfit to circulate.*

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker and the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that the Lieutenant Governor, had been pleaſed to expreſs himſelf in this Manner, *to wit.* "I am come to "give my Aſſent to the Bills that are ready for it, as the "higheſt Inſtance I can give of my Care for the Credit and "Welfare of the Colony, and of the Confidence I have in "your Honour." And that he accordingly in the Preſence of the Gentlemen of the Council, ſigned his Aſſent to the two following Acts, and that the ſame were then publiſhed in the uſual Manner, the Titles whereof being, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *for compleating and building the Fortifications and other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned, for the Defence and Security of this Colony.*

2. *An* Act, *further to continue the Duty of Exciſe, and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, and to ſtrike ſome new Bills for exchanging ſuch old ones, as are or may be unfit to circulate.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to remedy ſome Defects in, and to explain and amend an Act, paſſed in the 8th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutcheſs *County, granted to* Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeſon, Peter Fauconier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sackett *and* Robert Lurting; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; which Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Horſmanden*, brought likewiſe a Meſſage from the Council, That they have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *towards the further ſupporting the Government of this Colony, until the firſt Day of* December, *which will be in the Year* 1740; *by continuing the Duties granted and continued by the two Acts therein-mentioned*, without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 25, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon that Part of his Honour's Speech, relating to the Arrearages; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1739.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent upon the further Conſideration of that Part thereof, which relates to Arrearages, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1739.

COL. *Philipſe* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, as ſhall be charged in Execution for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Coſts of Suit, within the ſeveral Counties therein after-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Walter Kippen*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he has ſuffered upwards of five Years Impriſonment, and hath a diſmal Proſpect of being confined the Remainder of his Days, unleſs this honourable Houſe, are pleaſed to vouchſafe him ſome charitable Relief, as is in their Power to grant him; and therefore humbly prays this Houſe, will graciouſly be pleaſed to take his unhappy and miſerable Circumſtances into their ſerious Conſideration, and afford him ſuch ſeaſonable Relief for his Enlargement, as ſhall be thought juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon that Part of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, which relates to Arrearages; after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones*, reported the Proceedings of the ſaid Committee, to have been in the Manner following, *viz.*

A Motion was made by Mr. Speaker, That as Times and Things are at preſent circumſtanced, and that ſince the Act, which the good People had ſo much at Heart, is already paſſed and publiſhed, there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for his adminiſtring the Government of this Colony, from the firſt Day of *September* 1737, to the firſt Day of *September*, in this preſent Year 1739; after the Rate of *One Thouſand, Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Upon which Motion, the Committee came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for his adminiſtring the Government of this Colony, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September*, in this preſent Year 1739; after the Rate of *One Thouſand, Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed, to *James De Lancey*, Eſq; as Chief Juſtice, and for his going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September* 1737, to the firſt of *September* 1739, after the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Cornell*, That there be allowed to

to *Frederick Philipse*, Esq; as Second Justice of the Supream Court, and for his going the Circuits, from the first of *September* 1737, to the first Day of *September* 1738, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*; and Debates arising thereon; Col. *Moore* moved that the same be *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*; And the said two Motions, being severally put to the Vote? It was carried, that he be allowed *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, by 15 against 9, in Manner following, *viz.*

For £. 100.	For £. 150.
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Gale*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. *Haasbrook*,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Col. *Johannis Lot*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Mr. *Clarkson*,
Mr. *Cornell*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Col. *Rensselaer*,
Mr. *Stillwell*.	Mr. *Roome*,
	Capt. *Livingston*,
	Capt. *Bradt*,
	Col. *Morris*,
	Mr. *Verplank*,
	Mr. *Ludlow*,
	Mr. *Tur Bost*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipse*, Esq; as Second Justice of the Supream Court, and for his going the Circuits, from the first of *September* 1737, to the first of *September* 1738, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*.

Col. *Morris*, moved that there be an Allowance made to *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; for his Trouble and Expences in going several Circuits, from the first of *September* 1737, to the first of *September* 1739, some of which Causes could not be tried, by Reason the other Judges were related to the Parties, and being put to the Vote. It was carried in the Affirmative, by 18 against 7, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Johannis Lott*,
Col. *Brekman*,	Mr. *Cornell*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Mr. *Stillwell*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Nicoll*,
Mr. *Clarkson*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Haasbrook*.
Col. *Rensselaer*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Capt. *Livingston*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Col. *Morris*,	
Mr. *Verplank*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Mr. *Tur Bost*,	
Col. *Philipse*,	
Mr. *Lecount*,	
Mr. *Gale*.	

Then the Question was put, That there be allowed to *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; for his past Services, as Third Justice of the Supream Court of this Colony, and for his going some Circuits during the Time above-mentioned, the Sum of *Seventy Five Pounds*; As also a Motion of Mr. *Lecount*, that the said Allowance be *Fifty Pounds*, and both Questions being severally put? It was carried, that *Seventy Five Pounds*, should be allowed, by 17 against 7, in Manner following, *viz.*

For £. 50	For £. 75.
Mr. *Abraham Lot*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Mr. *Haasbrook*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Mr. *Clarkson*,
Mr. *Stillwell*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Mr. *Cornell*.	Col. *Rensselaer*,
	Mr. *Roome*.
	Capt. *Livingston*,
	Capt. *Bradt*,
	Col. *Morris*,
	Mr. *Verplank*,
	Mr. *Ludlow*,
	Mr. *Turbosh*,
	Col. *Schuyler*,
	Col. *Philipse*, and,
	Mr. *Gale*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; for his past Services as Third Justice of the Supream Court of this Colony, and for his going some Circuits, the Sum of *Seventy Five Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor, for Firewood and Candles for the Fort and Garrisons in *New-York*, from the 13th of *June* 1738, to the 13th of *June* 1740, the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor for repairing Fortifications, from the 13th of *June* 1738, to the 13th of *June* 1740, the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*; out of which the Barracks in *Fort George*, are to be put in good Repair.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor, for Presents to the six Nations of *Indians*, from the 13th of *June*, 1738, to the 13th of *June*, 1740, the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds, One Shilling*, to be laid out in proper Presents when he goes to *Albany* to renew the Treaty with the said Nations.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor, for the Expences of his Voyage to *Albany*, when he goes to renew the Treaty with the six Nations of *Indians*, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to Capt. *Stephen V. Rensselaer*, for having provided Firewood and Candles, for the several Garrisons in the City and County of *Albany*, from the 13th of *June*, 1737, to the 13th of *June*, 1739, the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, for their Disbursements and Expences to the six Nations of *Indians*, and for Presents imployed by them for the public Service, from the first of *September*, 1737, to the 1st of *September*, 1739, the Sum of *Three Hundred and Forty Pounds*; out of which Sum, they are to reimburse Col. *Rensselaer* the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, advanced by him for Presents carried to the *Senekas* by the Smiths sent to reside among them in the Year 1736.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the *Indian* Interpreter at *Albany*, for interpreting, and for all other Services that he has been directed to do by the Governor, or the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs, from the first of *September*, 1737, to the first of *September*, 1739, after the Rate of *Ninety Pounds per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Secretary, for ingrosing and inrolling the Acts of General Assembly from the first of *September*, 1737, to the first of *September*, 1739, after the Rate of *Thirty Pounds per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the Council, for his Service and Attendance on the Council, during the sitting of the General Assembly, and for all other publick Services performed by him from the first of *September*, 1737, to the first of *September*, 1739, after the Rate of *Thirty Pounds per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *George Lurting*, for his Service as Land and Tide Waiter, from the 31st of *December*, 1737, to the 31st of *December*, 1738, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Samuel Heath*, for his Service as Land and Tide Waiter, from the first of *May*, 1739, to the first of *September* following, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *John Kip*, for his Service as Gauger, from the first of *May*, 1739, to the first of *September* following, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Door Keeper of the Council, from the first of *September*, 1737, to the first of *September*, 1739, after the Rate of *Twenty Pounds per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *George Duncan*, for his Service as Clerk of the General Assembly, from the 4th of *April*, 1738, to the 14th of *April*, 1739, being 61 Days, at *Twelve Shillings* per Day, *Thirty Six Pounds Twelve Shillings*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Alexander Lamb*, for his Service as Door Keeper of the Assembly, from the 4th of *April*, 1738, to the 14th of *April*, 1739, being sixty one Days, at *Five Shillings* per Day, *Fifteen Pounds Five Shillings*.

For ditto, for sundry Disbursements in repairing the Assembly Chamber, and for removing the Chairs and other Things, to and from *Greenwich*, and to and from the House of Mr. *Harmanus Rutgers*, nigh *Fresh-Water*, the Sum of *Nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Daniel Gautier*, for providing a Table for the General Assembly, at *Greenwich*, and for removing the said Table from thence to *Fresh-Water*, the Sum of *One Pound, Four and Three-pence*.

Resolved, That there be repaid to *James Delancey*, Esq; the Sum of *Five Pounds, Ten Shillings*, advanced by him for an Express to *Albany*, upon an Information that a Quantity of counterfeit Bills, printed in *Ireland*, was carried thither.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *John Peter Zenger*, in full for his Service as Printer, to the 28th of *October*, 1738, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *William Bradford*, for his Service as Printer, to the first of *September*, 1739, the Sum of *Twenty Five Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be paid to Col. *Philip Schuyler*, for the Use of *Michael Basset*, and the several Persons sent with him by order of, and for the Service of the Government, to reside among the *Senekas*, from the 20th of *July*, 1736, to the 20th of *July*, 1737, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be paid to Col. *Philip Schuyler*, for the Use of *Joost Vanfice*, and the several Persons sent with him by order of, and for the Service of the Government, to reside among

among the *Senekas*, from the 25th Day of *July*, 1737, to the 25th Day of *July*, 1738, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*.

Reſolved, That there be paid to Col. *Philip Schuyler*, for the Uſe of *Michael Baſſit*, and the ſeveral Perſons ſent with him by order of, and for the Service of the Government, to reſide among the *Senekas*, from the 25th of *July*, 1738, to the 25th of *July*, 1739, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for all the Services performed by him in that Office, from the firſt of *September*, 1737, to the firſt of *September*, 1739, the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Revd. Mr. *Henry Barcklay*, for his extraordinary Induſtry in inſtructing the *Indians* in the Chriſtian Religion, and confirming them in the *Britiſh* Intereſt, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*.

Reſolved, That the Committee will proceed to take into Conſideration what Allowances are to be made for the future Support from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the firſt of *September* which will be in the Year 1740, when the Houſe ſhall think fit to direct it.

Which Report Mr. *Jones* read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, on *Wedneſday* next, proceed to take into Conſideration that Part of the Lieut. Governor's Speech which relates to a future Support, from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the firſt of *September*, 1740.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Wedneſday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1739.

COL. *Schuyler* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, reſiding in the Townſhip of *Schenectady*, to order the raiſing a Sum not exceeding *Thirty Two Pounds*, for diſcharging the Arrears ſtill due for making the old Church in the Town defenſible.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Bill (according to Leave) was preſented to the Houſe, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of* Walter Kippen, *an inſolvent Debtor in the Goal of the City of* New-York, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Peoſon*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, and the County of *Ulſter*, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of ſuch inſolvent Debtors as ſhall be charged in Execution for Debts not exceeding* Forty Shillings, *and the Coſts of Suit, within the ſeveral Counties therein after-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the ſaid ſeveral Counties, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in the County of* Suffolk; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or any five of them.

The ingroſſed Bill of the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to remedy ſome Defects in, and to explain and amend an Act paſſed in the 8th Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutcheſs *County, granted to* Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeſſon, Peter Fauconnier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sackett, *and* Robert Lurting; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing in the South Part of* Orange *County, a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal, in* Orange *Town*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ludlow*, and Mr. *Gale*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *a Sum not exceeding* Thirty Two Pounds, *for the Uſes therein-mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 31, 1739.

A Petition of *Johan William Smith*, *Nicholas Milſpagh*, *Johannis Criſt*, *Adam Neuppennye*, *Hendrick Weaver*, *Andries Wyſe*, *Johan Tennis Senſeback*, *Johan Criſt Senſeback*, *Philip Miller*, *Paul Francis Cebe*, *Mariane Cebe*, *Johannis Miller*, and *Chriſtian Bording*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon that Part of his Honour's Speech which relates to a future Support of the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 1, 1739.

A Bill, (according to Leave) was preſented to the Houſe, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan William Smith, Nicholas Milſpagh, Johannis Criſt, Adam Neuppennye, Hendrick Weaver, Andries Wyſe, Johan Tennis Senſebach, Johan Criſt Senſebach, Philip Miller, Paul Francis Cebe, Mariane Cebe, Johannis Miller, *and* Chriſtian Bording; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *a Sum not exceeding* Thirty Two Pounds, *for the Uſe therein-mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany* and *Ulſter* Counties, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Relief of* Walter Kippen, *an inſolvent Debtor in the Goal of the City of* New-York, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *Weſtcheſter* County, or any five of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 1, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan William Smith, Nicholas Milſpagh, Johannis Criſt, Adam Neuppennye, Hendrick Weaver, Andries Wyſe, Johan Tennis Senſebach, Johan Criſt Senſebach, Philip Miller, Paul Francis Cebe, Mariane Cebe, Johannis Miller, *and* Chriſtian Bording; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and County of *Weſtcheſter*, or the major Part of them.

Col. *Schuyler*, from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Col. *Schuyler*, from the Committee to whom was refered, the

the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *a Sum not exceeding* Thirty Two Pounds, *for the Uſe therein-mentioned*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill without any Amendments; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion of Mr. *Jones*,

That as the Time appointed by the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for laying an Exciſe upon all ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for ſelling the ſaid Exciſe*; being elapſed, that a Bill may be ordered to be brought in for letting the ſaid Exciſe for the enſuing Year.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones*, and Col. *Philipſe*, prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe above-mentioned.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon that Part of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, which relates to a future Support of the Government. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported the Proceedings of the ſaid Committee to have been in the Manner following, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor, for adminiſtring of the Government of this Colony, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, after the Rate of *Thirteen Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, for providing Firewood and Candles, for the Fort and Garriſons in *New-York*, from the 13th of *June*, 1740, to the 13th of *June*, 1741, after the Rate of *Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, for repairing Fortifications, from the 13th of *June*, 1740, to the 13th of *June*, 1741, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds.*

As the Allowance for Preſents to the ſix Nations, and the Lieut. Governor's going to *Albany* for that Purpoſe, is provided for till the 13th of *June* 1740, and as it has been uſual to perform that Service but once in two Years;

Reſolved, That an Allowance for the ſame, be refered until Application be made for a further Support.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *James Delancey*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, for his Salary and going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September* 1740, after the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Clarkſon*, that there be allowed to *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; Second Juſtice, and for his going the Circuits, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds, per Annum*: And another Motion of Mr. *Cornell*, that there be no Allowance: The ſaid two Motions being ſeverally put, it was carried, that *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed, by twelve againſt nine, in Manner following, *viz.*

For £. 100.	For no Allowance.
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Mr. *Cornell*,
Mr. *Roome*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Col. *Johannis Lott*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Turboſs*.
Mr. Speaker,	
Mr. *Stillwell*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*.	

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; the Second Juſtice of the Supreme Court, and for his going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, after the Rate of *One Hundred Pounds, per Annum.*

A Motion was made by Capt. *Livingſton*, and the Queſtion was put, that there be allowed to *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; the third Juſtice of the Supreme Court for the Time being, and going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Annum?* It was carried in the Affirmative by twelve againſt nine, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Col. *Johannis Lot*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Roome*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,	Mr. *Cornell*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Lecount*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Col. *Beekman*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Stillwell*.
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Mr. *Turboſs*.	

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; the third Juſtice of the Supreme Court for the Time being, for going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Annum.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, at *Albany*, for their future Diſburſements and Expences to the ſix Nations, and other the *Indians* in the *Britiſh* Intereſt, and for Preſents to be imployed by them for the publick Service, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the *Indian* Interpreter, at *Albany*, for interpreting, and for all other Services that he ſhall be directed to do by the Governor, or the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of *Ninety Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Secretary, for ingroſſing and inrolling the Acts of General Aſſembly, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the Council, for his Service and Attendance on the Council, during the ſitting of the General Aſſembly, and for all other publick Services to be performed by him, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Land and Tide Waiter, for the Time being, for his Service in that Station, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Gauger, for the Time being, for his Service in that Station, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Door-Keeper of the Council, for the Time being, for his Service in that Station, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, for his Service as Clerk, for ingroſſing all publick Acts, and for all other Incidents of his Office, from the 28th of *Auguſt*, 1739, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, at the Rate of *Twelve Shillings* per Diem, upon a Certificate from the General Aſſembly, ſigned by the Speaker, for the Number of Days which he has ſerved or may ſerve in each Seſſion.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Door Keeper of the General Aſſembly, *Five Shillings* per Diem, upon a like Certificate for the Number of Days he has ſerved or may ſerve in that Station, from the 28th of *Auguſt*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *William Bradford*, as publick Printer of this Colony, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Time being, for all the Services which have been or ſhall be performed by him in that Office, from the firſt of *September*, 1739, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, after the Rate of *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to Capt. *Stephen V. Renſſelaer*, for furniſhing the ſeveral Garriſons in the City and County of *Albany*, with Firewood and Candles, from the 13th of *June*, 1739, to the 13th of *June*, 1740, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds.*

Reſolved, That the Allowance for the Smith, and other Perſons ſent the latter End of *September*, or Beginning of *October* laſt, to go to and reſide among the *Senekas* for the enſuing Year, be refered until Application be made for a further Support.

Which Report Mr. *Jones* read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the foregoing Reſolutions; and,

Ordered, That the Members of the City of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the ſame accordingly.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 2, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *a Sum not exceeding* Thirty Two Pounds,

Pounds, *for the Uſe therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and Capt. *Bradt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents, by Fire in the ſaid Town*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne*, and Capt. *Bradt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Nicoll*, from the Committee to which was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Nicoll*, (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Inhabitants of* Brook Haven, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Conſtables at the Places therein mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Clarkſon*, (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due until the firſt Day of* September, 1740; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Jones*, (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 2, 1739.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1739.

A Petition of *Henry Heder*, *John Meintzer*, and *Lawrence Meintzer*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

A Petition of *Jacob Ferro*, jun. and *Levy Samuel*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying their Names may be inſerted in a Bill of Naturalization now before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom the ſaid Bill is committed.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll*, and Col. *Johannis Lott*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll*, and Mr. *Cornell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due until the firſt Day of* September, 1740; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Inhabitants of* Brook Haven, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Conſtables at the Places therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or the major Part of them.

Col. *Beekman* moved for Leave to be abſent.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1739.

MR. *Nicoll*, (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent firing the Woods in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr. *Jones* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act, to prevent the ſetting on fire, or burning the old Graſs on *Hempſtead Plains*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Pierſon* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in the County of *Suffolk*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent firing the Woods in the County of* Suffolk; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or the major Part of them.

Mr. *Jones* moved, that it be a Direction to the Committee, when they go upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due by the firſt Day of* September, 1740; not to ſuffer or permit any Monies to be drawn, or made payable out of the Treaſury of this Colony, by Virtue of any Orders or Warrants iſſued by the Governor in Council; and Debates ariſing thereupon, Mr. *Clarkſon* moved that the previous Queſtion be put, whether Mr. *Jones*'s Queſtion ſhould be now put? And the ſaid previous Queſtion being accordingly put, it was carried in the Negative by fourteen againſt eight, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Jones*,	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
Mr. *Cornell*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Mr. *Stillwell*,
Mr. *Pierſon*,	Col. *Philipſe*,
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	Mr. *Verplank*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,	Mr. *Lecount*,
Mr. *Hardenberg*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Mr. *Haaſbrouck*.	Mr. *Ludlow*,
	Col. *Johannis Lott*,
	Capt. *Bradt*,
	Mr. *Purdy*,
	Col. *Moore*,
	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
	Capt. *Winne*.

Mr. *Clarkſon*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to limit the Continuance of General Aſſemblies in this Colony, conformable to that of the Parliament of *Great-Britain*.

Ordered, That as the preſent Sitting is drawing to a Cloſe, he have Leave to bring in ſuch a Bill, at the Beginning of the next Meeting of this Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences, that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due until the firſt Day of* September 1740.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Verplank*, and the Queſtion was put, that the additional Clauſes drawn up by Mr. Speaker, be Part of the ſaid Bill, which being put to the Vote? It was carried in the Affirmative, by 11 againſt 10, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Jones*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Cornell*,

Col.

Col. *Philipse*.
Mr. *Verplank*,
Col. *Schuyler*,
Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Lecount*,
Mr. *Gale*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Col. *Johannis Lott*,
Mr. *Clarkſon*.
Mr. *Pierſon*,
Capt. *Bradt*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Capt. *Livingſton*.
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,
Mr. *Nicoll*.

Then Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarkſon*, from the Committee, to who was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences, that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due, until the firſt Day of* September 1740, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſome Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 7, 1739.

MR. *Jones* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

The Lieut. Governor, ſent by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, his Majeſty's royal Approbation of an Act of the General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1734; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be entered in the Journal of this Houſe, and that the Clerk do then return it to his Honour, being in the Words following, *viz.*

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th Day of *January*, 1737.
PRESENT,
The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*,
Lord Chancellor,
Lord Perſident,
Lord Steward,
Lord Chamberlain,
Earl of *Hay*,
Earl of *Fitzwalter*,
Lord *Hervey*,
Lord *Delawar*,
Lord *Monſon*,
Henry Pelham, Eſq;
Sir *Charles Wager*,
Duke of *Montague*,
Duke of *Newcaſtle*,
Earl of *Pembroke*,
Earl of *Eſſex*,
Earl of *Cholmondely*,
Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Chancellor of the Ex.
Lord Chief Juſtice *Lee*,
Sir *Paul Methven*,
Sir *Charles Wills*,
Horatio Walpole, Eſq;
Stephen Poyntz, Eſq;
Sir *William Young*.

WHEREAS *the Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *with the Council and Aſſembly of the ſaid Province, did, in* 1734, *paſs an Act, entitled*, An *Act*, for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in *Dutcheſs* County, granted to *Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeſon, Peter Fauconier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sacket* and *Robert Lurting*.

And Whereas, *the ſaid Act, together with a Repreſentation from the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations thereupon, have been refered to the Conſideration of a Committee, of the Lords of his Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy Council for Plantation Affairs; the ſaid Lords of the Committee, did this Day, report their Opinion to his Majeſty, that the ſaid Act was proper to be approved; his Majeſty in Council taking the ſame into Conſideration, was graciouſly pleaſed to declare his Approbation of the ſaid Act, and purſuant to his Majeſty's royal Pleaſure thereupon expreſſed; the ſaid Act is hereby confirmed, finally enacted and ratified accordingly; whereof the Governor, Lieut. Governor or Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and govern themſelves accordingly.*

W. SHARPE.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 8, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due, by the firſt Day of* September 1740; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon* and Mr. *Jones* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Pierſon* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, that Mr. *Hermanus Rutgers*, did generouſly allow the General Aſſembly to ſit in his Houſe, near *Freſh-Water*, during the Time ſeveral of the Members ſcrupled to ſit in the City Hall, by Reaſon the Small Pox were then rife in Town.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Nicoll*, give the Thanks of this Houſe to him for the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that they have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; in Behalf of the Honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing in the South Part of* Orange *County, a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal, in* Orange *Town*; without any Amendment.

Alſo a Meſſage, by the Honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to raiſe in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *a Sum not exceeding* Thirty Two Pounds, *for the Uſe therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 8, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or the major Part of them.

Mr. *Jones* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, and the Houſe conceiving, that a new Bill for the ſame Purpoſes, will be more proper than a Revival of the old one,

Ordered, That the above-mentioned Bill be diſmiſſed, and that Mr. *Jones*, prepare and bring in a new One, to the like Purpoſes.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 9, 1739.

COL. *Morris* moved, that as the Road from *New-York* to *King's Bridge*, is ſo narrow, that Coaches and Chaiſes, cannot paſs or re-paſs without Danger, as well as inconvenient for other Carriages; he might have Leave to bring in a Bill, at the Beginning of the next Meeting of this Houſe, for extending the Rutts of the ſaid Road.

Ordered, That the ſaid Motion be taken into Conſideration, at the next Meeting of this Houſe.

Mr. *Lecount*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Province of* New-York, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, altered the Title, and made ſome Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table;

Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in the County of* Suffolk; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or the major Part of them.

A Memorial of *Archibald Kennedy*, his Majeſty's Receiver General of the Province of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he is informed, that a Bill for the better collecting his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, is now before the Houſe, brought in at the Requeſt of the Memorialiſt, which, when paſſed into a Law, he humbly conceives will redound to the Intereſt of his Majeſty, as well as to the Eaſe and Safety of every Perſon in the Province concerned; therefore humbly prays, the ſame may be taken into Conſideration, that the Memorialiſt (who has for ſome Time forbore Proſecutions, in hopes of ſuch a Law) may be the better able to determine whether he is to proceed in Equity, or by Diſtreſs, or both, or how otherwiſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be taken into Conſideration, after the Bill therein-mentioned hath been read.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1739.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Cornell* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the Penning and Folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1739.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made an Amendment to the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendment and Clauſe in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment, and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Nicoll*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſome Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Nicoll*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Inhabitants of* Brook-Haven, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Conſtables at the Places therein mentioned*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the ſaid Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Col. *Philipſe*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony for the Time therein mentioned*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill,

Entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs*; without any Amendment. Alſo,

A Meſſage by the ſaid *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; in Behalf of *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the Encouragement of Whaling*; without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 12, 1739.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*, reported, That the Committee had gone the Bill, altered the Title, made ſome Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Col. *Philipſe*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan William Smith, Nicholas Milſpagh, Johannis Criſt, Adam Neuppennye, Hendrick Weaver, Andries Wyſe, Johan Tennis Senſebach, Johan Criſt Senſebach, Philip Miller, Paul Francis Cebe, Mariane Cebe, Johannis Miller, *and* Chriſtian Bording, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſome Amendments to the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 13, 1739.

MR. *Pierſon*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in the County of* Suffolk, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made ſome Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, for the Time and to the Perſons therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cornell* and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Countis within this Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Abraham Lott* and Mr. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains, with an Addition thereto; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Gale*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick Highways in the County of* Suffolk, with ſome Additions thereto; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pierſon* and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High-ways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*, with ſome Additions thereto; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lecount* and Col. *Johannis Lott*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Inhabitants of* Brook-Haven, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Conſtables at the Places therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll* and Mr. *Pierſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan William Smith, Nicholas Milſpagh, Johannis Criſt, Adam Neuppennye, Hendrick Weaver, Andries Wyſe, Johan Tennis Senſebach, Johan Criſt Senſebach, Philip Miller, Paul Francis Cebe, Mariane Cebe, Johannis Miller, Chriſtian Bording, Henry Heder, John Meintzer, Lawrence Meintzer, Jacob Ferro, Junior, *and* Levy Samuel; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *William Roome* and Mr. *Haaſbrook*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or the major Part of them.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due, by the firſt Day of* September 1740; without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 13, 1739.

MR. *Cornell*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on* Hempſtead Plains, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 14, 1739.

THE Houſe having at the Beginning of its Meeting, been informed, That *Brinly Sylveſter*, Eſq; who by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein mentioned*; paſſed in the Year 1737, was appointed the Officer to ſecure and collect in the Diſtrict or County of *Suffolk*, the Duties impoſed by the ſaid Act; had neither qualified himſelf for that Office, nor acted in it, were extreamly ſurpriſed at that Neglect and Omiſſion.

And though the Houſe has ſince been informed, that he lately qualified himſelf for, and acted in that Poſt; it ſeems very improbable to them, That he ſhould not have known or heard of his being ſo appointed for above a Year thereafter, eſpecially as it was ſuggeſted at the Time he was named for the ſaid Office, and that it was at his Requeſt. It is therefore,

Ordered, That he ſignifies to the Houſe, at the Beginning of it's next Meeting, the true and real Cauſe and Reaſon of the Omiſſion above mentioned.

And as the ſaid Mr. *Sylveſter*, is Deputy Collector of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in the Diſtrict and County aforeſaid; he cannot but know what dutiable Goods and Merchandizes have been imported there, during the Continuance of the ſaid Act, as well as ſince it's Revival, and to the End the Colony may not be deprived of the Duty which ſuch Goods were juſtly liable to pay;

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Sylveſter*, do by all legal Means in his Power, endeavour to ſecure and collect, of all dutiable Goods which have been imported in the ſaid Diſtrict, from the 31ſt of *December* 1737, to the 31ſt of *December* 1738; as likewiſe from the 1ſt of *May* laſt, the Duties impoſed upon ſuch Goods and Merchandizes as well by the ſaid Act, as by the Act which revived the ſame; and that he do at the Time above-mentioned, lay before the Houſe, an Account of his Proceedings herein.

Ordered, That the Clerk do by the firſt ſafe Conveyance, ſend a Copy of this Minute and of the Orders thereupon, to the ſaid Mr. *Sylveſter*.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, their Order of the firſt of *September* laſt, directing the Commiſſioners appointed in *Suffolk* County, by an Act, paſſed in the Year 1734, to lay before this Houſe, with all convenient Expedition, an Account, how, or what Part has been imployed by them, of the *One Hundred and Sixty One Pounds, Ten Shillings*, out of the *Two Hundred Pounds*, they received by Virtue of the ſaid Act; are highly ſurpriſed, that no Manner of Account or Anſwer, has hitherto been returned by them, though the Houſe has Reaſon to believe their ſaid Order did come to the Hands of ſome or of one of them.

It is therefore peremtorily Ordered, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, do prepare the above-mentioned Account, and that they or one of them, not only lay the ſame before this Houſe at it's next Meeting, but likewiſe their Reaſons, why the former Order has not been complied with.

Ordered, That the Clerk do by the firſt ſafe Opportunity, ſend to every one of the Commiſſioners named in the ſaid Act, for *Suffolk* County, Copies as well of this Order, as of that on the ſaid firſt of *September* laſt.

A Petition of *Robert Cranell*, of the City of *New-York*, Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the honourable Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That purſuant to two Orders of the Houſe; one of which on the 20th of *September*, 1738, and the other on the 18th of *October* following, was ordered to take into Cuſtody *Samuel Bevier*, of *Ulſter* County, and bring him to the Bar of the Houſe, to anſwer ſome ſcurrilous Reflections by him caſt on Col. *Chambers*, a Member of the ſaid Houſe; the ſaid *Robert Cranell* did immediately repair to *Ulſter* County in purſuit of the ſaid *Samuel Bevier*, and uſed his utmoſt Endeavours to take him, but finding it impracticable, returned with all the Expedition he could, and was put to a conſiderable Charge and Expence, as well as the Loſs of Twelve Days in that Service, therefore humbly prays the honourable Houſe will be favourably pleaſed to take that Service into their ſerious Conſideration, and make ſuch Allowance for him as ſhall be thought reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, and the Preſervation of Deer, in the County of* Suffolk; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pierſon*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Colonel *Johannis Lot*, and Mr. *Cornell* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony*; reported, That according to an Order of this Houſe, on the 8th of this Month, the Committee had gone through a new Bill for the ſame Purpoſes, altered the Title, made and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 15, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 15, 1739.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, from ſelling without Licenſe*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Philipſe*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the ingroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act, *to remedy ſome Defects in, and to explain and amend an Act paſſed in the eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutcheſs *County, granted to* Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeſſon, Peter Fauconier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sacket, *and* Robert Lurting, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, by adding a Clauſe at the End of the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe: And the ſaid Bill being read a third Time, with the Amendment;

Reſolved, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York; without any Amendment.

A Bill (according to Leave) was preſented to the Houſe, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual collecting his Majeſty's Quit Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto, and for eaſing the Tenants of Lands within this Colony, of many Hardſhips under which they at preſent labour*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered that the ſame be read a ſecond Time, at the next Seſſion or Meeting of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 15, 1739.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act; *letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time, and to the Perſons therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out, publick Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County*, *and* Orange *County*; with ſome Additions thereto, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Inhabitants of* Brook Haven, *in the County of* Suffolk, *to elect two Conſtables at the Places therein mentioned*; and the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains; with an Addition thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in the County of* Suffolk; with ſome Additions thereto, without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 16, 1739.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan William Smith, Nicholas Miſpagh, Johannis Criſt, Adam Neuppennye, Hendrick Weaver, Andries Wyſe, Johan Tennis Senſebach, Johan Criſt Senſebach, Philip Miller, Paul Francis Cebe, Mariane Cebe, Johannis Miller, Chriſtian Bording, Henry Heder, John Meintzer, Lawrence Meintzer, Jacob Ferro, jun. *and* Levy Samuel; with an Amendment made thereto, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Amendment being twice read, was diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, and Alderman *Roome*, carry back the Bill, and Amendment, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to their Amendment made to the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, and for the Preſervation of Deer, in the County of* Suffolk, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; with the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to remedy ſome Defects in, and to explain and amend an Act paſſed in the eighth Year of his Majeſty's Reign*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Partition and Diviſion of a certain Tract of Land in* Dutcheſs *County, granted to* Sampſon Broughton, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham, Roger Mompeſſon, Peter Fauconnier, Auguſtine Graham, Richard Sacket, *and* Robert Lurting; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have agreed to the Amendment made to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that the Bill may be amended accordingly.

And the ſaid Amendment being accordingly added at the End of the ſaid Bill;

Ordered, That the Clerk ſign the ſame, and that Col. *Philipſe*, and Alderman *Roome*, do return the Bill to the Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled,

An Act, *to reſtrain Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, from ſelling without Licenſe*; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council do adhere to the Amendment by them made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for naturalizing* Johan William Smith, *and others*.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 4 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 16, 1739.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 17, 1739.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by *Frederick Morris*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Preſence of the Council, and the Members of this Houſe, been pleaſed to ſign his Aſſent to the following Acts, *viz.*

An Act, *towards the further ſupporting the Government of this Colony, until the firſt Day of* December, *which will be in the Year* 1740, *by continuing the Duties granted and continued by the two Acts therein mentioned.*

An Act, *to raiſe in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *a Sum not exceeding* Thirty Two Pounds, *for the Uſe therein mentioned.*

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to impower the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Albany, *living or dwelling in the Townſhip of* Schenectady, *in the ſaid County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the ſaid Town.*

An Act, *to raiſe in the South Part of* Orange *County, a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal, in* Orange *Town.*

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Encouragement of Whaling.*

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Deſtruction of Sheep by Dogs.*

An Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingencies that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due by the firſt Day of* September, 1740.

An Act, *letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for the Time and to the Perſons therein mentioned.*

An Act, *for reviving an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Fences, for the ſeveral Cities and Counties within this Colony of* New-York.

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public Highways in the County of* Suffolk; with ſome Additions thereto.

An Act, *to enable the Inhabitants of* Brook Haven, *in the* County

County of Suffolk, *to elect two Conſtables at the Places therein mentioned.*

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public Highways in* King's *County*, Queen's *County*, Richmond *County, and* Orange *County*; with ſome Additions thereto.

An Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the ſetting on Fire or burning the old Graſs on* Hempſtead Plains; with an Addition thereto.

An Act, *to encourage the Deſtroying of Wild Cats, and for the Preſervation of Deer, in the County of* Suffolk.

An Act, *to reſtrain Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, from ſelling without Licenſe.*

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains.

And then was pleaſed to ſay, that after the Acts ſo aſſented to, were publiſhed, the Houſe might repair to the Aſſembly Chamber and adjourn itſelf to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *April* next; and the ſaid Acts being accordingly publiſhed at the City-Hall in the uſual Manner, Mr. Speaker adjourned the Houſe to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *April* next.

And the General Aſſembly is accordingly adjourned until the ſaid ſecond *Tueſday* in *April* next enſuing.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. April* 8, 1740.

PURSUANT to the Adjournment of the Houſe, on the 17th of *November* laſt, eight Members being met in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair; and after ſome Conſultations, they unanimouſly were of Opinion;

That but very few Members more were like to appear at this early Time of the Year, eſpecially, ſince the Houſe of late has not ſat to do Buſineſs, until the latter End of *Auguſt*.

That as the Militia Act is in force, Proviſion made for fortifying the Colony, the Support of the Government thereof ſettled till *December*, and Application of it until *September* next, they do not conceive there is any urgent Neceſſity of ſitting for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs, till after Harveſt and Seed Time.

But if a ſhorter Adjournment ſhould be deemed more proper, by Reaſon of the uncertain State of Affairs in *Europe*, they conceive the ſecond *Tueſday* in *May*, would be eaſly enough.

And they appointed and deſired Col. *Johannis Lott*, and Capt. *Livingſton*, to wait on the Lieut. Governor with a Copy of their Sentiments, in Relation to a further Adjournment, and to requeſt him that he will be pleaſed to ſignify his Opinion and Inclination thereon.

Col. *Lott* reported, that himſelf and Capt. *Livingſton*, had waited on the Lieut. Governor with the above Copy, and that after his reading of it, he approved of the Time therein mentioned for an Adjournment, and deſired that the Houſe would accordingly adjourn itſelf to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *May* next.

And then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *May* next; and the Houſe is accordingly adjourned to the ſaid ſecond *Tueſday* in *May* next enſuing.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1740.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment of the Houſe, on the eighth of laſt Month, eleven Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair, and after ſome Conſideration upon the ſubject Matter of a further Adjournment, they were unanimouſly of Opinion,

That although they do not apprehend, for the Reaſons mentioned at their laſt Adjournment, there will be a Neceſſity of proceeding upon Buſineſs till after Harveſt, yet as his Majeſty is engaged in an actual War, it may be prudent to make a ſhorter Adjournment.

But as the Lieut. Governor intends ſpeedily to renew the Treaty of Friendſhip with the ſix Nations of *Indians*, at *Albany*, they conceive that the Time of ſuch Adjournment ought to be ſo calculated, as to be rather after, than before his Return from thence; and ſince this can better be computed by his Honour, than by us;

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe*, and Capt. *Winne*, wait on the Lieut. Governor with a Copy of our Sentiments upon this Subject, and to requeſt that he will be pleaſed to ſignify to the Houſe, the Day to which he does judge it proper they ſhould adjourn themſelves.

Col. *Philipſe* reported, that he and Capt. *Winne*, had waited on the Lieut. Governor with the above Copy; and that after his reading it, he was pleaſed to deliver unto them his Anſwer to it in writing; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

I *Agree with this Opinion of the Houſe, but as an Adjutant General is daily expected from* England, *for raiſing Volunteers on this Continent, upon an Expedition againſt ſome* Spaniſh *Settlements in the* Weſt-Indies, *it would be improper that I ſhould be abſent from this City when that Gentleman arrives; for which Reaſon, I have foreborn to appoint a Time for the ſix Nations to meet me at* Albany: *I do however approve of a further Adjournment, and deſire the Houſe will accordingly adjourn itſelf to the third* Tueſday *in* June *next.*

GEORGE CLARKE.

After which the Speaker adjourned the Houſe to the above mentioned third *Tueſday* in *June* next; and the Houſe is accordingly adjourned to the ſaid third *Tueſday* in *June* next enſuing.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. June* 17, 1740.

[*Here begins the* 14*th of* GEORGE IId.]

PURSUANT to the Adjournment of this Houſe, on the 13th of *May* laſt, eight Members being met in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair; and they having conſidered the Time of a further Adjournment, are ſtill of the ſame Opinion as they were upon that Head at the two laſt Adjournments; but as the preſent Circumſtances of Affairs may poſſibly require their proceeding upon ſome Buſineſs ſooner;

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon*, and Mr. *Abraham Lott*, wait on the Lieutenant Governor with a Copy of this Minute, and to deſire him that he will be pleaſed to ſignify unto them the Day to which he thinks it proper the Houſe ſhould be adjourned.

Mr. *Clarkſon* reported, that he and Mr. *Lott*, had waited on the Lieut. Governor with the foregoing Meſſage, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to deſire that the Houſe will adjourn itſelf to the 30th Day of this Month, in order to proceed upon Buſineſs.

And thereupon the Speaker adjourned the Houſe to the above mentioned 30th Day of this Inſt. *June*; and the Houſe is accordingly adjourned to the ſaid 30th Day of this Inſt.

N. B. *The Votes and Proceedings of the General Aſſembly, on the* 12*th* July, 1730, *(when they paſſed an Act, entitled*, An *Act*, for tranſporting and victualling Volunteers inliſted in this Colony, to ſerve in the Expedition therein mentioned) *are miſſing; and as the original manuſcript Votes of the Seſſion, begun on the* 9*th* September, 1740, *and continued till the* 3*d* November *following, are likewiſe miſſing, they are therefore printed from* William Bradford's *Edition.*

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 9, 1740.

PURSUANT to the Adjourment of this Houſe, on the 12th of *July* laſt, ſix Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair, and they being of Opinion, that but very few more Members are like to come to Town this Day;

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 10, 1740.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 10, 1740.

A Majority of the Houſe being met,

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe* and Mr. *Clarkſon*, wait on the Lieutenant Governor, and acquaint his Honour, that a ſufficient Number of Members, are met to proceed on Buſineſs.

Col. *Philipſe*, reported that himſelf and Mr. *Clarkſon*, had (according to Order) waited on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and delivered their Meſſage, upon which, his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would come up to the Council Chamber in the City-Hall immediately, and then would ſend for the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *Robinſon*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, immediately.

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The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had made a Speech to them, of which (to prevent Miſtakes) he had obtained a Copy, which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

AT your laſt Sitting you gave a Sum of Money for Tranſporting and Victualing 500 *Men, to be imployed in the Expedition againſt the* Spaniards, *that being the Number you then thought would be raiſed in this Province, for that Service; but there being now another Company of* 100 *Men raiſing, and almoſt compleat; I recommend it to you, in his Majeſty's Name, to give a further Sum for Victualing and Tranſporting them to the Place of Rendezvous; and I perſuade myſelf, that his Majeſty's Honour, the Intereſt of your Country, and a due Reflection on the ſignal and conſtant Benefits you receive from his Majeſty's paternal Care of this Province, will inſpire you with dutiful and grateful Sentiments, and induce you to ſhew your Zeal on this Occaſion with the utmoſt Chearfulneſs.*

The Apprehenſions that the People on the Frontiers were under laſt Fall, of a Rupture with France, *made it neceſſary to have a double Garriſon all the Winter at* Oſwego, *but there being then no Proviſion made for the Victualing of the additional Number of Men, one of the Contractors undertook it, hoping that the Aſſembly would pay him; and I now Recommend it to you.* Oſwego *is a Place of great Importance to you, and ought by all Means to be preſerved, if it can be, without weakening the Garriſons in the other Frontier Places. And I am perſuaded, that if proper Proviſions be made by you, for it now, when the Support of that Garriſon will fall under your Conſideration, the laſt Act being upon the Point of expiring, a ſufficient Number of the Six Nations of* Indians, *may be induced to ſtay there, with the uſual Garriſon, for its Defence, in that Part of the Year, when the Traders leave it, to return to their own Habitations.*

Deſertions from his Majeſty's Ships of War, and Land Forces in this Province, have of late been ſo frequent, that unleſs ſome good Law be paſſed to prevent the like for the future, they may be unable to protect either your Trade or Country; by paſſing ſuch a Law, you will ſhew your Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, and the Welfare of your Country.

The Mohawk *Sachems having repreſented to me the irreparable Condition of the Chaple formerly built for their religious Worſhip, and deſiring to have a new one built, I cannot but earneſtly recommend it to you, as a Thing worthy the Conſideration of a* Chriſtian Aſſembly. *The Progreſs already made by the Reverend Mr.* Barclay, *opens to our View a glorious Proſpect of ſpreading the* Chriſtian Faith *and* Worſhip, *throughout all the ſix Nations, eſpecially if he be enabled by you to proceed in the Work, he has ſo happily and ſucceſsfully begun.*

The Revenue being now expired, I recommend it to you, to give to his Majeſty, for the Support of Government, ſuch an ample one, and for ſuch Term of Years as former Aſſemblies have given, whereby you will ſtrongly recommend yourſelves to his Majeſty's Grace and Favour. At the ſame Time it will be neceſſary to prevent by ſome good Law, all illicit Trade, ſo much complained of by the fair Trader, and ſo injurious to the Revenue. And I hope you will think it high Time to give ſome effectual Encouragement to Ship Building.

G. CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Friday* next, take his Honour's Speech into Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 11, 1740.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them they judged proper to be revived; reported, That they are of Opinion, the two following Acts being near expiring, are proper to be further continued, *viz.*

An Act, *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.*

An Act, *to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-Keepers, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others.*

Which Report he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll* and Mr. *Cornell*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the further continuing of an Act, entitled, *An Act, for the encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Abraham Lott*, prepare and bring in a Bill to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-Keepers, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 11, 1740.

THE Speaker from the Chair, communicated to the Houſe, a Letter of Yeſterday's Date, directed to him by the Lieut. Governor, including another of the ſame Date, from Meſſieurs *Robinſon* and *Bayard*, relating to a Company of Volunteers, intended to be tranſported to *Jamaica*, in his Majeſty's Ships, under the Command of Capt. *Warren* and Capt. *Percival*, intimating that the ſaid Captains are willing to take the ſaid Company on board, with the Proviſion allowed them; *Provided*, an Allowance be added to it, of half a Pint of Rum a Day for each Man.

Which Letters being read, were refered to a Committee of the whole Houſe; who accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee immediately thereon. And after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Mr. *Clarkſon*, reported from the Committee, That the ſaid Act which appoints the ſaid Meſſieurs *Robinſon* and *Bayard*, Commiſſioners to tranſport and victual the Volunteers of this Colony, for the intended Expedition againſt the *Spaniards*, from hence to the Place that ſhall be appointed for a general Rendezvous in the *Weſt-Indies*, doth likewiſe enjoin them, not to exceed the Sum granted for that Service, and for defraying the neceſſary Contingences that may attend the ſame.

And as the Aſſembly was conſtrained to borrow the Money, ſo granted, from other Funds, to the End immediate Payment might be made for the Expence of that Service, The Committee are humbly of Opinion, that it cannot well be expected the Colony ſhould take any further Burthen upon it, for the Service aforeſaid; and the Committee is in hopes, that by ſaving the Charge of Tranſporting one Company, the Commiſſioners will be enabled to make amplier Proviſion for the ſaid Volunteers, in the Victualing them from hence to the Place above-mentioned.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame being again read, was approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne* and Mr. *Nicoll*, carry a Copy of theſe Minutes to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, as the Sentiments of this Houſe, in Relation to the ſubject Matter contained in the two Letters above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 12, 1740.

MR. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-Keepers, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Nicoll* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for encouraging the returning of Sheep and neat Cattle to their Owners*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 12, 1740.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer do deliver in his Accounts upon Oath, to the Houſe by *Wedneſday* the firſt of *October* next, that the ſaid Accounts include all the ſeveral Branches of the Support of Government, and other publick Funds, with the reſpective Ballances of each. That the ſaid Accounts commence from the Date of ſuch Accounts were laſt delivered in, with an Account what Bills of Credit of the ſeveral Emiſſions ſince the Year 1714, now lie ready for cancelling.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed by an Act, entitled,

titled, *An* Act, *to defray the neceſſary and contingent Charges of the Garriſon of* Oſwego, *repairing the ſame, and for the better regulating the Fur Trade*; do with all convenient Speed, lay before this Houſe, a particular Account, upon Oath, how much the ſaid Duties have amounted to, from the Time they delivered in their laſt Accounts thereof to this Houſe, unto the firſt of *September* laſt.

Ordered, That the Clerk do forthwith deliver to the Treaſurer, and tranſmit by the firſt Opportunity to the ſaid Commiſſioners, a Copy of the ſaid Order reſpectively.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech, be taken into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 15, 1740.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-Keepers, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of *November* next, to the firſt of *November* in the Year 1741; and that Mr. *Pierſon* and Mr. *Stillwell* prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to continue the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, for one Year longer*; and that Col. *Schuyler* and Col. *Philipſe*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 16, 1740.

MR. *Clarkſon* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Continuance of General Aſſemblies of this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 16, 1740.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the firſt Part of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, relating to the raiſing of another Company of Volunteers, to ſerve in an Expedition intended againſt the *Spaniards* in the *Weſt-Indies*, and for giving a further Sum to victual and tranſport them thither. And after the ſame had been maturely conſidered and debated, Mr. *Clarkſon* reported, That the Proceedings and Opinions of the Committee thereon, had been in the Manner and to the Effect following, *to wit*.

That they had in the firſt Place, examined how the ſaid intended Expedition had been repreſented here at the Beginning, and in the next, the State thereof at preſent. And they find, By a Proclamation iſſued by the Lieut. Governor in Council, the 15th of *April* laſt; *That Col.* Blakeney *would bring with him* (beſides Arms, *&c.) what Money or Credit ſhould be judged requiſite for the Performance of that Service.* And in another of the 24th of *June*, nothing was contained to the contrary thereof; though that Gentleman was then arrived here.

And though it ſeemed natural to conclude from hence, That no Part of the Charge of this Undertaking, would have been expected from this Colony, the General Aſſembly did nevertheleſs, when his Majeſty's eighth Inſtruction was communicated to them, chearfully grants the Sum of *Two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, for victualing and tranſporting to the general Rendezvous in the *Weſt-Indies*, ſuch Levies as were then inliſted, or ſhould voluntarily inliſt themſelves in this Colony, to ſerve in the ſaid Expedition; and we are informed, that the Commiſſioners appointed in the Act which granted that Money, have provided Tranſports and Proviſions ſufficient for that Purpoſe accordingly.

And though the Committee will not take upon them, to inquire whether another Company can be raiſed and compleated to 100 Men, or how many effective Volunteers will be embarked here; they conceive that if there ſhould be a Failure in either, the Money granted will more than ſuffice to anſwer the intended Tranſportation and Victualing, eſpecially as one of the Companies is already embarked in two of his Majeſty's Ships, which they are of Opinion will likewiſe be a Means, to make the better Accommodation for the remaining Companies.

And as well for the ſeveral Reaſons aforeſaid, as by the preſent difficult Circumſtances of the Colony, the Committee do humbly conceive, that it cannot juſtly be expected, they ſhould lay any additional Burden on it, for the Service abovementioned.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Jones*, carry a Copy thereof to the Lieut. Governor, as the Opinion of this Houſe, on the ſubject Matter therein mentioned, to the End an Expectation thereon, may in no wiſe retard the Embarkation of the other Companies.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 17, 1740.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to aſcertain the Continuance of General Aſſemblies in this Colony*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 17, 1740.

MR. *Stillwell* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the 1ſt of* November *next, to the 1ſt Day of* November *in the Year* 1741; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of *Thomas Tarpy*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he is an antient Man, and reduced to low Circumſtances by the Inſolvency chiefly of his Debtors; and therefore humbly prays, that he may have the Farming of the Exciſe of the City and County of *Albany*, for the enſuing Year, on ſuch reaſonable Terms as the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet, upon his giving ſufficient Security, as the Law directs for the Payment, as the Houſe ſhall determine therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the Bill now read, ſhall be committed.

Mr. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the encouraging the returning of neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; and the ſame was read; but the Houſe conceiving that ſome Defects in the ſaid Bill, may be provided for in a new Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill above mentioned be diſmiſſed, and that Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Abraham Lott*, prepare and bring in a new one, for the like Purpoſes, and for ſupplying the Defects in the Old one.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 18, 1740.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors, retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of* November *next, to the firſt Day of* November, *in the Year* 1740; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Brinly Sylveſter, Eſq; the Officer of the Colony Duties, in the County of *Suffolk*, attending without, purſuant to an Order of this Houſe, on the 14th of *November* laſt, was called in, and laid before the Houſe a Repreſentation, ſetting forth, by what Means it came to paſs, that he was not qualified in that Office until the Month of *September* 1739; which being read and conſidered, was ſatisfactory to the Houſe: And as by his Induſtry and Care, he has ſecured and recovered a conſiderable Part of the Duties on Goods, that were imported before he qualified himſelf as aforeſaid; the Houſe are of Opinion, he has diligently and faithfully diſcharged his Duty, ſo far as it was in his Power; and its therefore,

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Sylveſter*, be diſmiſſed from any further Attendance upon the Houſe, on the Order abovementioned.

Mr. *Sylveſter*, at the ſame Time laid before the Houſe the following Accounts, *viz.*

An Account, That he had received and recovered for Duties, from the 31ſt of *December* 1737, to the 12th of *September* 1739; to the Amount of *Forty Nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six-pence*; and that the Duties from that Time, to the 7th of *May* 1740, does amount to ſo much more, as makes up the above mentioned Sum, to the Sum of *Seventy Four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Ten-pence.*

And an Account of Duties ariſen, from the 13th of *May* laſt, to the 6th of this Month inclufive; amounting to the Sum of *Twenty Two Pounds, Two Shillings and Six-pence.*

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 18, 1740.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 19, 1740.

MR. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning ſtray Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That the Clerk write to the ſeveral Members who have not attended the Service of the Houſe ſince its preſent ſitting, do attend that Service forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 22, 1740.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning ſtray Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept, 23, 1740.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 23, 1740.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning ſtray Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 24, 1740.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Juſtices of the Peace, of the City and County of *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That their old Court Houſe or City-Hall, being very much gone to Decay, therefore pray, that a Law of this Colony may be made, to impower the Juſtices to raiſe on the ſaid City and County in the Term of three Years, in the ſame Proportion as the City and County Tax is raiſed, the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, to build a new City-Hall or Court Houſe, in the ſame Place the old one now ſtands, and that of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Juſtices of ſaid City and County, ſix or eight be appointed Commiſſioners to overſee the Building, which they are to do Gratis; that the whole Building be compleated in two Years, and in Caſe the ſaid Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, fall ſhort; that the Juſtices of the ſaid City and County be impowered by the ſame Law, to raiſe the Deficiency in the ſame Proportion as at firſt; but if any Overplus remains, the ſame to be applied towards defraying the publick and neceſſary Charge throughout the City and County.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning ſtray Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

David Corey, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of *Suffolk* County, appointed by an Act paſſed in the Year 1731, attending without (according to an Order of this Houſe, on the 14th of *November* laſt) was called in, and laid before the Houſe, an Account upon Oath, by which it appeared, that he had laid out the Sum of *Two Pounds, One Shilling and Nine-pence Three Farthings*, over and above the Sum of *One Hundred and Sixty One Pounds, Ten Shillings*; and at the ſame Time, acquainted the Houſe that the Order of the firſt of *September*, 1739, never came to his Hand, or any of the other Commiſſioners that he knows of.

And the Title of the ſaid Account being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Corey* be diſmiſſed from any further Attendance upon this Houſe on the laſt Order; and that he lay before or tranſmit to the Houſe as ſoon as may be, a Liſt or Account of what Quantity of Ammunition and other Stores, are left in the ſaid County; and in what particular Places.

Mr. *Haaſbrook* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Southern Part of the County of *Ulſter*, into Precincts, and to enable the Inhabitants to elect and chuſe one Supervifor, and other Officers in each Precinct.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Sept. 24, 1740.

COL. *Moore*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia in this Colony*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Clauſe, in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee on that Part of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, which relates to *Oſwego*. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Clarkſon* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee thereon, to have been as follows, *to wit.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, a Bill be prepared and brought in to continue the Duties, and to regulate the Trade at *Oſwego*, for the Term of two Years, in the ſame Manner as it was by the laſt *Oſwego* Act; and to commence from and after the Expiration thereof.

Reſolved, That at the Requeſt, and by the Approbation of the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, Capt. *Johan Jooſt Herkemer*, Mr. *Henry Van Renſſelaer*, Mr. *John Hermanus Wendel*, and Mr. *Garrit A. Lanſing*, ſhall be the Victuallers to ſupply the uſual Garriſon at *Oſwego*, with Proviſions in the like Quantity of the ſame Species, and at the like Times as the former Contracters undertook the ſame; and that they are to furniſh and perform all other Matters and Things at their own proper Coſt, in each of the ſaid Years, as the ſaid Contracters were obliged to do: And that in Conſideration thereof, they ſhall be allowed out of the Duties to ariſe at *Oſwego*, during the ſaid Time, the Sum of *Four Hundred and Fifty Six Pounds*

Pounds, per Ann. payable in the same Manner as the former Undertakers are directed to be paid.

Resolved, That all other Allowances relating to *Oswego*, and of the Contingences that will attend the supporting of it in the usual Manner, as likewise all other Matters relating to that House, and the Trade there, shall be taken into Consideration when the Bill above mentioned shall be under Commitment.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table; where it was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Resolutions above mentioned, and that the Members for the City and County of *Albany*, prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved, To take the Lieut. Governor's Speech into further Consideration To-morrow.

Mr. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-keepers, from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 25, 1740.

THE Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter directed to him by his Honour the Lieut. Governor, intimating, That Mr. Secretary *Clarke* had expended *Eight Guineas* in soliciting in favour of the Trieniel Bill; and likewise, that his Majesty had been graciously pleased to order Stores for this Colony; but for want of an Agent, and Money to take it out, the Order remains in the Council Office, the Charge whereof (as by an Account incloſed) amounts to *Fifteen Pounds*.

Which Letter and Account being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members, and to be taken into Consideration when Application shall be made of the Monies appropriated for the Support of this Government.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 25, 1740.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; with an Addition thereto, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman*, and Col. *Moore*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders, from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ludlow*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Haasbrook* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for dividing the Southern Part of the County of* Ulster, *into Precincts*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarkson* reported, that they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 26, 1740.

A Petition of several Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precincts of *Islip*, in the County of *Suffolk*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That one *Jesse Willets*, being greatly afflicted with the Rhumatism, is unable to perform any Labour; and having little or no Estate to support himself, unless by the Assistance of his poor Parents; therefore humbly prays, that by a Bill, or otherwise, the said *Jesse* may be permitted to travel on Horse-back through this Colony, as a Pedler or petty Chapman, exempt from the Duty which other Pedlers are liable to pay.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Mr. *Gale* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to raise in the North Part of *Orange* County, a Sum not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*, for finishing and compleating the Court House and Goal, in *Goshen*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Hardenbergh* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to encourage the destroying of Wolves, within the County of *Ulster*, *Orange* County, and *Dutchess* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee on his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. And having spent some Time therein, and maturely considered the two following Paragraphs thereof, Mr. *Clarkson* reported the Opinion of the Committee thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and approved of by the House.

As to Desertion from his Majesty's Forces, the Committee are humbly of Opinion, that the Acts of Parliament have made sufficient Provisions to prevent the same; and they conceive the Government here have so understood it ever since those Acts were made to extend to the Plantations, in as much as it forbore to recommend the Renewal of any Act of that Kind, since the Time those Acts were so extended.

And as to the present Condition of the Chapel in the *Mohawks* Country, the Committee were in Expectation that one of the Block Houses in the Fort lately built there, would have been made of a Dimension sufficient to contain all the *Indians* remaining there, who have embraced the Christian Religion. But in Case either such Block House will not accommodate them in their religious Meetings, or that the said Chappel is not like to last long for that Service, the Committee are of Opinion, that a new one may be erected by the voluntary Subscriptions of all well disposed Christians, as most of the Edifices for divine Worship have been built in this Colony. And as such a Chapel will open a hopeful Prospect of spreading the Christian Faith and Worship, amongst our other *Indian* Nations, the Committee are persuaded such Subscriptions will not be wanting; especially as the several Members of this House have already subscribed towards it.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 26, 1740.

COL. *Philipse*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Continuance of General Assemblies in this Colony*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments to the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration on *Wednesday* next.

The House conceiving it highly necessary to regulate the Fees of the several Officers of this Colony;

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones*, and Mr. *Clarkson*, wait upon the Gentlemen of the Council, and desire they will be pleased to appoint a Committee of their Board, to join a Committee of this House, in order to prepare a Bill for regulating, ascertaining, and establishing the Fees of the several Officers within this Colony.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1740.

COL. *Schuyler* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to support the Garrison at Oswe-*

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go, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1740.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to limit the Time of Continuance of General Aſſemblies in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon*, and Mr. *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſupport the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 30, 1740.

MR. *Hardenbergh* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves, within the County of* Ulſter, Orange *County, and* Dutcheſs *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Morris* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent clandeſtine Marriages.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1740.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves, within the County of* Ulſter, Orange *County, and* Dutcheſs *County*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the ſeveral Members of the Counties above mentioned, and the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, or any 7 of them.

Col. *Morris* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent clandeſtine Marriages*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and Juſtices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *to build a new Court Houſe and Goal, for the ſaid City and County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1740.

THE Treaſurer attending without, according to an Order of this Houſe on the 12th of *September* laſt, was called in, and laid before the Houſe, upon Oath, the ſeveral following Accounts, *to wit*.

Entries of ſeveral Perſons with the Treaſurer, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of the ſaid Colony, paſſed in the eleventh Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty the ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein mentioned*; which ſaid Act is revived by two other Acts of Aſſembly, the one paſſed in the 12th, and the other in the 13th Years of his preſent Majeſty's Reign; whereby all the laſt mentioned Duties are continued, until the 1ſt of *December* 1740, amounting to £. 2328 4 1

An Account of what is due and payable to the ſeveral Perſons therein mentioned, on account of the Drawback of Wines, which have been entered ſince the firſt Day of *December*, 1739, and which have been exported within ſix Months after the ſaid Importation, amounting to the Sum of £. 150 0 0

The neat Ballance due in favour of this Government, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, is £. 2178 4 1

An Account of the Receipts and Payments of the ſeveral Sums of Money, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony of *New-York*, publiſhed the 16th Day of *December*, 1737, entitled, *An* Act, *for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; amounting to £. 8557 14 6

By what remained due in favour of the Support of this Government, as appears by a former Account delivered to the General Aſſembly, dated the 20th of *September*, 1737, excluſive of the Sum of *Two Hundred and Ninety Pounds, Five Shillings, and One Penny*, which is ſtill remaining unpaid by this City, and the ſeveral Counties within this Colony; the Particulars whereof may further be ſeen in the ſaid Account, the Total whereof, is £. 2529 13 7

Memorandum, Out of the above Sum, the Treaſurer is to detain and cancel Bills of Credit to the Value of £. 2000 0 0

Which were ſtruck and iſſued by Virtue of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1720. £. 529 13 7

By the general Account of the *Oſwego* Fund, £. 12 6 0

By Caſh in Bills of Credit received from the firſt Signers of the ſaid Bills, purſuant to the above Act, £. 8350 0 0

Total, £. 8891 19 7

To ſundry Payments, as per Account herewith, £. 8557 14 6

The Neat Ballance in favour of this Government, carried to the General Account, for the Receipts and Payments made purſuant to an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for the diſcharging of the Salaries and Contingences that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due by the firſt of* September, 1740, £. 334 5 1

£. 8891 19 7

General Account of what has been received and paid for the Support of this Government, in the Colony of *New-York*, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of ſaid Colony, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, as well for diſcharging the Salaries and Contingences that have accrued already, as thoſe that will become due the firſt Day of* September, 1740; amounting to £. 7470 16 0

By which Account it appears, that there remains a Ballance in favour of this Government, to the firſt of *September*, 1740, the Sum of £. 2635 10 10½

General Account of what has been received purſuant to two Acts of the General Aſſembly, paſſed in the 8th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign; one entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on Tonnage of Veſſels, and for the Time therein mentioned*. The other, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on all Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uſes mentioned in the ſame, and what Money has been borrowed out of the Tonnage*; by which it appears, that there is a Ballance due in favour of this Government, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, £. 3107 19 3

An Account of what has been received and paid, purſuant to an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, publiſhed the 12th of *July*, 1729, entitled, *An* Act, *for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers within this Province*.

By Ballance due to this Government, as appears by a former Account delivered, is dated 20th of *September*, 1737, £. 3 15 0

An Account of what Money has been received, purſuant to an Act of the General

Aſſembly

Assembly of this Colony, entitled, *An Act, to ascertain Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, from selling without a License*; amounting to £. 41 1 0

An Account of what Interest Money has been received from the several Persons, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, entitled, *An Act, for emitting Bills of Credit, for the Payment of Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; amounting to the Sum of £. 1800 0 0

And the Titles of the above mentioned Accounts being read;

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Mr. *Gale* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raising in the North Part of* Orange *County, a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating a Court House and Goal, in* Goshen; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration *Friday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1740.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 2, 1740.

THE House met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 3, 1740.

A Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Rye*, in the County of *Westchester*; also a Petition of several Inhabitants of the *White Plains*, in the said County; also a Petition of several Inhabitants of *Mamaranack*, in the said County; also a Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Bedford*, in the said County; also a Petition of several of the Inhabitants of *North-Castle*, in the said County, were presented to the House, setting forth, That by Reason of the Extent of the said County, the greater Part of the Inhabitants thereof, dwell at a great Distance from the Town of *Westchester*; and for that Reason, are put to much Trouble, great Inconvenience and Expence, in attending the Courts there; and therefore pray that another Court House may be built in the Town of *Rye*, for the Ease of the Inhabitants who live remote from the said Town of *Westchester*.

Which Petitions being severally read;

Ordered, That the Petitioners serve the Clerk of *Westchester* County, with Copies of the said Petitions, and that the said Clerk serve the Corporation of *Westchester*, and such other Towns as may be affected by the Prayer of the said Petitions; and that those who have any Objections thereto (if any they have) lay the same before the House, at or within twelve Days after the said Copies are served upon them; and that both Parties do then attend the House upon the subject Matter aforesaid, if they think fit.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the City of* Albany, *and Justices of the Peace of the City and County of* Albany, *to build a new Court House and Goal, for the said City and County of* Albany; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, *Ulster* County, and *Orange* County, or any seven of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent clandestine Marriages*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for raising in the North Part of* Orange *County, a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating a Court House and Goal, in* Goshen; was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *Orange*, *Ulster*, and *Dutchess* Counties, or any five of them.

Mr. *Livingston* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Courts of Judicature in this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 3, 1740.

THE House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarkson* reported, That they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 4, 1740.

A Petition of several Inhabitants and Freeholders, of the Out-Ward of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the King's Road or Highway, is laid out to *Adrian Hogland*'s House, and no farther, so that those who live or reside thereabouts, are obliged to go about eleven Miles round in going to *Harlem*; whereas, if the King's Road or Highway, be laid out from *Adrian Hogland*'s House, to the King's Road or Highway, at *Harlem*, it will be no more than three Quarters of a Mile; and therefore pray that a King's Road or Highway, may be laid out from *Hogland*'s House, to the said King's Road at *Harlem*, which will be of great Ease to the Inhabitants there settled, as well as to Travellers.

Ordered, That the Petitioners serve the Owners of such Land who may be affected by the Prayer of the said Petition, with a Copy of this Petition: After which, both Parties may attend if they think fit.

Mr. *Turbos* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Poor in *Dutchess* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Schuyler* laid before the House, an Account, sworn to, from the Commissioners of the *Oswego* Duties, amounting from the 10th of *September*, 1739, to the first of *September*, 1740, to the Sum of *Five Hundred and Forty Three Pounds, Four Shillings and Nine-pence.*

Which being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members. And,

Ordered, That the said Commissioners lay before the House, with all convenient Speed, an Account, upon Oath, how the Particulars of the said Sum arose.

Mr. *Cornel* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill further to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act, to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, on* Hempstead Plains.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon that Part of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, which relates to a future Support of this Government. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarkson*, reported the Proceedings and Resolutions of the Committee, to have been in the Manner following, *viz.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Nicol*, and the Question put, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for his administring the Government of this Colony, from the 1st of *September*, 1740, to the 1st of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Eighty Pounds?* And Debates arising thereupon, Col. *Philipse* moved that the previous Question be put, whether Mr. *Nicol*'s Motion should be now put? And the said previous Question being accordingly put, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Nicol*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Pierson*,	Mr. *Turbos*,
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	Mr. *Lecount*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Mr. *Haasbrook*,	Capt. *Bradt*,
Mr. *Cornel*,	Mr. *Verplank*,
Capt. *Livingston*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Mr. *Jones*.	Col. *Philipse*,
	Mr. *Ludlow*,
	Col. *Lott*,
	Mr. *Purdy*,
	Col. *Morris*,
	Mr. Speaker.

A Motion was made by Col. *Moore*, and the Question put, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for his administring the Government of this Colony, from the 1st of *September*, 1740, to the 1st of *September*, 1741, the Sum of

Thirteen Hundred Pounds? It was carried in the Affirmative, in the Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Nicol*,
Mr. *Turboſs*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Gale*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	Mr. *Cornel*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,	Mr. *Jones*.
Capt. *Winne*,	
Col. *Philipſe*,	
Col. *Lott*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Col. *Morris*,	
Mr. Speaker.	

Reſolved, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for adminiſtring the Government of this Colony, from the 1ſt of *Sept.* 1740, to the 1ſt of *Sept.* 1741, the Sum of *Thirteen Hundred Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Lieut. Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, for providing Firewood and Candles for the Fort and Garriſon in *New-York*, from the 13th of *June*, 1741, to the 13th of *June*, 1742, after the Rate of *Four Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *James Delancey*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, for his Salary and going the Circuits, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, after the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

A Motion was made by Col. *Morris*, and the Queſtion put, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; Second Juſtice, for his Salary and going the Circuits, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds?*

And a Motion was made by Mr. *Cornel*, and the Queſtion put, That there be no Allowance to the ſaid ſecond Juſtice: Both Queſtions were ſeverally put; the firſt Motion was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Schuyler*,	Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Nicol*,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Col. *Moore*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Cornel*,
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	Mr. *Jones*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Stilwell*.
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Turboſs*,	
Mr. *Roome*.	

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; for his Salary and going the Circuits, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Ludlow*, and the Queſtion was put, That there be allowed to *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; the third Juſtice, for his Salary and going the Circuits, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds.*

And a Motion was made by Mr. *Stilwell*, and the Queſtion put, That there be no Allowance to the ſaid third Juſtice: Both Queſtions were ſeverally put; the firſt Motion was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Schuyler*,	Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Mr. *Cornel*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Jones*,
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Nicol*.
Mr. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Turboſs*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Col. *Philipſe*.	

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; the third Juſtice, for his Salary and going the Circuits, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, for their future Diſburſements and Expences, to the ſix Nations of *Indians*, and other *Indians* in the *Britiſh* Intereſt, and for Preſents to be imployed by them, for the publick Service, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the *Indian* Interpreter, at *Albany*, for interpreting, and for all other Services that he ſhall be directed to do by the Governor, or the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Ninety Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Secretary, for ingroſſing and inrolling the Acts of General Aſſembly, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the Council, for his Services and Attendance on the Council, during the ſitting of the General Aſſembly, and for all other publick Services to be performed by him, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Land and Tide Waiter, for the Time being, for his Service in that Station, from the 1ſt of *September*, 1740, to the 1ſt of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Gauger, for the Time being, for his Services in that Station, from the firſt of *September* 1740, to the firſt of *September* 1741; the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Door-Keeper of the Council, for the Time being, for his Service in that Station, from the firſt of *September* 1740, to the firſt of *September* 1741; the Sum of *Twenty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, for his Service as Clerk, for ingroſſing all publick Acts, and for all other Incidents of his Office, from the firſt of *September* 1740, to the firſt of *September* 1741, at the Rate of *Twelve Shillings, per Diem*; upon a Certificate from the General Aſſembly, ſigned by the Speaker, for the Number of Days which he has ſerved or may ſerve in each Seſſion.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Door-Keeper of the General Aſſembly, *Five Shillings, per Diem*; upon a like Certificate, for the Number of Days he has ſerved or may ſerve in that Station, from the ninth of *September* 1740, to the firſt of *September* 1741.

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *William Bradford*, as publick Printer of this Colony, from the firſt of *September* 1740, to the firſt of *September* 1741; after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Time being, for all the Services which have been, or ſhall be performed by him in that Office, from the firſt of *September* 1740, to the firſt of *September* 1741; after the Rate of *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to Capt. *Stephen Van Renſſelaer*, for furniſhing the ſeveral Garriſons in the City and County of *Albany*, with Firewood and Candles, from the 13th of *June* 1740, to the 13th of *June* 1741; the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to *Sybrant Van Schaick*, for himſelf, the Smith, and others, that have reſided in the *Senneka's* Country, from *September* 1739, to *September* 1740; the Sum of *Eighty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the Reverend *Henry Barclay*, in inſtructing the *Indians* in the Chriſtian Religion, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds.*

As to what is mentioned in a Letter from the Lieut. Governor to the Speaker, and read the 25th paſt, the Committee having duly conſidered the two Articles, recommended therein, to the Houſe, are of Opinion, and came to the Reſolution following thereon, *viz.*

Concerning the Charge of an Order in the Council Office, for Stores which his Majeſty had graciouſly directed to be ſent for the Uſe of this Colony, the Committee cannot find that ſuch a Charge was ever demanded from, or allowed of by the ſaid Colony: But on the contrary, that whenever Stores came hither, it was at the ſole Charge of the Crown; and they are humbly of Opinion, That his Majeſty's paternal Care, will not permit him to let his Forts and Fortifications here, remain longer without Ammunition to defend them; eſpecially as he is now engaged in an actual War. For though the Colony has ſtrained itſelf to erect Forts and Fortifications in moſt of the Places, where they were judged of the greateſt Uſe, the Circumſtances of the Colony, make them altogether unable to procure Ammunition for their Defence; there is, however, no doubt, but they will readily diſcharge the *Fifteen Pounds*, for the Charge of the ſaid Order, when they have the Satisfaction to ſee thoſe Stores arrive here.

But

But concerning the Solicitation in Favour of the Trienial Act, as the late Aſſembly did deſire the Lieutenant Governor to uſe his utmoſt Endeavour to obtain the royal Aſſent thereto;

Reſolved, That there be allowed to Mr. Secretary *Clarke*, for the eight Guineas expended in the ſaid Solicitation, the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and One Penny.*

Reſolved, That the Conſideration of *Indian* Preſents, be refered till the next Meeting of this Houſe.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 6, 1740.

MR. *Ludlow*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for raiſing in the North Part of* Orange *County, a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and compleating a Court Houſe and Goal in* Goſhen, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1740.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace living in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the Mountains, for raiſing a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal in* Goſhen; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ludlow* and Mr. *Gale*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Turboſs* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Relief of the Poor in* Dutcheſs *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of* November *next, to the firſt of* November *in the Year* 1741, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1740.

MR. *Cornell* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folaing of Sheep and neat Cattle, on* Hempſtead Plains; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of *Jane Dick*, Widow, Relict and Adminiſtratrix of *William Dick*, Eſq; late Captain of one of the Independent Companies poſted in this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the ſaid *William Dick* in his Life Time, in or about the Years 1734 and 1735, did advance and pay ſeveral Sums of Money, as well for Neceſſaries for the Uſe of the Garriſon at *Oſwego*, as for ſending up Men there, and alſo for mending the Chimney in the Guard Room at *Albany*; amounting to the Sum of *Twenty Seven Pounds, Six Shillings and Nine-pence*, as *per* a particular Account and Certificates here annexed, does appear, and no Part of which has ever been received by him, in his Life Time, nor by the Petitioner ſince his Death; and therefore prays the honourable Houſe, will be pleaſed to take her Caſe into Conſideration, and order the ſame to be paid to her, and the Petitioner will ever pray, *&c.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom the *Oſwego* Bill is committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 8, 1740.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of* November *next, to the firſt Day of* November *in the Year* 1741; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stillwell* and Mr. *Pierſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Relief of the Poor in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, *Dutcheſs* County, and *Weſtcheſter* County, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle on* Hempſtead Plains; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or any 5 of them.

Col. *Beekman*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the unſeaſonable burning of Woods in *Dutcheſs* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Hon. *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, That in Anſwer to a Meſſage of the 26th of *September* laſt, relating to the aſcertaining and eſtabliſhing the Fees of the ſeveral Officers within this Colony; they have ordered the Honourable *James De Lancey*, Eſq; the Honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; and the Honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; to be a Committee of their Board, to join and meet a Committee of this Houſe, and to appoint To-morrow Morning, Six of the Clock, at the Houſe of Mr. *Robert Todd*, for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Jones*, Mr. *Verplank*, Mr. *Livingſton*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, be a Committee of this Houſe, to join the ſaid Committee of the Council, upon the ſubject Matter above mentioned, and to meet them, at the Time and Place appointed by them, and that they have Power to adjourn to ſuch other Times and Places, as they and the Gentlemen of the Council ſhall think proper.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 8, 1740.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1740.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to Support the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. *Livingſton* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had (according to Order) conſidered of the Petition of Mrs. *Dick*, and of the Account annexed to it; and being informed, that the ſaid Demand had been laid before the late Aſſembly, and been diſallowed of by them: They examined into the Particulars of the ſaid Account, and are of Opinion, that the Articles charged therein, are no proper Charge upon this Colony.

Mr. *Livingſton* reported further, That the ſaid Committee had gone through the above mentioned Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to Support the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade*

Trade in the County of Albany; and made ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Cornell*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle on* Hempſtead Plains, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1740.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means, for the future Support of this Government, from the firſt of *December* next, to the firſt of *December* 1741; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported, That the Proceedings and Reſolutions of the Committee, had been in the Manner following, *to wit*.

A Motion was made by Col. *Morris*, that the ſeveral Duties granted to his Majeſty, by an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties, towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein mentioned*; paſſed in the 11th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, which by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts, have been continued to the firſt Day of *December* next, may be farther granted to his Majeſty, towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *December* next, to the firſt Day of *December* 1741, under the ſame or other Reſtrictions and Regulations, and upon the ſame Footing as in the Act above mentioned, except the Duty upon Goods ſold at publick Vendue. And Debates ariſing thereupon, Mr. *Stillwell* moved, that the previous Queſtion be put, whether Col. *Morris*'s Motion ſhould be now put, and the ſaid previous Queſtion being accordingly put? It was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Mr. *Roome*,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Lott*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Mr. *Stillwell*,
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Turboſs*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	Mr. *Cornell*,
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Pierſon*.
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Capt. *Winne*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Col. *Schuyler*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Abraham Lott*,	
Mr. *Lecount*.	

Then the Queſtion, on Col. *Morris*'s Motion, was put, *viz*. That the ſeveral Duties granted to his Majeſty by an Act of Aſſembly, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties, towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein mentioned*, paſſed in the 11th Year of his Majeſty's Reign; which by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts, have been continued to the firſt Day of *December* next, may be further granted to his Majeſty, towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *December* next, to the firſt Day of *December* 1741; under the ſame or other Reſtrictions and Regulations, and upon the ſame Footing as in the Act above mentioned, except the Goods ſold at publick Vendue? It was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Mr. *Roome*,	Mr. *Cornel*,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Mr. *Stillwell*,
Col. *Morris*,	Col. *Lott*.
Mr. *Verplank*,	
Mr. *Beekman*,	
Mr. *Turboſs*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Col. *Schuyler*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Capt. *Winne*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Lecount*,	
Mr. *Abraham Lott*.	

And that thereupon the Committee had come to the following Reſolution, *viz*.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Duties granted to his Majeſty, by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for granting to his Majeſty ſeveral Duties towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, for one Year, at the Time and in the Manner therein mentioned*, paſſed in the eleventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign; which have been continued by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts, to the firſt Day of *December* next, be further granted to his Majeſty, towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, from the firſt of *December* next, to the firſt Day of *December* 1741; under the ſame or other Reſtrictions and Regulations, and on the ſame Footing as is contained in the Act above mentioned, except Goods ſold at Vendue.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Reſolution above mentioned, and that the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 10, 1740.

COL. *Morris*, preſented to the Houſe, in Behalf of the Towns of *Weſtcheſter*, *Eaſtcheſter*, *New-Rochell* and *Yonkers*, their Reaſons againſt removing the Court Houſe, from *Weſtcheſter* to the Town of *Rye*. Which being read;

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members, and that the Petitioners for another Court Houſe, may have a Copy of the ſaid Reaſons, if they apply for the ſame.

A Motion was made by Col. *Morris*, in the Words following, *viz*. As the Duties impoſed on Cyder, Pork and Beef, by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uſe mentioned in the ſame*, have been found a great Diſcouragement to the Trade and Navigation of this Colony, and that the ſame have brought in but a Trifle in Compariſon of what it was expected they would have produced. And as the Duty on Goods ſold at publick Vendue, will determine on the firſt of *December* next; ſo I move, that the Clauſes in the ſaid Act, relating to the firſt mentioned Duties, may be repealed, and ceaſe on the ſaid firſt Day of *December*; and that in Lieu of them, there be granted the ſaid Duty on Goods ſold at Vendue, from the ſaid firſt of *December*, and during the ſame Term of Years, and for the ſame Uſe and Purpoſe the firſt mentioned Duties are granted, in and by the Act aforeſaid; and the Queſtion being put thereon? The ſaid Motion was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Jones*,
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Lecount*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Mr. *Turboſs*,
Col. *Moore*,	Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Capt. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Cornell*,
Mr. *Roome*,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Capt. *Livingſton*,	Mr. *Stillwell*.
Col. *Beekman*.	

And thereupon it was, *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Duties on Cyder, Pork and Beef, be repealed on the firſt of *December* next; and that the Duty on Goods ſold at Vendue, be granted in Lieu thereof from thence, during the Time and for the Uſe the aforeſaid Duties ſtand appropriated.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the Purpoſes above mentioned; and that the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr. *Jones* moved, that in Purſuance to a Reſolution of the Houſe in *June* laſt, the Houſe do conſider of Ways and Means, towards re-paying the Money borrowed from the Treaſury, for tranſporting and victualing the Volunteers, levied in this Colony, for an Expedition againſt the *Spaniards* in the *Weſt-Indies*: And the Houſe went into a Committee thereupon accordingly; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the

the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had come to the following Reſolution, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Surplus now lying in the Treaſurer's Hands, ariſen by the laſt Support and Loan Office, amounts over and above the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of the Government, and other Allowances for the Year paſt, be applied towards the Re-payment of the *Two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, borrowed from the Treaſury, for tranſporting and victualing the Levies raiſed in this Colony, for carrying on the Expedition to the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for that Purpoſe, and that the Members for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will at the next Meeting, conſider of Ways and Means, to make up what may be further wanting for the Re-payment of the above mentioned *Two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds.*

Col. *Beekman*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves, within the County of* Ulſter, Orange *County, and* Dutcheſs *County*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haaſbrook*, have Leave to be abſent.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 10, 1740.

Ordered,

THAT a Bill be prepared for the Payment of the ſeveral Salaries and Contingences mentioned in the Reſolutions of this Houſe, on the 4th of this Inſtant, payable out of the Money to ariſe by Duties from the firſt of the laſt, and out of the Intereſt to ariſe by the Loan Office.

Ordered, That the Members of *Queen's* County prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Tueſday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 14, 1740.

MR. *Clarkſon*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the Packing of Pork and Beef.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers in* Dutcheſs *County, and of Wolves in* Ulſter *and* Orange *Counties*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cornell*, and Mr. *Pierſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 15, 1740.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *James De Lancey*, Eſq; with a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, and for the better Regulation of Juries*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Philipſe* reported, That the Members of this Houſe, appointed to meet and join a Committee of the Council upon the ſubject Matter of regulating Fees, both Committees had met at the Place and Time appointed, and by Conſent, did adjourn to laſt Night; and that of the Members of this Houſe, only himſelf, and Mr. *Clarkſon* did appear, and that thereupon the Gentlemen of the Council, delivered to them their Sentiments, and Declaration in Writing, which being read, is in the Words following, *to wit.*

At a Committee of the Council, at the Houſe of Mr. *Robert Todd*, the fourteenth of *October* 1740; Col. *Philipſe* and Mr. *Clarkſon*, purſuant to a Meſſage from the General Aſſembly, of the 26th of *September* laſt, relating to the aſcertaining and eſtabliſhing the Fees of the ſeveral Officers within this Colony; the Council did appoint, *James De Lancey*, Eſq; *Henry Lane* and *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſqrs, to be a Committee, to meet a Committee of the honourable Houſe, at the Houſe of Mr. *Robert Todd*, on *Friday* the 10th of this Inſtant, the honourable Houſe, did accordingly appoint Col. *Morris*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Jones*, Mr. *Verplank*, Mr. *Livingſton* and Mr *Clarkſon*, to be their Committee; where both Committees met, and after ſome Conference upon the ſubject Matter of their Meeting, the Committees did by Conſent, adjourn to the 14th Inſtant, then to proceed farther on the Matter before them: But we of the Council are much ſurprized, to find that none of the Members appointed by the General Aſſembly to be of the Committee, have met us, but yourſelves at the Time and Place appointed. We therefore, after ſuch a Slight on us, and ſuch a Diſregard of the Buſineſs we were then upon, think it neceſſary to declare, that we ſhall not attend any farther upon this Affair, without new Directions from the Council, and that we ſhall make a Report accordingly to them, and do likewiſe deſire you to acquaint the General Aſſembly therewith.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

James De Lancey, Chairman.

Which being read,

Col. *Morris*, Mr. *Jones* and Capt. *Livingſton*, acquainted and aſſured the Houſe, that their not meeting the Gentlemen of the Council laſt Night, did not proceed from the leaſt Diſreſpect, but that the ſame was altogether occaſioned by Reaſon that ſome of them were then much indiſpoſed, and others out of Town, as Mr. *Verplank* ſtill is.

Reſolved, That the Conſideration of the ſeveral Petitions of the Towns of *Rye, White Plains, Mamaronack, Bedford* and *North-Caſtle*, in the County of *Weſtcheſter*, praying for a new Court-Houſe in the Town of *Rye*, in the ſaid County, as alſo the Reaſons of the Towns of *Weſtcheſter, Eaſtcheſter, New-Rochell* and *Yonkers*, againſt having a Court-Houſe built at the ſaid Town of *Rye*, be refered to the next Meeting of this Houſe.

Mr. *Roome* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for and towards Supporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December 1741; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1740.

MR. *Clarkſon* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate and prevent the Abuſes in the Re-packing of Beef and Pork*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, in Payment of the ſeveral Salaries and other Allowances, until the firſt Day of* September 1741; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to apply the Surplus therein mentioned, towards Re-payment of the* Two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, *granted to his Majeſty for tranſporting and victualing of Volunteers raiſed in this Colony, on an Expedition againſt the* Spaniards; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Moore* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to repeal out of an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax of the Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uſe mentioned in the ſame, that Part which impoſes a Duty on Cyder, Pork and Beef, and to grant in Lieu thereof, a Duty on Goods ſold at Vendue*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of *Abraham Myer, Nicholas Kortwright, James De Lamaitre*, and other Inhabitants and Freeholders of *New-Harlem*, in the Out-Ward of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth; That they have been ſerved with a Copy of a Petition, ſigned by *Harman Van De Water, Adrian Hooghlandt*, and others, praying, that a common Road or Highway, may be laid out from the ſaid *Hooghlandt*'s Houſe, to the Highway to *Harlem*; by which they conceive, that the granting the Prayer of that Petition, would not only in it's Conſequences be very prejudicial to your Petitioners, but likewiſe render Property very precarious and uncertain; and therefore humbly pray, that for the Reaſons therein mentioned, the ſaid Petition may be rejected.

Ordered, That the Petitioners ſerve the ſaid *Van De Water*, or the ſaid *Adrian Hooghlandt*, with a Copy of this Petition, and that both Parties do at the next Meeting of this Houſe, apply to the ſame on the ſubject Matter of both Petitions, if they think fit.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1740.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt of* December 1740, *to the firſt of* December 1741; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to repeal out of an Act*, entitled, *An Act to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uſe mentioned in the ſame, that Part which impoſes a Duty on Cyder, Pork and Beef, and to grant in Lieu thereof, a Duty on the Goods ſold at Vendue*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to regulate and prevent Abuſes in Re-packing of Beef and Pork*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government of this Colony, in Payment of the Salaries and other Allowances until the firſt of* September 1741; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to apply the Surplus herein mentioned, towards Re-payment of* Two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, *granted to his Majeſty for tranſporting and victualing of Volunteers raiſed in this Colony, on an Expedition againſt the* Spaniards; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, and for the better regulating of Juries*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 16, 1740.

THE Memorial and Petition of *Alexander Malcolm*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the General Aſſembly of this Colony, the 9th of *Auguſt* 1732, taking into Conſideration, the great Uſe and Value of Education and Learning, with the proper Means thereof in this Country, and the Neceſſity of publick Schools, paſſed a Bill, eſtabliſhing a publick School in the City of *New-York*, for the Space of five Years, for teaching the *Latin* and *Greek* Languages and Mathematicks, and appointed your Petitioner Maſter thereof, allowing a yearly Salary of *Eighty Pounds* Currency, *viz. Forty Pounds*, to be paid by a Tax raiſed on the City of *New-York*; and *Forty Pounds*, to be paid out of the Money ariſing from the Fund of Pedlers and Hawkers; but at the Expiration of the ſaid five Years, that Fund was deficient *One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Two Shillings and Six-pence*, of the Salary to be paid out of it, for the whole Time; whereupon the Promiſes conſidered of a faithful diſcharge of a laborious and important Service to the Country, the ſaid Petitioner relies upon the Juſtice and Equity of the honourable Houſe, for ſuch a Relief, as is agreeable to the Nature of the Caſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, whether Mr. *Malcolm*, had according to the Act, entitled, *An Act, to encourage a publick School in this City of* New-York, *for teaching* Latin, Greek *and Mathematicks*; an equitable Demand for Arrearages ſet forth by his Petition? It was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *to wit*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Nicol*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Lecount*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Col. *Philipſe*,	Mr. *Turboſs*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	Mr. *Cornel*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Jones*.
Mr. *Stilwell*,	
Col. *Lott*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Col. *Beekman*,	
Mr. *Clarkſon*.	

Reſolved, That ſaid Arrears be diſcharged by the Act, entitled, *An Act, to reſtrain Hawkers and Pedlers within this Colony, from ſelling without Licence.*

Ordered, That Col. *Beekman* and Col. *Morris*, prepare and bring in a Bill, to pay unto the Rev. Mr. *Malcolm*, the Sum of *One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence*, out of the Funds for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers.

Col. *Schuyler*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the City of* Albany, *and Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid City and County, to build a new Court Houſe and Goal, for the ſaid City and County of* Albany; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Col. *Beekman* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent the unſeaſonable burning of Woods in* Dutcheſs *County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Clarkſon*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to cancel the Bills of Credit in this Colony, for the Years 1715, 1720, 1723 and 1724.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 17, 1740.

COL. *Morris* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to pay unto the Rev. Mr.* Alexander Malcolm, *the Sum of* One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence, *out of the Funds for licenſing Hawkers and Pedlers*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Clarkſon* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to cancel the Bills of Credit of this Colony, emitted in the Years* 1715, 1720, 1723 *and* 1724; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Morris*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to repeal out of an Act*, entitled, *An Act to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Uſe mentioned in the ſame, that Part which impoſes a Duty on Cyder, Pork and Beef, and to grant in Lieu thereof, a Duty on Goods ſold at Vendue*, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' the

the Bill, amended the Title, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Col. *Schuyler*, moved for Leave to return Home upon extraordinary Business.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 17, 1740.

COL. *Beekman*, moved for Leave to be absent.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 18, 1740.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to pay unto the Rev. Mr.* Alexander Malcolm, *the Sum of* One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence, *out of the Funds for Licensing Hawkers and Pedlers*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to cancel the Bills of Credit of this Colony, emitted in the Years* 1715, 1720, 1723 *and* 1724; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the unseasonable burning of Woods in* Dutchess *County*; was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *Dutchess* County, *Westchester* County, and City and County of *Albany*, or any five of them.

Mr. *Nicoll*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate and prevent Abuses, in the Re-packing of Beef and Pork*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses, be ingrossed.

Col. *Morris*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to pay unto the Revd. Mr.* Alexander Malcolm, *the Sum of* One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence, *out of the Funds for licensing Hawkers and Pedlers*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be ingrossed.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to cancel the Bills of Credit of this Colony, emitted in the Years* 1715, 1720, 1723, *and* 1724; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1740.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to cancel the Bills of Credit of this Colony, emitted in the Years*, 1715, 1720, 1723, *and* 1724; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkson*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to pay the Revd. Mr.* Alexander Malcolm, *the Sum of* One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence, *out of the Funds therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Kerplank*, and Mr. *Clarkson*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Use mentioned in the same, which imposes a Duty on Cyder, Pork, and Beef*; *and to grant in Lieu thereof, a Duty on Goods sold at Vendue*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and Justices of the Peace of the said City and County, to build a new Court House and Goal, for the said City and County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne*, and Mr. *Livingston*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Livingston* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating Courts within this Colony*; was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1740.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Abuses in repacking of Beef and Pork*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1740.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1740.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Surplus therein mentioned, towards Re-payment of* Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, *granted to his Majesty for transporting and victualing of Volunteers raised in this Colony, on an Expedition against the* Spaniards; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the same were read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1740.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of the Government of this Colony, in Payment of the several Salaries and other Allowances, until the first of* Sept. 1741, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1740.

A Petition of *Cornelius Van Horne*, *Charity Payton*, the Widow of *Samuel Payton*, deceased, and others concerned, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That a certain

a certain Brigantine, called *Jonna*, belonging to the Petitioners, in a violent Storm which happened on the 4th of *April* laſt, on her Voyage from the Iſland of *Madeira*, to the Port of *New-York*, chiefly laden with Wines, was caſt away on the South Side of *Long-Iſland*, and broken all to Pieces, and her Cargo caſt into the Sea; but by the Care and Diligence, and at a great Expence of the Petitioners, Part of the Cargo was recovered, *viz.* About Sixty Pipes of Wine, ſome full, and others half full, which were ſold at a very low Price; and therefore pray, that in Conſideration of the Premiſes, together with their great Sufferings, they may be relieved from any Demand of Duties for the ſaid Wines, and that ſuch other Orders and Directions may be perſcribed, as to the honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Reſolved, That the Petition lie on the Table.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Surplus herein mentioned, towards Re-payment of* Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds, *granted for tranſporting and victualling of Volunteers raiſed in this Colony, on an Expedition againſt the* Spaniards; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones*, and Mr. *Nicol*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Gale* moved for Leave to return home upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Nicol*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt of* December, 1741; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1740.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1740.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ſupport the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Colonel *Renſſelaer*, and Captain *Winne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Renſſelaer*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Relief of the Poor in* Dutcheſs *County*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill without any Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

His Honour the Lieut. Governor, ſent to the Houſe, by Mr. *Robinſon*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, his Majeſty's Approbation of an Act, (a Copy whereof is therein at large inſerted) entitled, *An* Act, *for continuing an Agreement, and Exchange of Lands, in the Townſhip of* Oyſterbay, *formerly made between* Sampſon Hawxhurſt, *and* John Pratt, *deceaſed, and ſecuring thoſe claiming under them, or either of them, in their Poſſeſſions; and alſo to ſecure thoſe in their Poſſeſſions, who had certain other Lands in the ſaid Townſhip, which were formerly conveyed to the ſaid* Sampſon, *by his Brother*, William Hawxhurſt.

Which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be entered in the Journal of this Houſe, and that the Clerk do then return it to the Lieut. Governor, being as follows, *viz.*

At the Court at *Kenſington*, the 12th of *June*, 1739.

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt excellent MAJESTY,

Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*,	Earl of *Cholmondley*,
Lord Preſident,	Earl of *Abercorn*,
Lord *Steward*,	Earl of *Fitz Walter*,
Duke of *Devonſhire*,	Lord *Harington*,
Duke of *Athol*,	Mr. Chancellor of the Exquer.
Duke of *Montague*,	Sir *William Younge*.
Earl of *Pembroke*,	

AND whereas the ſaid Act, together with a Repreſentation from the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations thereupon, have been refered to the Conſideration of a Committee of the Lords of his Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy Council, for Plantation Affairs, the ſaid Lords of the Committee did this Day report their Opinion to his Majeſty, that the ſaid Act was proper to be approved: His Majeſty in Council, taking the ſame into Conſideration, was graciouſly pleaſed to declare his Approbation of the ſaid Act; and purſuant to his Majeſty's royal Pleaſure, thereupon expreſſed, the ſaid Act is hereby finally enacted and ratified accordingly. Whereof the Governor, Lieut. Governor, or Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Province of *New-York*, for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and govern themſelves accordingly. *W. SHARPE.*

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein-mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Lecount*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 24, 1740.

THE Treaſurer attending without (according to order) was called in, and laid before the Houſe, an Account of what Paper Money at preſent remains in the Treaſury ready for cancelling, on the ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, amounting to the Sum of *Four Thouſand One Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Eight Shillings and Six-pence.*

And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the peruſal of the Members.

The Speaker from the Chair, put the Houſe in mind (that two Days before its breaking up in *November* laſt) upon reading a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual collecting his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for the Partition of Lands in order thereto, and for eaſing the Tenants of Lands within this Colony, of many Hardſhips under which they at preſent labour*; it was ordered, that the ſame ſhould be read a ſecond Time, at the next Seſſion or Meeting of this Houſe.

Whereupon a Motion was made by Mr. *Nicol*, That as the ſaid Bill preſcribes ſeveral new Methods for collecting of the ſaid Quit-Rents, and for making Partition of Lands, and that the Bill itſelf is of a great Length, and requires a much longer Time to amend it in ſuch a Manner as will on the one Hand be effectual to collect the ſaid Rents, and on the other, to prevent Hardſhips on the Subjects, than the Houſe is like to fit at preſent, the ſecond Reading of the ſaid Bill may be refered to the next Meeting of this Houſe.

Which Motion being conſidered of, was approved of by the Houſe, and thereupon it was

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time, at the next Meeting of this Houſe; and that the ſeveral Members do in the mean while, conſider of proper Amendments thereto, as well for the Service of his Majeſty, as for the Eaſe of the People.

Col. *Ranſſelaer* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Damages by Swine, in the City and Part of the County of *Albany*.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

And thereupon Col. *Renſſelaer* preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the City and Part of the County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 25, 1740.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, in Payment of the ſeveral Salaries and other Allowances, until the firſt Day of* September, 1741; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better Relief of the Poor in* Dutcheſs *County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Turboſs*, and Mr. *Verplank*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Damages by Swine, in the City and Part of the County of* Albany; was read a ſecond Time,

Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, *Ulster*, and *Dutchess* Counties, or any four of them.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicol* have Leave to return home on extraordinary Business.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1740.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock To-morrow in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1740.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock To-morrow in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1740.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the several Bills following, without any Amendment, *viz.*

An Act, *for the better Relief of the Poor in* Dutchess *County.*

An Act, *for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned, from the first Day of* December, 1740, *to the first Day of* December, 1741.

An Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, in Payment of the several Salaries and other Allowances, until the first Day of* September, 1741. And,

An Act, *to support the Garrison at* Oswego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the several Bills following, without any Amendment, *viz.*

An Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, on* Hempstead Plains.

An Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers, in* Dutchess *County, and of Wolves in* Ulster *and* Orange *County.*

An Act, *to cancel the Bills of Credit emitted in the Years* 1715, 1720, 1723, *and* 1724.

An Act, *to pay the Revd. Mr.* Alexander Malcolm, *the Sum of* One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence, *out of the Funds therein mentioned.*

An Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and Justices of the Peace of the said City and County, to build a new Court House and Goal for the said City and County.*

An Act, *to repeal that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Use mentioned in the same, which imposed a Duty on Cyder, Pork, and Beef, and to grant in Lieu thereof, a Duty on Goods sold at Vendue.* And,

An Act, *to prevent Abuses in the repacking of Beef and Pork.*

Mr. *Turbos* moved for Leave to return to his Family.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Friday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 31, 1740.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Henry Lane*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the several following Bills, without any Amendment, *to wit.*

An Act, *for returning stray Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.*

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*, with an Addition thereto.

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders, from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others.*

An Act, *to limit the Time of Continuance of the General Assemblies in this Colony.*

An Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace living in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the Northward of the Mountains, for raising a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating the Court House and Goal in* Goshen. And,

An Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first of* November *next, to the first of* November *in the Year* 1741.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1740.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *John Robinson*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall, immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported to the House, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Presence of the Council, and the Members of this House, given his Assent to thirteen Bills, passed this Session; the Titles whereof are, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *to repeal that Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to lay a Duty on the Goods, and a Tax on the Slaves therein mentioned, during the Time, and for the Use mentioned in the same, which imposes a Duty on Cyder, Pork and Beef, and to grant in Lieu thereof, a Duty on Goods sold at Vendue.*

2. *An* Act, *for the better Relief of the Poor in* Dutchess *County.*

3. *An* Act, *to prevent Abuses in the re-packing of Beef and Pork.*

4. *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the City of* Albany, *and Justices of the Peace of the said County, to build a new Court House and Goal, for the said City and County.*

5. *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first of* November *next, to the first Day of* November *in the Year* 1741.

6. *An* Act, *to cancel the Bills of Credit of this Colony, emitted in the Years* 1715, 1720, 1723, *and* 1724.

7. *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*, with an Addition thereto.

8. *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, living in that Part of* Orange *County, lying to the North Side of the Mountains, for raising a Sum not exceeding* One Hundred Pounds, *for finishing and compleating the Court House and Goal, in* Goshen.

9. *An* Act, *to support the Garrison at* Oswego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany.

10. *An* Act, *to pay the Revd. Mr.* Alexander Malcolm, *the Sum of* One Hundred and Eleven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six-pence, *out of the Funds therein mentioned.*

11. *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in* Dutchess *County, and of Wolves in* Ulster *and* Orange *Counties.*

12. *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for the Support of this Government, in Payment of the several Salaries and other Allowances, until the first Day of* September, 1741.

13. *An* Act, *for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned, from the first Day of* December, 1740, *to the first Day of* December, 1741.

The Speaker reported further, that after the said Acts were published in the usual Manner, his Honour recommended the House to return to the Assembly Chamber, adding that he would then send for them, in order to close this present Session.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *John Robinson*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly.

MEMORANDUM.

HIS Honour the Lieut. Governor, was pleased to say, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall, as the Members are desirous, in this advanced Season, to return to their respective Habitations, I prorogue the General Assembly to the 2d *Tuesday* in *April* next; then to meet and proceed upon Business, without any further Notice. And the said Assembly is prorogued accordingly to the second *Tuesday* in *April* next ensuing.

Die Martis, 11 *ho. A. M. April* 14, 1741.

PURSUANT to a Prorogation on the third of *November* last, eight Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair, and the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 10 *ho. A. M. April* 15, 1741.

A Majority of the Houſe being met,

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon*, and Col. *Moore*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him that a ſufficient Number of Members are met to proceed upon Buſineſs.

Mr. *Clarkſon* reported, that himſelf and Col. *Moore*, had (according to Order) waited on the Lieut. Governor with the above Meſſage, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to ſay, that he would ſend for the Houſe.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this Houſe immediately, at his preſent Reſidence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor had made a Speech to them; of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtain'd a Copy; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

IF you look back to the happy Revolution, and call to Mind the great and conſtant Protection that you have, from Time to Time, received from the gracious and bountiful Hands of his preſent Majeſty, whom God long preſerve, and of his royal Predeceſſors, in the Enjoyment of your civil and ſacred Rights and Privileges, and in the Security of your Trade and Defence of the Country, at a vaſt Expence to the Crown, you will find that you have been more highly favoured than any other of his Majeſty's Provinces; and every thankful Breaſt muſt acknowledge it deſerves the higheſt Returns of Gratitude and Duty, not in Words, but in Actions; the only ſure Evidence of the Sincerity of Mens Hearts. The People lived in Eaſe and Quiet under the moſt excellent Conſtitution of Government, every one enjoying the Fruit of his Labour without Moleſtation, or Fear of Oppreſſion; an Happineſs which none but his Majeſty's Subjects know. In a grateful and dutiful Acknowledgement whereof, they for many Years ſupported the Government in a Manner conformable to that of the Parliament of *England*; like them too, never queſtioning the King's royal Prerogative and undoubted Right, to appoint Officers for the Management of his Revenue: But whether grown wanton by Proſperity, or whatever elſe it was, they began to deviate from the Example of the Parliament, demanding to have the Nomination of a Treaſurer for the Receipt and Management of the Money to be given, not for the Support of Government, but for extraordinary Uſes; and being indulged in this, they ſoon grew in their Demands, and inſiſted upon having the Revenue likewiſe put into his Hands, it being conſtantly before managed by the King's Officer, his Majeſty's Receiver General, who had, and ſtill has, a Salary allowed him for that Service, which is paid out of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents. This proſperous Beginning encouraged them to go on further, and it was a bold and large Stride they next took; they conſidered, that notwithſtanding they had the Nomination of a Treaſurer, yet he was not ſo entirely under the Direction, and in their Power, but that his Majeſty's Auditor General had the Inſpection and Control of his Accounts; an Office of great Diſtinction, and of abſolute Neceſſity for his Majeſty's Service, eſtabliſhed in King *Charles* the Second's Time, and at preſent, in a Perſon of very high Honour, Intereſt, and Truſt at Home, of whoſe Influence the Plantations have often felt, and may as often feel, the happy Effects; yet ſo inordinate is the Thirſt of Power, that no Conſideration, how equitable, prudential, or beneficial ſoever, muſt ſtand in its Way; wherefore, after the Expiration of the Revenue, in 1709, (which till then had been all along given without any particular Application) they reſolved to get rid of all Reſtraints at once, and to attain their Ends, refuſed to ſupport the Government unleſs they had the particular Appointment of the Officers Salaries, thereby making themſelves Judges what Officers were proper, what not; in Conſequence whereof, among others, they left the Auditor General without any Salary or Reward, although his Salary was eſtabliſhed ſoon after the Revolution, and conſtantly paid. Thus fixing on themſelves the Dependance of the Officers for whom they provided, (for Men are naturally Servants to thoſe who pay them) they in Effect ſubverted the Conſtitution, aſſuming to themſelves one undoubted and eſſential Branch of his Majeſty's royal Prerogative. I would willingly perſuade myſelf that nothing but the late Diſorders, which too much diſtracted the Minds of the People, kept them from returning to a juſt Senſe of their Duty to his Majeſty; and that now thoſe Diſorders are happily ended, ſober and reaſonable Council will take Place, and the Example of that auguſt Body, the Parliament, be the Rule of your future Actions: This, and only this, will remove, *as to this Province, a Jealouſy which for ſome Years has obtained in* England, *that the Plantations are not without Thoughts of throwing off their Dependance on the Crown of* England. I hope and believe, no Man in this Province has any ſuch Intention; but neither my Hopes, nor Belief, will have the Weight of your Actions, and as you have it in your Power, ſo it is your Duty and true Intereſt to do it effectually, by giving to his Majeſty ſuch a Revenue, and in ſuch Manner, as will enable his Majeſty to pay his own Officers and Servants, whereby they will be reclaimed to their proper Dependance, and ſuch as the flouriſhing Condition of the Province will amply admit; which from the great Increaſe of Trade, and People, is well known to be vaſtly better than it was above forty Years ago, when, and for many

many Years before, and after, such a Revenue as I speak of, was given by the then Assemblies, at the same Time that large Sums of Money were raised to pay Detachments of the Militia, which were sent to the Frontiers for their Defence in Time of War.

The next Thing I recommend to your Consideration, is the Defence of the Province, for though all that human Wisdom or Foresight could do to preserve us in Peace, has been done, and we have long enjoyed the Blessings of it, yet if Appearances at a Distance deceive not, there is great Cause to apprehend a speedy Rupture with *France*; your Situation therefore ought to awaken you to a timely Provision against that Event, in fortifying this Town in a better Manner than it is at present, by erecting Batteries in proper Places upon some of the Wharfs facing the Harbour, others upon the Side of *Hudson*'s River adjoining to the Town, and one at Red-Hook, upon *Long-Island*, to prevent the Enemy from landing upon *Nutten-Island*. You will see by his Majesty's Order, which I will communicate to you, that his Majesty has been graciously pleased of his great Bounty and Care of your Preservation, to Order large Quantities of Stores of War to be sent hither, among which is a great Number of Ordnance, so that the Batteries to be built, may be proportioned to the Number of Ordnance proper for them; those of the smallest Sizes being better suited to the Frontier Forts in the County of *Albany*; Powder, Ball, (Flags none of the Forts having any at present) and whatever else is wanting for the Ordnance, the Forts and Batteries, and general Defence of the Province, you must provide in Time, as well as for the Expence that will unavoidably accrue on the Arrival of the Stores, for carrying them to proper Places, mounting the Guns, and other necessary Services.

The House at *Oswego* being of the highest Importance to the Fur Trade, ought by all Means to be preserved from falling into the Hands of the *French*, which it will do, if some speedy and effectual Care be not taken to put it into a Posture of Defence; for which End, it is necessary that it be surrounded with strong and proper Works, and that the Garrison be proportionably augmented, and if to his Majesty's Troops in Garrison there, a sufficient Number of *Indians* of the six Nations, be added, it might have the best Effect, especially if those Nations be brought to let the Governor of *Canada* know that they have taken upon them to defend it, as the only Place where they can be supplied at a moderate Rate with such Goods as their Necessities require, which perhaps they may be induced to do if they are dealt with in Time, and before an actual Rupture with *France*; and I am of Opinion it is absolutely necessary that I meet them, (as I will readily do so soon as you enable me) not only for that Purpose, but also to confirm them in their Fidelity to his Majesty; which, by the Intrigues of the *French*, has of late Years been much shaken. If we tie them closely to us, (and there is no other Way to do it than by Presents) they will be our best Barrier, and the surest Protection of the Frontier Settlements at the least Expence, though it cannot be expected but that it must be greater than in Time of Peace, both because it will be necessary they be often treated with, and that the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs be more amply supplied with Money, as their Occasions to employ the *Indians* as Spies upon the Designs and Motions of the Enemy, will be more frequent; if you suffer *Oswego* to fall into the Hands of the *French*, I much fear you will lose the six Nations, an Event which will expose the whole Country to the merciless Spoil and barbarous Cruelty of a Savage Enemy; the Miseries whereof a neighbouring Province has often felt, nor could prevent at a vast Charge, wherefore at any Expence, *Oswego* ought to be maintained, that the Fidelity of the six Nations may be preserved. I have done my Duty, and discharged my Conscience in giving you this Warning; do you yours, and save your Country from Ruin. *At present, if any Part of the Province should be invaded, and Money absolutely necessary for any Service, even in such an Exigency, I cannot either with or without the Advice of the Council, draw for a Penny; a Circumstance well worth your Consideration.*

Gentlemen;

The Militia ought to be put under some better Regulation, in Case of an Invasion; nor should any Man who is able to bear Arms, be exempted from serving and doing Duty.

An Agent in *England*, to negotiate the Affairs of the Province is always necessary; it is owing to the Want of one, that we have not yet received the Stores of War, and to the same Cause you must impute whatever other Disadvantages you may feel by not having the Affairs of the Province properly represented and duly solicited by some Gentleman, whose Integrity, Abilities and Person, being well known to the Ministry, will give him access to them at all Times.

I wish with all my Heart, I had no more to say to you at this Time, but how melancholly soever it be, I am obliged to mention to you, the late fatal Fire that laid in Ashes the House, Chapel, Barracks and Secretary's Office, in his Majesty's Fort in this Town, accidentally occasioned by mending a Gutter on the Roof of the House, adjoining to the Chapel,

Chapel, which having leaked all Winter, had much damaged and would ſoon have rotted the Timber and Floors of that Part of the Houſe; ſo that what was intended for it's Preſervation, unhappily turned to it's Deſtruction; I need not tell you how neceſſary it is to have them ſpeedily re-built; without doubt you are ſenſible of it, and will make Proviſion accordingly.

The frequent Fires which have happened in this Town, ſince that at the Fort, giving Room, from many Circumſtances to believe, they have been kindled by Deſign, call for ſome effectual Law to reſtrain the too great Licenſe that the Negroes are allowed, or that they take without it, in aſſembling in great Numbers, and at Times and in Places that give them Opportunities of Cabaling, and the great Loſſes that have been ſuſtained by Means of thoſe Fires, when Goods have been removed to preſerve them from the Flames, requires ſome Method to ſecure them for the future from being ſtolen: A night Guard of the Militia, will be very proper to be conſtantly kept on Foot, eſpecially in Time of War, but they muſt be obliged to that Duty by proper Penalties; and Proviſion ought to be made for billeting the Men, who may be ordered to this Town for it's Defence, whenever Occaſion requires.

G. CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of the Houſe, be likewiſe printed from Time to Time, being firſt peruſed and ſigned by the Speaker.

The Speaker likewiſe laid before the Houſe, a Liſt of Warlike Stores, ordered by his Majeſty for the Uſe of this Colony; dated the 27th of *December* 1739, and refered to in the ſaid Speech, which being read;

Ordered, That the ſame be entered in the Journal of this Houſe, and that the Clerk do then return it to his Honour, being as follows, *viz.*

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 27th of *December* 1739.

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Lord Archbp. of *Canterbury*,	Lord Viſcount *Torrington*,
Lord Preſident,	Lord *Hervey*,
Lord Steward,	Lord *Delawar*,
Lord Chamberlain,	Mr. Chancellor of the Exq.
Duke of *Athol*,	Sir *Charles Wager*,
Duke of *Kent*,	Sir *John Norris*,
Earl of *Cholmondley*,	

Upon Reading at the Board, a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, dated the 24th of laſt Month, in the Words following, viz.

'*IN Obedience to an Order in Council, of the fifth of laſt Month, refering to this Committee, a Letter from* George Clarke, *Eſq; Lieut. Governor of your Majeſty's Province of* New-York, *to his Grace the Duke of* Newcaſtle, *one of your Majeſty's moſt principal Secretaries of State; ſetting forth amongſt other Things, that the ſaid Province is in a weak and defenceleſs Condition, for want of Ammunition and Stores of War, as appears by an Account therewith tranſmitted of all the Stores in the Fort of New-York; out of which Fort a ſupply of Stores and Ammunition is to be ſent to three other Forts at* Albany; *and therefore deſiring, that a Quantity of all Sorts of Stores, anſwerable to their preſent Neceſſity, may be ſent thither.' The Lords of the Committee, in Obedience, to the ſaid Order of Reference did, on the 9th of the ſaid Month, take the ſaid Letter and Account of Stores into their Conſideration, and thought proper to refer the ſame to the Maſter General of the Ordnance, who hath tranſmitted to this Committee a Report thereupon, whereby it appears, that the Board of Ordnance, have examined into the ſaid Account of Stores, and find that there is a very great Want of Stores proper for the Guns now remaining there, but from the Irregularity in the Weight of the Shot the Guns are ſaid to carry, the ſaid Board cannot take upon them to draw out a Proportion of Stores for them, leſt your Majeſty ſhould be thereby put to a great Expence, and the Stores or the greateſt Part of them, be of no Service at all; however, thinking it may be a Duty incumbent upon them, to make ſome Propoſal for the Safety and Defence of the ſaid Province; they have therefore drawn out a new Proportition, both of Ordnance and Stores, the Expence whereof, amounts to* Eight Thouſand, Five Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Three-pence, *and which they conceive will be ſufficient for the Defence of the ſaid Province; provided that the Guns are mounted in Places moſt expoſed, and that Care be taken in the Application of the Stores to theſe Guns only, and in the Preſervation and Expenditure of them. The Lords of the Committee, having taken the ſame into Conſideration, and finding that there hath not been any ſupply of Stores ſent to the ſaid Province, ſince the Year* 1708, *are therefore humbly of Opinion, that it may be adviſeable for your Majeſty to order the ſaid Proportion of Stores, hereunto annexed, to be ſent thither, excepting the two Articles relating to Small Arms, Hand Granades, and other ſmall Stores, the Expence whereof beſides the Charge of the Frieght, amounts to* One Thouſand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Six-pence, *as to which, their Lordſhips conceive it may be neceſſary to make further Enquiry, before your Majeſty ſignify your royal Pleaſure thereupon; and their Lordſhips beg Leave humbly to propoſe, that in Caſe your Majeſty ſhall be pleaſed to approve hereof, Orders may be ſent to the Commander in Chief of that Province, to mount the Guns in Places moſt expoſed, and to take particular Care in the Application of the Stores to theſe Guns only, and in the Preſervation and Expenditure of them, according to what is above propoſed by the Board of Ordnance.*

His Majeſty having this Day, with the Advice of his Privy Council, approved of the ſaid Report, and given Orders to the Maſter General of the Ordnance, to cauſe the Proportion of Ordnance and Stores, contained in the Paper hereto annexed, to be ſent to his Majeſty's Province of New-York, *except the two Articles, relating to Small Arms, Hand Granades, and other ſmall Stores, the Expence of which, excluſive of the Charge of Freight for the ſaid ſmall Stores, is eſtimated at* One Thouſand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Six-pence; *doth therefore hereby Order, that the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of his Majeſty's ſaid Province of* New-York, *do cauſe the Guns to be mounted in Places moſt expoſed, and that he do take particular Care in the Application of the Stores to the ſaid Guns only, and in the Preſervation and Expediture of them, according to what is propoſed by the ſaid Report.*

TEMPLE STANYAN.

A Proportion

A Proportion of Ordnance and Stores propoſed for *New-York*, prepared in Conſequence of an Order of the Right Hon. the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, dated the 9th of *November* 1739.

Iron Ordnance,	32	Pounders of 10 Feet		15	
	18	11	15	24	
		10	9		
	12	9		20	
	9	10		19	£. 3625 0 0
	6	10	4	18	
		9 ½	14		
		6		10	
	3				
Standing Carriages of Oak, with two Pair of Iron Trucks, and 1 Bed and 1 Coyn to each.	32			15	
	18			24	
	12			20	
	9			19	£. 1141 0 0
	6			18	
	3			10	
Ladles and Spunges,	32		16	10	
	18		16	16	
	12		14	14	
	9	Ladles and Spunges,	12	12	£. 40 3 0
	6		12	12	
	3		6	6	
Round Shot,	9	Pounders 50 Rounds		950	£. 38 10 0
Tomkins for Guns,	32	Pounder		60	
	18			96	
	12			80	
	9			76	
	6			72	£. 2 12 6
	3			40	
Formers,	32			2	
	18			2	
	12			2	
	9			2	
	6			2	
	3			2	
Cured Paper Cartridges, 30 Rounds to each Gun,	32			450	
	18			720	
	12			600	
	9			570	£. 20 0 0
	6			540	
	3			300	
					£. 4867 5 6
Copper Powder Meaſures,	32			2	
	18			2	
	12			2	
	9			2	£. 2 17 0
	6			2	
	3			1	
Wad Hooks with Rammers,	32			4	
	18			6	
	12			5	£. 7 5 0
	9			5	
	6			5	
	3			4	
Spare Ladle Staves,				100	
Aprons of Lead,				106	
Corn Powder,			Barrels	*Nil*	
Match,			*Cent.*	10	
Braſs Gaugers for Shots.			Set	1	£. 33 18 6
Calipers, with Braſs Rule, *&c*			Pair	1	
Searchers for Ordnance, with Reliefs and Staves ſet,				1	
Priming Irons,				100	
Powder Horns,				50	
Handſpikes,				212	
Crows of Iron,				26	
Linſtocks, without Cocks,				20	
Budge Barrels (Copper bound)				10	
Handſcrews,				4	£. 49 3 4
Sheep Skins, to coat Spunges,			Dozen	5	
Spunge Tacks,				2000	
Copper Nails for Ladles,				200	
Small Hammers,				2	
Muſquets with Bayonets,				1000	
Cartouch Boxes,				1000	£. 1723 6 6
Flints, *N. B.* Diſallowed, £. 1789 16 6				20000	
Hand Grenades, fixed,				500	
Fuzees (ſpare) for Ditto, do.				100	£. 66 10 0
Muſquet Shot,			Tons	1 ½	
Braſs Mould (for Muſquet Shot) 14 to *Cent.* Pair,				6	
					£. 1883 0 4

Sling Cart compleat,		1			
Triangle Guns,		2			
Iron Gun Blocks, for Braſs Shivers,	Triple	12			
	Double	2	£.	44 18 4	
White Rope, for the Sling Cart and Guns,	5 Inches	30			
	3 ½ Fathoms	60			
Tarred Marline,	Skains	20			
Lanthorns,	Muſcovy	4			
	Ordinary	10			
	Dark	4			
Funnels of Plate,		2	£.	88 8 0	
Mens Harneſs (12 to at Set)	Sets	3			
Sand Bags (Buſhell)		2000			
Pickaxes Helved,		100			
Shovels,		100			
Spades,		100			
Hand Bills,		50	£.	68 0 0	
Hand Hatchets;		50			
Felling Axes,		20			
Wheel Barrows,		20			
Hand Barrows.		10	£.	16 0 0	
				217 6 4	
				4867 5 6	
				1883 0 4	
				1596 0 0	
			£.	8563 12 2	
Diſallowed			£.	1789 16 6	
Remains neat,			£.	6773 15 8	

A Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An Act, to reſtrain Tavern Keepers and Inn-holders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Whereas ſeveral Matters of Moment are recommended to this Houſe, in his Honour's Speech, for the Service of his Majeſty, and the Security of the Colony.

Ordered, That the Clerk write circular Letters to all the abſent Members, by the ſpeedieſt Conveyances, and acquaint them, that the Houſe requires their immediate Service and Attendance in the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 15, 1741.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Clarkſon*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Ludlow*, Mr. *A. Lott*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, or any five of them, be and hereby are, appointed a Committee of Privileges and Elections, and all Members that come to have Voices, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, and that they meet every *Thurſday*, at five of the Cloek in the Afternoon in the Houſe, and that they may adjourn to any other Place, and that they report their Proceedings, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe, from Time to Time.

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances, do ſit every *Wedneſday*, in the Afternoon in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Jones*, Mr. *Abraham Lott* and Mr. *David Clarkſon*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to inſpect what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report to the Houſe, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and what other Laws they ſhall conceive proper to be paſſed, for the Benefit of the Colony, and the Inhabitants thereof.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 20, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1741.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Moore* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor be addreſſed on his ſaid Speech; and,

Ordered, That the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, and for the County of *Weſtcheſter*, do prepare and bring in the Draught of ſuch an Addreſs accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 22, 1741.

Ordered,

THAT Col. *Morris*, Col. *Philipſe*, Col. *Beekman*, Col. *Moore*, and Col. *Lott*, prepare and bring in a Bill further to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony*, and that it be an Inſtruction to them, either in the ſaid Bill or by a ſeparate one, to oblige all ſuch Perſons as are able to bear Arms, which are exempted by the ſaid Law, perſonally to do their Duty in Caſes of general Alarms, and whilſt a Military Watch is kept, to watch in their Turns, or ſend an able Perſon in their Room for that Purpoſe; and likewiſe to add proper Clauſes to erect Beacons in proper Places, to give Notice on the Appearance of a certain Number of Ships, to the End an Alarm may be ſpeedily conveyed.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 23, 1741.

MR. *Clarkſon*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Addreſs to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, delivered in ſuch a Draught accordingly; which was read, and refered to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 23, 1741.

MR. *Clarkſon*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Draught of an Addreſs to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, reported, That the Committee had

had gone through the same, and made some Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and approved of by the House.

Ordered, That the said Draught be ingrossed.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. April 24, 1741.

THE ingrossed Address to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, was read, and approved of; and,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker sign the said Address in Behalf of the House; which Address is in the Words following, *viz.*

To the Honourable *George Clarke*, Esq; his Majesty's Lieut. Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony of *New-York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*.

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the said Colony.

May it please your Honour,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of this Colony, humbly beg Leave, in answer to the Speech your Honour was pleased to make unto us at the Opening of this Session, to state some of the Matters contained in it, in the Light they appear to us; to give you our Sentiments of others, and an Assurance that we purpose to provide as well for a further Support of the Government, as for the Security and Defence of this City, and the Frontiers, in the best Manner the Ability and Circumstances of the Colony will allow; and this we intend to do in the shortest Manner the Nature thereof will admit.

We ever looked upon the happy Revolution, as a Blessing to the Nation in general, and to this Colony in particular, as it restored to us the Benefit of Assemblies, and secured our Rights and Privileges; we likewise own the Bounties and Protections we have received from our great Deliverer, and his royal Successors: It must be owned on the other Hand, that in a grateful Return, the Assemblies did, from Time to Time, chearfully support the Government, and made ample Provision for all Expeditions, as well as for all other Exigencies for the Security of the Colony and the Service of the Crown.

It must be owned that the Money so granted, was at the Disposition of the Governor and Council; as it must on the other Hand, that the Misapplication thereof, induced the Assembly to direct Money for Forces intended for the Security of the Frontiers, to pass through the Hands of a Person named by them, with this just View, that the Service might effectually be performed, and duly paid. This was judged so reasonable by her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, that she was graciously pleased to direct that the Colony should have a Treasurer of their own; and it is well known that all publick Money has ever since passed through that Channel.

If we look back into what happened whilst the publick Money was disposed of in the Manner aforesaid, it will appear that the Consequence thereof laid the chief Foundation of the two Long Bills; and your Honour knows that for discharging the large Sums allowed by them as Debts of the Colony, the Excise on strong Liquors retailed, has been imployed for many Years past, and still stands appropriated for that Purpose, for many Years to come.

It cannot but be within your Honour's Knowledge, that formerly the Rents reserved to his Majesty on Lands granted in this Colony, and all Seizures, Forfeitures, and Dues, that arose in it to the Crown, were applied for the Support and Incidents of the Government. We shall not enquire when, or for what Reason, that Application has been discontinued; but it is well known that the Colony has nevertheless granted, from Time to Time, a more ample Support than is or has been given by its Neighbours; provided largely for Firewood and Candles to his Majesty's Troops posted in it, and considerable Presents to the six Nations of *Indians*; a Service of such Importance to confirm them in the *British* Interest, that the Crown has often sent proper Supplies for that Purpose even in Time of Peace, and that we have lately erected at a vast Expence, a noble Battery, mounted with upwards of fifty great Guns, at the Entrance of the Harbour of this City, and new Forts at *Albany*, *Schenectady*, and in the *Mohawk*'s Country, besides victualling 500 Volunteers on an Expedition to the *West-Indies*. If these Matters were duly represented, we should conceive great Hopes, from the tender Regard his Majesty has to all his Subjects, that the said Branches would be restored to their former Use, in Ease of his loyal People here, especially as so many other Fortifications and Buildings are now required.

And if Matters of a shorter period be looked into, whilst the Disposition of publick Money remained upon the Footing aforesaid, it will appear that by Misapplication of the Monies only which were granted for Support of Government Deficiences, happened to the Amount of several Thousand Pounds; which of Course occasioned Demands in the Assemblies to supply them. This brought the said Assemblies under the Delema, either to contend with the Administration, or to grant such Supplies; and they generally prefer the latter, lest several Salaries, as well as other necessary Services should remain unpaid.

If these Circumstances are maturely considered, it will be evident that it was neither Wantoness, Prosperity, nor our late unhappy Divisions, much less any Attempt upon the royal Prerogative, (our Trade and Produce having

having been long at a low Ebb, and our Loyalty ever conſpicious) but this ſingle and juſt Motive, only to prevent former Inconveniences, which induced the Legiſlature in the firſt Place to diſcharge all Arrearages, and then to ſettle the Support of Government upon the preſent Footing; a Method by which Miſapplications are avoided, and all Salaries, as well as other Services of the Government, duly diſcharged; and for theſe Reaſons we cannot harbour the leaſt Suſpicion that the known Juſtice of his Majeſty, will diſapprove of a Method by which the good Ends aforeſaid are effectually attained.

Permit us to obſerve on this Head, that your Honour has aſſented to Acts in which that Method is ſettled, and that former Governors have aſſented to ſeveral Acts, in which particular Application are made; and we are well informed that the right honourable the Lords of Trade, have upon a former Occaſion, declared, that they thought it very reaſonable to oblige the Aſſembly as much as poſſible, at all Times, to diſpoſe of Money by them granted, in ſuch Manner as they deſire.

It is with no ſmall Reluctance that we have made theſe Retroſpections, which we conceived your firſt Paragraph made unavoidable; but neither the one or the other, will divert us from ſerving and ſecuring the Colony in the beſt Manner its Circumſtances will admit.

To what is mentioned *of a Jealouſy in* England, *that the Plantations are not without thought of throwing off their Dependance on the Crown of* England; we ſhall ſay the leſs, as your Honour declares you hope and believe no Man in this Colony, has ſuch Intention; and we dare vouch that not one ſingle Perſon in it has any ſuch Thought or Deſire, for under what Government can we be better protected, or our Liberties and Properties ſo well ſecured. ?

We agree with you that the right Honourable *Horatia Walpole*, Eſq; Auditor General of his Majeſty's Revenue in *America*, is of high Honour, Intereſt, and Truſt at home, and are far from drawing in Queſtion his Majeſty's Right to appoint ſuch an Officer. We are ſenſible that ſeveral Sums of Money have been paid here for his Uſe, and as the ſame paſſed through your Hands, the Total of it is well known to your Honour, and that during ſuch Payments, the Money granted for Support of Government, was iſſuable upon Warrants ſigned by the Governour in Council, and for what may be claimed more by Virtue of that Office, we are firmly perſuaded that the Intereſt of that honourable Gentleman, cannot fail of obtaining from his Majeſty an Equivalent ſuitable to the Services annexed to that Office.

We purpoſe to fall upon Ways and Means for the further Support of Government, after *December* next, till which Time, we conceive ſufficient Proviſion is made for it already, and are of Opinion, it will not be expected the ſame ſhould be granted otherwiſe than it has been done of late, was it only for this ſingle Reaſon, that as the chief Burthen thereof has lain on Trade, ſhould it be laid in like Manner for a Term of Years, it may be a Means to drive our Trade to the neighbouring Colonies, and perhaps induce ſome of our Merchants to remove thither, as Trade in thoſe Governments is not burthened with any Impoſitions whatever, that we know of; and many Inſtances might be given that where the Channel of a Trade has been diverted, it has rarely (if ever) been retrieved; as on the other Hand, we have found by a ſhort Experiance, that ſince our Duties have been reduced, and ſome Drawbacks allowed on Exportation, our Navigation has increaſed conſiderably.

We are ſenſible that the preſent State of Affairs in Europe, make it abſolutely neceſſary to compleat and augment our Fortifications, we ſhall therefore endeavour to put this City, and the Frontiers, in the beſt Poſture of Defence the Circumſtances of the Colony will allow, as well to diſcharge Attempts of an Enemy, as to encourage our Inhabitants to exert themſelves if we ſhould have the Misfortune to be attacked; and whilſt Care is taken of theſe Matters, the Conſideration of the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, will not be neglected.

We have already ordered a Bill to be brought in to continue the Militia Act, and to oblige all Perſons, able to bear Arms (who are now exempted) to do Duty in Caſe of Alarm, and to watch in their Turns, whilſt Night Watches are neceſſary to be kept, and likewiſe that Beacons be erected in proper Places, to convey Alars in the ſpeedieſt Manner, when a certain Number of Ships appear in Sight.

We are ſenſible that an Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, might often be of great Benefit to the Colony, *if depending on, and payable by the General Aſſembly*, and we hope that whenever a Bill be preſented for that Purpoſe, it will not fail of obtaining your Honour's Aſſent.

It is with the deepeſt Concern that we have Cauſe to condole your Honour, and the Publick (as we ſincerely do) for the great Loſs you and they have ſuſtained by the burning down of the ſtately Buildings in *Fort George*, and however that Misfortune happened, we ſhall in the Beginning of our Proceedings conſult in what Manner the Fortifications may be made more uſeful and defenſible, and the

Buildings

Buildings ſecurer againſt Damage of an Enemy, and leſs liable to intimidate the known Readineſs and Alacrity of our Inhabitants, in Caſes of Fire. We ſhall endeavour to do what is material and neceſſary upon this unhappy Occaſion, for the doing of it all at once will be a heavier Burthen than the Colony can well bear, eſpecially as the late ſevere and long Winter, has occaſioned an incredible Loſs to the People of this Colony in general: It is in the mean while a good deal of Pleaſure to us that you are provided with a good Reſidence, and his Majeſty's Troops with a proper Houſe to keep guard in.

It is no ſmall Aleviation of this melancholly Accident, that his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed, out of his paternal Care for the Security of this Colony, to order for its Uſe the large Quantity of Stores of War, mentioned in the Liſt which your Honour communicated to the Houſe, and hope they will ſoon be haſtened to us, as the State of Affairs ſeem to require.

We gratefully acknowledge this royal Favour, and have ſtrong Reaſon to wiſh a ſufficient Quantity of Powder had been ordered with it, though there had been an Abatement of ſome of the other Stores; and we believe your Honour knows that the Crown has ever furniſhed Powder to its Fortifications in this Colony; and if an Attempt ſhould be made upon it, either by Land or Water, how difficult would our Situation be? For though our People are generally grown up with the Uſe of Arms, and want no Reſolution to encounter Danger, what a Damp, what a Diſcouragement would it be, if our Batteries and Forts were deſtitute of Ammunition, to make the proper uſe of them? In ſuch an Event, it would be a Queſtion whether a ſufficient Quantity could be procured in the Colony, and a greater, how it would be able to purchaſe the ſame, eſpecially as it now labours under ſeveral extraordinary Difficulties.

If a due Repreſentation hereof was made to his Majeſty, and his Miniſters of State, we ſhould have great Hopes that we ſhould ſoon be ſupplied with a ſufficient Quantity of Powder for the Defence of his Majeſty's Fortifications; but if by any Emergency, it ſhould be wanted ſooner, as Self-Preſervation is the firſt Principle in Nature, we ſhall maturely conſider in what Manner ſo much might be procured as upon ſuch an unhappy Event, be neceſſary to make a vigorous Defence.

As for the Expence for carrying the Stores to their proper Places, mounting the Guns, and other neceſſary Expences after their Arrival, there is no doubt but Care will be taken to defray it.

As to the better Regulation of *Negroes*, and what you have been pleaſed to recommend more, eſpecially what is propoſed concerning the ſix Nations of *Indians*, ſhall, in the Courſe of our Proceedings, be duly conſidered, and have their proper Weight; as we, on the other Hand, make no doubt of your Honour's Aſſent to ſuch Bills as may tend to the Welfare of the Colony, and the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof.

Adolph Philipſe, Speaker.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Capt. *Winne*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, to know when he will be pleaſed to be attended by the Houſe with their Addreſs.

Col. *Moore* reported, that himſelf and Capt. *Winne*, had (according to Order) waited on his Honour, and delivered the above Meſſage, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to appoint 12 o'Clock, at his Reſidence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended on his Honour accordingly with the ſaid Addreſs; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that they had accordingly attended on his Honour with their Addreſs; that he read, and then delivered the ſame to him.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Friday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 24, 1741.

MR. *Nicoll* laid before the Houſe, an Account from *David Corey*, Eſq; purſuant to an Order of this Houſe on the 24th of *September*, 1740, of the following Stores remaining in *Suffolk* County, *viz.*

Two great Guns, two Carriages furniſhed with Iron, one Caſk of Powder, fifty ſix Pounds in the Hands of *Eleazer Miller*, at *Eaſt-Hampton*.

Two great Guns, two Carriages, twelve Pounds of Powder in the Hands of Mr. *David Gardiner*, at the Iſle of *Weight*.

Three great Guns, three Carriages furniſhed with Iron, one Caſk of Powder, fifty ſix Pounds, and Part of a Caſk of Powder, Weight twelve Pounds; one hundred and fifty Iron Bullets, three Scowers, and three Rammers, in the Hands of Capt. *Richard Brown*, and *John Turtle*, at *Southold*, *Oyſter-Ponds*.

Four hundred Weight of Lead Bullets, and one hundred and three Quarters of Powder, and half a Barrel of Turpentine, in the ſaid *David Corey*'s Hands.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1741.

THE Speaker from the Chair, acquainted the Houſe, that on *Saturday* laſt, Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council, delivered him his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Anſwer, to the Addreſs of this Houſe, which was read, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

IN your Addreſs you ſay, that her late Majeſty, Queen *Anne*, directed that you ſhould have a Treaſurer of your own, but you do not ſay for what Purpoſes; had you done that, it would have appeared, that it was only for Money given for extraordinary Uſes, and not the Revenue; I allow you may enquire into the Management and Diſpoſition of all the publick Money given by you, and if you find any Miſapplication of it, you may Cenſure the Guilty, and by addreſs and other proper Application making known thoſe Miſapplications, Juſtice will be done; but that can be no Reaſon for your putting the Revenue into other Hands than the King's Officer, or for your taking upon you to apply to particular Perſons and Uſes, the Money you give for Support of Government, which is the In-

croachment on the King's Prerogative that I mentioned, notwithſtanding the Auditor General has a ſtated Salary allowed him, yet his Fees for auditing the Accounts of the Revenue, in his Majeſty's other Provinces are paid him out of the Money accounted for in thoſe Accounts, as they were here, and there is no good Reaſon to be given, why they ought not to be paid in like Manner for the future.

The Preſervation of *Oſwego*, and of the Fidelity of the ſix Nations, is of more Conſequence to the Province, than any other Thing whatſoever; and if we loſe them, no Part of the County will be ſafe, as I believe you are all ſenſible of, from the Manner of annoying their Enemies: I, for my Part, will ſpare no Pains to retain them in their Fidelity to his Majeſty.

It will be too late to think of buying Powder when an Enemy appears; that ought to be done by you in Time.

What Bills you prepare, *which I ſhall judge to be really neceſſary or beneficial to the Province*, I will readily give my Aſſent to.

Mr. *Ludlow*, moved for Leave to be abſent to go to *Orange* County on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Moore* reported, on that Part which relates to the fortifying of the City of *New-York*, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that for the Security of this City, and putting it in a better Poſture of Defence in all Events; there ought to be ſeveral other Batteries and Platforms erected, and that a Committee ſhould be appointed to examine in what Places, and in what Manner it will be moſt uſeful to erect the ſame, and that they for that Purpoſe, take to their Aſſiſtance ſuch Perſons, as they judge moſt capable to adviſe them therein; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, Mr. *Clarkſon*, Mr. *Jones*, Col. *Philipſe*, Col. *Morris*, Col. *Bekman* and Mr. *Verplank*, or any four of them, be, and hereby are appointed a Committee, for the ſeveral Purpoſes above mentioned, and that they make Report to the Houſe of their Proceedings therein, as ſoon as poſſible.

Col. *Moore* alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Thurſday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 28, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1741.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer deliver in on or before *Thurſday* the 14th of *May* next, an Account upon Oath, of his Receipts and Payments of the Money granted for the Support of Government, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account thereof, until the firſt Day of *March* laſt paſt.

Ordered, That the Vendue-Maſter, do deliver in an Account upon Oath, on the 14th Day of *May* next, how much has ariſen by Duty on Goods ſold at Vendue, from the Time he delivered in his laſt Account thereof, until the firſt Day of *March* laſt paſt.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to erect Fortifications in *New-York*, and providing Carriages and other Neceſſaries proper for them; do on the 14th Day of *May* next, deliver in their Account thereof upon Oath, from the Time they delivered in their laſt Account thereof, until the Day above mentioned.

Ordered, That the Commiſſioners appointed to tranſport and victual the Volunteers raiſed in this Colony, on an Expedition to the *Weſt-Indies*, do lay before the Houſe, on the 14th Day of *May* next, an Account of their Receipts and Payments for that Service.

Ordered, That the Clerk do deliver the above Orders to the reſpective Gentlemen therein mentioned.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 4, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 5, 1741.

COL. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to examine what other Batteries and Platforms, and in what Places, and in what Manner the ſame ought to be erected, for putting the City of *New-York*, in a better Poſture of Defence, made Report how far the Committee had proceeded therein; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the ſame in at the Table, where it was again read; and,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report lie on the Table, for the Peruſal of the Members, and that the ſame be refered to the Committee of the whole Houſe, when they take into Conſideration, that Part of the Lieut. Governor's Speech, which relates to the better fortifying of the Colony.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 6, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 6, 1741.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon *Thurſday*.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 7, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent on that Part relating to fortifying this City, Col. *Moore*, reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 8, 1741.

THE Treasurer (according to Order) attending without, was called in, and laid before the House, the following Accounts upon Oath, *viz.*

An Account of what the several Duties on Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled Liquors, Negroes, Cocoa, and Dry Goods, have amounted to, for supporting this his Majesty's Government in the Colony of *New-York*, *to wit*, from the first Day of *September* 1740, until the first Day of *December* following,

Amounting to the Sum of - £. 821 18 8 ½

An Account of what is due and payable, on Account of the Drawback of Wines, imported into this Colony, and exported out of the same, within six Months after the said Importation thereof, the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *New-Jersey* excepted, until the first Day of *December* 1740,

Amounting to the Sum of £. 14 5 0

£. 807 13 8 ½

An Account of Duties continued *(to wit)* from the first Day of *December* 1740, until the first Day of *March* following,

Amounting to the Sum of - £. 164 13 0

An Account of what is due and payable, on Account of the Drawback of Wines, imported into this Colony, and exported out of the same, within six Months after the Importation thereof, the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *New-Jersey* excepted,

Amounting to the Sum of - £. 25 10 0

Neat Duty due to the Government, to the first of *March* 1740, £. 139 3 0

An Account of what Money has been paid unto several Persons, according to their respective Warrants, signed in Council, by the Hon. *George Clarke*, Esq;

Amounting to the Sum of - £. 1881 19 0

General Account of the Receipt and Payments of Monies, granted for the Support of the Government of the Colony of *New-York*, from the first Day of *September* 1740, until the first Day of *March* following; by which it appears, *viz.*

That all the Receipts, until the said first Day of *March* last, including *Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty Five Pounds, Ten Shillings and Ten-pence Three-farthings*, for Ballance of his last Account,

Amounts to the Sum of - £. 5392 9 3 ¼

And that all the Payments, until the said Time, amounts to - - - £. 1881 19 0

Remains due £. 3510 10 3 ¼

And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 8, 1741.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 9, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, on that Part which relates to fortifying this City, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Moore* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech, be taken into Consideration on *Monday* next.

A Representation of *Edward Man*, farmer of the Excise of this City, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the Act laying an Excise on strong Liquors retailed, is defective in obtaining the Ends proposed by the same, for that no other Forfeiture is imposed on the Breach thereof, than the Liquors in such Retailer's House, and three Times the Value, which often will not defray the Trouble and Charges consequent upon a Prosecution, or many of such Retailers have not above a Gallon of strong Liquors in their Houses at one Time; and therefore humbly proposes, in order to give all reasonable Satisfaction to the just Complaints of lawful Retailers, and to enable him to pay and discharge the Recognizance by him entered into, that some effectual Method may be provided as by a considerable Sum of Money to be imposed or otherwise, to put a Stop to so injurious and pernicious a Practice.

Ordered, That the said Representation be refered to the Consideration of the House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 11, 1741.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 12, 1741.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 12, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent on that Part relating to fortifying this City, Col. *Morris*, in Behalf of Col. *Moore*, Chairman, reported, That they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on *Thursday* next, take his Honour's Speech into Consideration.

Then the House adjourned to *Thursday* next, 9 o'Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1741.

COL. *Joseph Robinson*, and Mr. *Stephen Bayard*, Commissioners for transporting and victualling Volunteers raised in this Colony, on an Expedition against the *Spaniards*, in the *West-Indies*, attending without, were called in, and delivered to the House, an Account, upon Oath, of their Receipts and Payments for the said Service, and then withdrew.

And the Title of the said Account being read, it appears that there remains due to the Colony, the Sum of *Forty Two Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and One Penny.*

Ordered, That the same, together with the Vouchers delivered therewith, lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

John Cruger, Esq; Mr. *John Roosevelt*, and Capt. *Henry Rew*, Commissioners for altering and amending of Fortifications, &c. in the City of *New-York*, attending without, were called in, and delivered to the House an Account, upon Oath, of their Receipts and Disbursements for the said Service, from *February*, 1739-40, to this Day, and then withdrew.

And the Title of the said Account being read, by which it appears that the said Commissioners are in advance the Sum of *Twenty Nine Pounds, Two Shillings and Eleven-pence.*

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

John Cruger, Esq; Vendue-Master, attending without, was called in, and delivered to the House an Account how much had arisen by the Duty on Goods sold at Vendue, from *September*, 1739, to the first Day of *March* last; and then withdrew.

And the Titles of the said Account being read, by which it appears that the neat Duty of Goods sold at Vendue during the said Time, does amount to the Sum of *One Hundred and Two Pounds, Nine Shillings and Ten-pence.*

Ordered, That the said Account lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 14, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House. And after some Time spent

ſpent therein, Col. *Moore* reported, upon that Part of the Lieut. Governor's Speech which relates to Fortifications, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the ſame, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, To take his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech into further Conſideration To-morrow.

Col. *Morris* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the exact weighing of Flour and Bread Caſk, before their being packed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Ludlow* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the exact gauging Rum, and all other diſtilled Spirits, as likewiſe Molaſſes that ſhall be ſold by the Caſk containing the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 15, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon that Part of the Lieutenant Governor's Speech which relates to Fortifications. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Col. *Moore* reported from the Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, To take his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech into further Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 16, 1741.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be taken into further Conſideration on *Wedneſday* next.

And by Reaſon of the approaching *Whitſun* Holidays,

The Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1741.

MR. *Clarkſon* informed the Houſe, That there is a certain Account of ſeveral *Spaniſh* Privateers now cruizing on this Coaſt; and that ſeveral Merchants and others would willingly fit out and man two Sloops in Queſt of them: *Provided*, the Colony will encourage ſo public a Service. And therefore moved, that the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, be allowed towards the Undertaking above mentioned.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, ſhall be allowed and paid, for and towards fitting out and manning the ſaid Sloops, for the Service above mentioned: *Provided*, they do actually perform the Service aforeſaid.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 20, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent on that Part relating to Fortifications, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Moore* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1741.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Huntington*, in the County of *Suffolk*, ſetting forth, the great Hardſhips and Difficulties they labour under in attending the Courts and other public Affairs of the County, by Reaſon of the large Extent of the ſaid County, and therefore deſire the honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to grant Relief in the Premiſes, either by making *Brook-Haven*, *Smith-Town*, *Iſlip*, and *Huntington*, a ſeparate County, and to be indulged with one Repreſentative, or by making *Oyſterbay*, and *Huntington*, and the adjacent Places, into a County, or by annexing *Huntington* to *Queen*'s County.

And alſo a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Brook-Haven*, praying that the Towns of *Brook-Haven*, *Iſlip*, *Smith-Town*, and *Huntington*, may be made a ſeparate County, and be indulged with one Member to ſerve in General Aſſembly.

And alſo a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Iſlip*, praying that *Huntington*, *Smith-Town*, *Brook-Haven*, and *Iſlip*, may be made into a County, and be indulged with one Member.

And alſo a Petition of the Inhabitants of *Smith-Town*, praying that *Huntington*, *Smith-Town*, *Iſlip*, and *Brook-Haven*, may be annexed into a County.

Which Petitions being preſented to the Houſe, were ſeverally read.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table until the next Meeting of this Houſe after the preſent ſitting, and that in the mean while, the Petitioners do deliver a compleat and true Copy of the ſaid Petitions, to the Juſtices of the Peace of *Suffolk* County, at their next Seſſion of the Peace; who are to communicate the ſame to the reſpective Towns of the ſaid County who may be affected by the Prayer of the ſaid Petitions, in order to make their Objections (if any they have) thereto.

A Repreſentation of *John Ward*, *Jonathan Lawrence*, and *Gabriel Legget*, Eſqrs, and Major *John Budd*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, propoſing Schemes to defend the City and Colony of *New-York*, againſt any Invaſion by Sea from an Enemy.

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 21, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent on that Part which relates to Fortifications, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Moore* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome further Progreſs therein; and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1741.

MR. *Clarkſon* acquainted the Houſe, that at a Meeting of a great Number of Merchants, for fitting out and manning two Sloops, to go in Queſt and Purſuit of ſeveral *Spaniſh* Privateers, which now infeſt this Coaſt, it appeared, that by voluntary Subſcriptions, a Sum ſufficient for that Service cannot be raiſed without a further Aid of this Houſe, (though many of ſaid Merchants underwrit largely) and therefore moved that the further Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, be granted for ſo uſeful an Undertaking

Reſolved, That for the carrying on a Service, which will ſo highly tend to the Safety and Security of our Navigation, there be allowed and paid the further Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, provided the ſaid two Sloops do actually perform the Service above mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 22, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut.

Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent on that Part which relates to Fortifications, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Moore* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 23, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. And after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Moore* reported the Proceedings and Resolutions of the said Committee, to have been in the Manner following, *That is to say*,

Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds*, be allowed for building, compleating, and finishing in such Part on the Eastward Side of the Garden adjoining to *Fort-George*, as the Lieut. Governor shall approve of, a new Secretary's Office, of 42 Feet long, and 20 Feet wide, of one Story ten Feet high, and a Chimney in the Middle, to be arched and fit for two Fire-places.

Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Nine Hundred Pounds*, be allowed for all Materials and Workmanship, to build, compleat, and finish new Barracks on the West Side of *Fort-George*, of the same Demensions as the old one was, and to be divided into so many Rooms and Fire-places, as shall be approved of by the Lieut. Governor, and the Bricks and other Materials of the old Barracks, *&c.* may be imployed for the said two Buildings.

Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*, be allowed to erect, compleat, and finish, on or near the Flat Rock behind *Fort-George*, a proper and sufficient Battery, for about twenty great Guns, leaving between it and the River, a sufficient Space for a Passage.

Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy Six Pounds*, be allowed to fill up with Sand or other Materials, the Space of ten Feet more of the inside of the Battery on *Copsey* Rocks.

Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, be allowed for Powder to prove all the great Guns that are on said Battery, as likewise such as shall be judged fit and proper to be put on the Battery intended to be erected on the said Flat Rock.

Resolved, That there be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Twenty Four Pounds, Ten Shillings*, for moving and replacing the said great Guns for the Purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That there be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, for Powder to prove the great Guns in the County of *Albany*.

Resolved, That there be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings*, for repairing and amending the Floor of the Battery on *Copsey* Rock, and for fixing at the Outside of the said Floor, a Beam or Scantling, to prevent the Guns from recoiling beyond the said Floor.

Resolved, That there be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, for Materials and Workmanship, to build and compleat two proper Block Houses, at the said Battery, one at the East Side, and the other at the West Side of the present Store House already erected there.

Resolved, That there be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, for a Platform at *Domini*'s Hook, but the Money to remain in the Treasury until an Attack of an Enemy, or any other Emergency, should make it necessary to erect such a Platform there.

Resolved, That there be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*, to and for erecting a sufficient Stone Wall, at a proper Distance, round the Trading House at *Oswego*, either in a Triangular or Quadrangular Form, as the Ground will best admit of, with a Bastion or Block House in each Corner, to flank the Curtains, which are to be single for the Accommodation of Men, if need be.

Then a Motion was made by Mr. *Clarkson*, that an Allowance be made for a Person to take care of the Colony Stores, of the several Batteries erected and to be erected in the City of *New-York*; and the Question being thereupon put accordingly, it was carried in the Negative, by twelve against nine in Manner following, *to wit*.

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. Speaker,	Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Clarkson*,	Mr. *Nicol*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Pierson*,
Mr. *Roome*,	Mr. *Turbos*,
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Capt. *Bradt*.	Mr. *Cornel*,
	Mr. *Haasbrook*,
	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
	Mr. *Jones*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Garrit Cosine*, the Sum of *Nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence*, for Materials and Workmanship, to make proper Conveniences in the Common Council Room, in the City Hall; to keep the Secretary's Office in until the new one is built.

Resolved, That for discharging the several Allowances before-mentioned, amounting to the Sum of *Two Thousand, Eight Hundred* and *Eighty One Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Eleven-pence*; as likewise the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, resolved to be allowed towards fitting out and manning two Sloops in Pursuit of several *Spanish* Privateers now cruizing on our Coast; amounting in the Whole to the Sum of *Three Thousand, Two Hundred* and *Eighty One Pounds, Thirteen Shillings* and *Eleven-pence*, shall be borrowed out of Money now in the Treasury, by Virtue of an Act, entitled, *An Act, to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein mentioned*; And if that falls short, the Remainder to be borrowed out of Money in the Treasury, by Means of the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony.

Resolved, That for making good again the Money so to be borrowed as aforesaid, the said Act, entitled, *An Act, to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein menmentioned*; shall be prolonged to continue in Force until the first Day of *July*, which will be in the Year 1750. And that what may be borrowed from the Excise for the Use and Purpose above mentioned, shall be made good and replaced to the same as soon as the said Fund of Tonnage will enable the Treasurer to do it.

Which Report the said Col. *Moore* read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same were again read, and approved of by the House.

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the same; and to provide therein proper Powers, that upon an Attempt or Invasion of an Enemy, so much Gun Powder might be purchased or impressed, as upon such an unhappy Event might be necessary to make a vigorous Defence.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the said City is laid out too large and extensive, in Case of an Attack; and pray that it may be brought into a smaller Circumference, and that it may be Stockaded round. But as some Lots or Pastures may be affected by it, pray it may be ordered, that upon paying the the Sum said Lots shall be valued at, to their Owners, they may be obliged to execute a Deed to the Corporation, for such Part as shall be adjudged necessary for the Use of the Public; and that the County contribute their Share in defending the said City, and to keep the Block Houses in Repair.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill at the next Meeting of this House, according to the Prayers of the said Petition.

A Petition of several Merchants of this City, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That there is Preparation making against some *Spanish* Privateers, supposed to be on or near the Coast of *New-York*, wherein several of the Inhabitants of this City, and others, are very ready and willing to engage under the Command of Capt. *George Cunningham*, the Sloop *Jamaica* Packet, and Capt. *Langdon*, the Sloop *Stephen* and *Elizabeth*, provided Security be given in Case of their being maimed, or otherwise disabled in an Engagement with the Enemy: And that as the said Design cannot be carried into Execution without such Provision and Security, therefore pray the same may be taken into Consideration, and make Provision accordingly.

Resolved, That if any of the Volunteers who shall go upon the Expedition above mentioned, should have the Misfortune to lose a Leg or an Arm, by engaging or attacking any of the said Privateers, during the intended Expedition, this House will by an Act take Care that the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, shall be made good to each of such Volunteers as happen to be so disabled: And that a moderate Duty shall be laid for that Purpose on all Goods, Wares and Merchandizes that shall be imported into, or exported from this City, until such Bounty or Gratuity shall be made up.

Then the House adjourned to *Wednesday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 27, 1741.

COL. *Moore* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for builing a new Secretary's Office, and Barracks, for the better fortifying of this Colony, and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Moore* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; *and for continuing one other additional Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with an Addition thereto, with a further Addition to the ſaid Act*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 27, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a new Secretary's Office and Barracks, for the better fortifying of this Colony, and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for further continuing an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; *and for continuing one other additional Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with an Addition thereto, with a further Addition to the ſaid Act*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Col. *Moore* acquainted the Houſe, that the Subſcriptions already made, together with the *Four Hundred Pounds*, allowed by this Houſe, will be inſufficient to anſwer the Purpoſe of fitting out two Sloops, in Queſt of ſeveral *Spaniſh* Privateers, that now infeſt this Coaſt; by Reaſon of Sailors demanding Wages (which was not expected) and therefore moved, that a further Allowance, not exceeding *Four Hundred Pounds*, be allowed for the Service above mentioned.

And it being conceived reaſonable, that the ſaid Expedition ought not to be fruſtrated,

Reſolved, That the Tonnage Act, already ordered to be prolonged till the firſt of *July* 1750, ſhall be continued a Year longer, for making good a Sum, not exceeding *Four Hundred Pounds*, for promoting the Service above mentioned.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a new Secretary's Office and Barracks, for the better Fortifying of this Colony, and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; make proper Clauſes and Alterations therein, for the Purpoſe above mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 28, 1741.

MR. *Turboſs* deſired Leave to return to his Habitation, on extraordinay Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Hardenbergh* moved for Leave to return Home, on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Ordered, That he have Leave accordingly.

Mr. *Haaſbrook* deſired Leave to return to his Habitation, having extraordinary Buſineſs that requires his Attendance.

Ordered, That Leave be given him accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 28, 1741.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Room, at his late Reſidence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended his Honour accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour had made a Speech to them; of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is in the Words following, *to wit.*

Gentlemen,

SINCE I ſpoke to you at the Opening of this Seſſion, I have had the Honour to receive a Letter of the 4th of *December* laſt, from his Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, his Majeſty's moſt principal Secretary of State, ſignifying, That as it is probable, that Recruits will be wanted for the Forces under Lord *Cathcart*'s Command, or even that Lord *Cathcart* may write to have a greater Number of Troops from *North-America*, than are at preſent ſent to him; it is his Majeſty's Commands, That if Lord *Cathcart* ſhould think proper to write to me for any Number of Men for Recruits, or for any other Service, I ſhould endeavour to raiſe them; wherefore it being probable that General *Wentworth*, who ſucceeds Lord *Cathcart*, in the Command of his Majeſty's Forces in the *Weſt-Indies*, may, in the Time of your Receſs, write to me for Recruits or new Levies; I thought it neceſſary at this Time, to recommend to you, to make Proviſion for the victualing and tranſporting ſuch Number of Men as I may raiſe in Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands for the Purpoſes mentioned; leſt, if I wait your next Meeting, before I recommend it to you, his Majeſty's Service may ſuffer by Delay. You cannot more effectually ſhew your Zeal for his Majeſty's Honour and Service, and the Proſperity of this Province, than by exerting yourſelves on this Occaſion; and I hope the glorious Beginning already made by his Majeſty's Forces, will help to excite you to ſpeedy and generous Reſolutions.

GEORGE CLARKE.

The Speaker likewiſe laid before the Houſe, a Letter from the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, dated the 12th of *May*, 1741, to his Honour, with a Minute incloſed; which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

May it pleaſe your Honour,

YOUR *Honour will perceive by the incloſed Minutes, that* Arent Stephens, Hendrick Wimpel, *and* Company, *are returned from the* Seneka's *Country, to fetch Proviſions, which they ſay is ſo ſcarce there, that it was not poſſible for them to ſubſiſt there any longer. They inform us that a great Number of* Indians *deſign to come down here for want of Proviſions, which will certainly be a great Charge and Hardſhip to the Inhabitants of this County, which we thought our Duty to repreſent to your Honour, that ſome Proviſions may be ſupplied by the publick for their Maintainance, which your Honour is very ſenſible we are not able to do, and if it be not done, they will certainly kill a great Number of Cattle, which will fall very hard upon the Farmers in this County. We ſubmit all to your Honour's Conſideration, and remain,*

May it pleaſe your Honour,
Your Honour's moſt obedient Servants,

MYNDERT SCHUYLER,
ABRAHAM CUYLER,
DIRCK TEN BROECK,
RYER GERRITSE,
JOHANNIS LANSING, *jun.*
HENDRICK TEN EYCK,
JOHN SCHUYLER, *jun.*
JOHN DE PEYSTER.

And likewiſe Part of a Minute of the ſaid Commiſſioners, dated the 5th of *May*, 1741, wherein is mentioned, That *Arent Stephens, Hendrick Wempel*, and Company, had, among other Things, informed them, that the *French* uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to ſettle a Smith at *Onondago*, and that they did deſign to ſettle at *Tierondequat*, this next Summer; whereupon we repreſented to the *Senekas*, how their Ruin muſt be, in Conſequence of ſuch Settlement by the *French*, who deſigned to inſlave them; then they gave us all poſſible Aſſurances that they would not ſuffer any *Frenchman* to live there.

The Reaſon of our coming down at this Time, is the Scarcity of Proviſions, it being impoſſible for us to ſubſiſt any longer, without a freſh Supply, which we now carry with us. We heard amongſt the *Indians* that a great Number of them deſign to come down for want of Proviſions, as ſoon as they have planted their Corn.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Speech, Letter, and Minute, be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 29, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Speech which his Honour the Lieut. Governor made to it Yeſterday, as likewiſe on the Papers therein refered to; and after ſome Time ſpent in the Conſideration thereof, Mr. *Jones* reported the Reſolutions which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and approved of by the Houſe, being as follows.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, at its next Meeting after the intended Receſs, take into Conſideration what may be proper to be done by this Colony, in Relation to that Part of the ſaid Speech which relates to Recruits for the Expedition againſt the *Spaniards* in the *Weſt-Indies*; if General *Wentworth*, or the General of thoſe Forces for the Time being, ſhould in the mean while apply for ſuch Recruits from the ſaid Colony.

Reſolved, That if a conſiderable Number of the *Senekas*, or of any other of our Upward ſix Nations, ſhould come to *Albany*, or to any of the Places adjacent, to be ſubſiſted, during the preſent Scarcity of Proviſions amongſt them, there ſhall be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Seventy Pounds*, to be imployed in proper Proviſions, and diſtributed for the Uſe aforeſaid, and to and for no other Purpoſe, by the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Money ſhall be paid for the Uſe above mentioned, out of the Money ariſen or to ariſe by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741, unto the before mentioned Commiſſioners, who are to be accountable for the due Application thereof, for the Uſe aforeſaid; and that the ſaid Sum ſhall be deducted out of the uſual Allowances for *Indian* Preſents, when Application ſhall be made for that Purpoſe.

And thereupon it was,

Ordered, That in a Bill now under Commitment, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a new Secretary's Office, and Barracks, for the better fortifying of this Colony, and for other the Purpoſes therein-mentioned*; proper Clauſes be added for the Purpoſes above-mentioned.

Then the Houſe adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 29, 1741.

COL. *Schuyler* acquainted the Houſe, that upon ſecond Conſideration, he apprehended that the *Seventy Pounds* allowed this Morning for ſubſiſting the *Indians*, if their Neceſſity brought them to *Albany*, will not be ſufficient for that Purpoſe, and therefore moved there may be *Thirty Pounds*, more added to it.

Reſolved, That the further Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be allowed for the ſaid Service, payable out of the ſame Fund, and under the ſame Regulations as the other ſeventy is directed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 30, 1741.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for building a new Secretary's Office, and Barracks, for the better fortifying of this Colony, and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned.* After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarkſon* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 1, 1741.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better fortifying of this Colony, and other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Capt. *Winne* deſired Leave to return home upon extraordinary Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Leave be given him accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 2, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 3, 1741.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*, and for continuing one other additional Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with an Addition thereto*; with a further Addition to the ſaid Act. After ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nicoll* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 4, 1741.

THE Treaſurer delivered to the Houſe, the following four Books of Laws, which he has, in purſuance of an Order of the General Aſſembly, cauſed to be bought in *London*, *to wit*.

Laws of the Colony of *Virginia*, from the 12th Year of King *Charles* the IId. to the 6th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign.

Laws of the Iſland of *Barbados*, from the Year 1648, to the Year 1718.

Laws of the *Caribbee* Leeward Iſlands, from the Year 1690, to the Year 1730. And,

Laws of the Iſland of *Jamaica*, from the Year 1681, to the Year 1737, incluſive.

Ordered, That the ſaid Books be depoſited with the other Books belonging to the General Aſſembly, to and for the only Uſe of the Members thereof, for the Time being.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 5, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 5, 1741.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal keeping Military Watches in the City of* New-York, *and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Lecount* moved for Leave to return home on extraordinary Buſineſs.

Ordered, That Leave be given him accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Wedneſday* next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 10, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

[*Here begins the* 15*th of* GEORGE IId.]

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 11, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. June* 12, 1741.

UPON Information that the Grand Jury, had prepared a Petition to this Houſe, for the better regulating of Slaves, and for preventing other Irregularities in this City;

Ordered, That when the ſaid Petition is preſented, the Speaker do give the Thanks of this Houſe, to the ſaid Jury, for their Care and Diligence, in detecting the horrid Conſpiracy which has been formed againſt this City, and the Inhabitants thereof.

And the ſaid Jury attending without, were called in, and preſented their ſaid Petition; whereupon the Speaker gave them the Thanks of this Houſe, in the Words following, *to wit.*

Mr. Foreman, and you Gentlemen the Grand Jurors, for this City and County,

'AS the General Aſſembly has been apprized for what Purpoſe you intended to apply to them, they have directed me to give you the Thanks of this Houſe, for the Care and Diligence you have ſo ſucceſsfully uſed in detecting the Villanies and barbarous Conſpiracy, which was perpetrated againſt this City, and its Inhabitants in particular.

'And as the Preſentments you made in Conſequence thereof, have ſince been more clearly confirmed, even by ſome of the wicked Accomplices themſelves; ſo it gives on the one Hand a general Satisfaction, That you have come to the Bottom of that horrid Combination, as it will on the other Hand (we doubt not) encourage you to continue your Diligence, to finiſh what you have ſo prudently and ſo happily begun. And I do therefore give you the Thanks of this Houſe accordingly.'

After which they withdrew, and then the ſaid Pitition was read, ſetting forth, That a a horrid Conſpiracy, has been lately formed by ſome wicked white People, in Confederacy with a great Number of Negro Slaves, to lay this City in Aſhes, and to murder and deſtroy the Inhabitants thereof: which has been in Part executed by burning his Majeſty's Houſe, and other publick Buildings in the Fort, and by ſetting Fire to ſundry other Houſes in this City; by which Conſpiracy, great Terror and Diſtreſs, and very conſiderable Loſs and Damage, has been brought upon the Inhabitants of this City. And that upon ſtrict Enquiry, the great Number of publick Houſes, in which Negroes have been entertained and encouraged to buy Rum and other ſtrong Liquors, has been a principle Incitement to thoſe deteſtable Villanies. And that the horrid Conſpiracy to burn this City, and to murder the People, was formed and agreed to, by great Numbers of Negroes, meeting together on divers *Sundays*, and was intended to be put in Execution on ſome *Sunday* Morning, during the Time of publick Service; as alſo fetching Tea Water on *Sundays*, has been found to tend to the forming of the ſaid Conſpiracy, by giving Occaſion to great Numbers of them, to meet in the ſame Place.

That ſome further Proviſion by Law, to prevent the like Evils for the future will be of abſolute Neceſſity for the Peace and Safety of this City, and worthy of the immediate Care of the Legiſlature.

And therefore humbly pray, that a Law may be obtained, to limit the Number of publick Houſes within the City of *New-York*, alſo to oblige all Keepers of publick Houſes, under ſevere Penalties, to keep good Order in ſuch Houſes, and to prohibit them to ſell any Sort of ſtrong Liquors to Negroes, unleſs by expreſs Leave from their Maſters, in writing firſt had and obtained, alſo a more effectual Law, to prohibit the receiving any Goods from Negroes, upon any Pretence whatſoever, unleſs by expreſs Leave or Licence from their Maſters, in writing as aforeſaid; alſo a Law to reſtrain Negroes from fetching Tea Water on *Sundays*, and more effectually to puniſh ſuch Perſons, as ſhall harbour and entertain them, and to prevent their being abſent from their Maſters Houſes on *Sundays*, unleſs by the publick Worſhip of God, or by the expreſs Leave of their Maſters, for ſome neceſſary Service ſignified in writing, and to be delivered to ſuch Negro; and alſo that ſuch further Proviſion be made in the Premiſſes, as to the honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. June* 12, 1741.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better fortifying of this Colony, and other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

Likewiſe a Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal keeping Military Watches in the City of* New-York, *and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; with ſeveral Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Amendments being twice read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore* and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that

that this House have agreed to the Amendments by them made thereto, and to desire they will amend the Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. June 13, 1741.

UPON a Motion made, to take into Consideration, as the Inquest and Prosecution of the late Conspiracy, to burn this City, and kill the People in it, is now in a fair Way to be gone through, whether the Supream Court ought not rather to continue sitting for that Purpose, than hold the Circuit Court up *Albany* River, especially (as it's said) there are but two Actions ready for Trial there? and the same having been duly considered, it was,

Resolved, As the unanimous Opinion of this House, That as private Affairs ought to give Way to a Matter of such Moment to the Publick, it will be highly necessary, that the said Circuit Court be defered to some other Time, and that the Court and Inquest be continued here, for the Purpose above mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Col. *Moore*, carry a Copy of these Minutes to the Council, and to desire them, that if they agree with the Opinion of this House, they will be pleased to communicate the same to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, in such Manner as that it may have its intended Effect.

And as the House is upon the Point of adjourning for some Time,

Ordered, That during its Recess, the Members for the City and County of *New-York*, and the Members of the County of *Westchester*, do prepare proper Bills for the Purposes recommended by the Grand Jury, in Order to be brought in at the next Meeting of the House.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joseph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this House in the Council-Room, at his late Residence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and made the following Report to the House, *to wit.*

That his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and the Members of the House, been pleased to give his Assent to the two following Bills, entitled, *viz.*

An Act, *for the better fortifying of this Colony, and other the Purposes therein mentioned.*

An Act, *for the more equal keeping Military Watches in the City of* New-York, *and for other the Purposes therein mentioned.*

And that after the said two Acts were published at the City-Hall, in the usual Manner, the Lieut. Governor had recommended him to return to the House, and adjourn it to the third *Tuesday* in *September* next, and then to meet without any further Notice.

Then the Speaker adjourned the House, to the third *Tuesday* in *September* next, and the House is accordingly adjourned to the said third *Tuesday* in the Month of *September* next ensuing, then to meet precisely without any further Notice.

Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. Sept. 15, 1741.

PURSUANT to the Adjournment of the House, on the 13th of *June* last, until this Day, 12 Members appeared in the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair.

And as several more Members are speedily expected in Town, Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkson*, were desired to acquaint the Lieut. Governor of the Number of Members now met, and that they intended to adjourn till To-morrow Morning, and to continue such Adjournment from Day to Day, until a sufficient Number do meet; and that then it will be duly signified to his Honour.

The House adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 16, 1741.

AS but one Member more is come to Town since Yesterday,

The House adjourned till 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Sept. 17, 1741.

A Majority of the House being now met,

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll*, and Mr. *Purdy*, acquaint the Lieut. Governor that a sufficient Number are met to proceed on Business.

Mr. *Nicoll* reported, that himself and Mr. *Purdy*, had (according to Order) waited on the Lieut. Governor with the above Message, and that his Honour was pleased to say, that he would, by a Message, send for the House.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joseph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the Attendance of this House immediately, in the Council Chamber, at his present Residence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported to the House, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor had made a Speech to them; of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

'AT your last Sitting, I acquainted you that I had received his Majesty's Commands to raise Recruits for his Majesty's Forces in the *West-Indies*, and even new Troops when the General should write for them; I recommended it to you to make Provision for victualling and transporting such a Nuuber of Men as I might so raise; whereupon, you resolved at your next Meeting, to take into Consideration what may be proper to be done by this Colony, in Relation to that Part of my Speech which related to Recruits, for the Expedition against the *Spaniards* in the *West-Indies*, if General *Wentworth*, or the General of those Forces for the Time being, should, in the mean while, apply for such Recruits from the said Colony.

Gentlemen,

'General *Wentworth* has wrote to me for Recruits, and new Forces; wherefore, I now call you to come to a speedy Resolution to provide Provisions and Transports, for the Men I may raise for that Service. His Majesty's Forces have now gained sure Footing on the Island of *Cuba*; and you will be very much wanting in your Duty to his Majesty, and to the Interest of this Province, if you do not give all the Assistance in your Power, to strengthen his Majesty's Army there; which by the divine Assistance, may enlarge their Conquests to that Extent, as may give large and numerous Settlements to such a Colony of People, as may in Time, take off more of the Provisions of these northern Provinces, than all the other Islands in the *West-Indies*: An Event that will increase and secure our Trade and Navigation, and enrich you beyond all other Means that can be devised.

Gentlemen,

'You cannot be too careful to preserve, by good Laws, the Reputation of Bread and Flour, the Staple Commodities of the Province; which, when once lost, it will be very difficult to retrieve; nor is less Care required to prevent the Bakers and Bolters, from committing Frauds in the Tare of their Casks; an Evil at present very much complained of, and calling for speedy Redress.

Gentlemen,

'It is high Time for you to make Provision for rebuilding the House, and Chapel, and the Rest of the Barracks, and Edifices, in the Fort, that were destroyed by the late Fire, kindled in Consequence of the horrid Result of an execrable Conspiracy to burn this whole Town, and to destroy the People, which nothing but divine Providence, hindred from being fully executed; nor do I think we ought now to rest in such supine Security, as to be careless of our present and future Safety; wherefore, I think it necessary that the People be obliged, by some good Law, to continue their Military Night Watches, and the Officers thereof, authorised under proper Regulations, to preserve the City from all Dangers in the Night Time; which I recommend to your Consideration, the Act lately passed for the more equal keeping Military Watches, being by its own Limitation, soon to expire.

Gentlemen,

THERE *are several Things which I mentioned to you, at your Meeting in the Month of* April *last; some whereof have not been at all, and others, not so fully considered*

and provided for by you, as they ought; I do therefore, refering you to what I then said, now again recommend those Things to you: I cannot however, but in particular, take Notice to you, that the ancient loyal and dutiful Method of giving a Revenue for a Term of Years, and without Application, has been too long disused, which has much weakened the natural Constitution of the Government, and if not speedily remedied, may involve the Country in many, and almost irretrievable Miseries: Those Evils it is in your Power to prevent, by giving to his Majesty such a Revenue, and for such Term of Years, without particular Applications of it, as former Assemblies gave. Your Country is much more able to do it now than ever it was; it is what his Majesty expects from you; what a Governor will insist on, as his Predecessors have done, and as he in Reason ought, and what I truly and sincerely think is your Interest, as it is your Duty to do. This is the last Opportunity I shall have to speak to you, and as I can consequently have no private Views in it, that injurious Insinuation which heretofore might take place in weak Minds, can now no where find Reception; and every considerate Man, will from thence conclude, that my urging you to give a Revenue in the Manner I mention, proceeds from the just Sentiments of my Heart; as I assure you they do, from the Affection I bear to the Province, whose true Interest and Happiness, have been my daily Study and constant Care.

GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Resolved, To take the said Speech into Consideration on *Tuesday* next.

And as it is expected that the House will be fuller by the Time above mentioned;

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkson*, and Mr. *Jones*, acquaint the Lieut. Governor, that the House inclines to adjourn till *Tuesday* next, if his Honour has no Objections to it.

Mr. *Clarkson* reported, that himself and Mr. *Jones*, had waited on the Lieut. Governor with the said Message, and that his Honour readily approved of our adjourning till the Day above mentioned.

Then the House adjourned to *Tuesday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 22, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Verplanck* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some Progress therein; and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration no *Tuesday* next.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor, be addressed on his said Speech; and,

Ordered, That the Members of the City and County of *New-York*, and for the County of *Westchester*, do prepare and bring in the Draught of such an Address accordingly; and that they make proper Observations therein on the Matters that seem to be in Dispute.

As *Thursday* next is Thanksgiving Day, and there being still but a thin House;

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne*, and Mr. *Ludlow*, wait on the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him the House inclines to adjourn till *Monday* next, if his Honour has no Objections to it.

Mr. *Ludlow*, reported that himself and Capt. *Winne*, had waited on his Honour the Lieut. Governor with the above Message, and that his Honour approved of the said intended Adjournment, till the Day above mentioned.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 28, 1741.

MR. *Clarkson* from the Committee, appointed to prepare a Draught of an Address, to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, delivered in such a Draught accordingly; which was read, and ordered to be refered to the Consideration of the Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 29, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Draught of an Address to his Honour the Lieut. Governor. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Jones* reported, That the Committee had gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto: which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where it was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Draught, as it is amended, be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1741.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration, on *Thursday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 30, 1741.

THE ingrossed Address to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, was read, and approved of; and,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do sign the said Address, in Behalf of the House, being in the Words following, *viz.*

To the Honourable George Clarke, *Esq; his Majesty's Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony of* New-York, *and Territories depending thereon.*

The humble Address of the General Assembly of the said Colony.

May it please your Honour,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of this Colony, do observe by the Speech, which your Honour was pleased to make unto us, at the present Meeting of the House; that his Majesty has appointed a Governor in Chief of this Colony.

We wish his safe Arrival here, and as we are informed, that he is descended from an antient noble Family, and promoted to this Station, by his Sacred Majesty; we persuade ourselves, that we shall be easy and happy under a mild Administration, in Imitation of his royal Master; who places his chiefest Glory, in the Happiness of his People.

It will be a double Pleasure to us, if there come along with him the Stores of War, which his Majesty has graciously been pleased to

to order, for the Uſe and Security of the Colony; as it will be an Addition thereto, if they are accompanied with the Preſents for the *Indians*, which the Crown uſually ſends with every new Governor.

It will be no ſmall Allay of theſe Pleaſures, that in Conſequence of a late wicked Conſpiracy, formed by ſome white People, in Conjunction with a great Number of Slaves, to burn the Houſes and murder the Inhabitants of this City; all the ſtately Buildings in the Fort have been intirely conſumed; and that thereby, his Excellency will be deprived of ſo noble a Reſidence, as his Predeceſſors have enjoyed; though it is ſome Comfort, that by his prudent Direction, a Houſe is preparing for the immediate Accommodation of himſelf and his Family.

And though it may be alledged, that theſe Edifices have been built by the Colony, it muſt be allowed, that they were erected by Degrees, under the Adminiſtration of ſeveral Governors; and that during moſt of that Time, it had the Aid of the Quit Rents and other dues to the Crown. But the preſent Circumſtances of the Colony, would only allow it to erect new Barracks for his Majeſty's Troops, poſted in this Town, and a new Secretary's Office, which were conceived moſt immediately neceſſary, and to do even this, the Colony was conſtrained to anticipate and prolong one of its Funds.

And as it has evidently appeared, that the Scheme of the Conſpirators, was firſt to burn the ſaid Buildings in the Fort, and then (during the Conſternation) to have murdered the People; this laſt Part of their moſt horrid, barbarous and inhuman Plot, might probably have been executed, had their actual Attempt of ſetting Fire to the Governor's Houſe ſucceeded, that Night it was intended. And as the Fire was nevertheleſs renewed next Morning, during a high and violent Wind, all the ſaid Buildings were burnt down, notwithſtanding the Fire-Engines, and all the People of the Town, were imployed to prevent it.

And though by Divine Providence and a conſtant military Watch, the intended Maſacre has not been attempted, yet ſeveral Houſes, were from Time to Time, wilfully ſet on Fire; the repairing of which, and the Embezelments of Goods (too frequently committed in ſuch Misfortunes) were a heavy Loſs to the Sufferers. It was ſtill a more general Loſs, the Execution of a great many Negroes, and the Tranſportation of a greater Number, that were legally convicted as Principles in the ſaid Plot, who before that Time, were eſteemed the moſt valuable Slaves in the Country; and if the Loſs of Time to the Inhabitants, in keeping Watch, and attending the Proſecutions of the Criminals be added thereto; it will need no Explication, what vaſt Damages have been ſuſtained by the ſaid wicked Conſpiracy.

From what has been mentioned upon this melancholy Subject, and from the Burdens and Difficulties of the Colony (both of which are fully known to your Honour) it is evident, how unable we are to build, even a Houſe (much leſs a Chapel and the other Edifices you recommend) ſuitable for the Reſidence of a King's Governor, over a Colony immediately depending on the Crown, and ſituated in, or near the Center of the *Britiſh* Dominions on this Continent.

Were theſe Matters truly and effectually repreſented to his Sacred Majeſty, and that the Deſtruction in the Fort, has altogether been the Effect of the ſaid wicked Conſpiracy, we ſhould conceive great Hopes from his uſual Goodneſs towards his People, that he will graciouſly grant a Sum, ſufficient to build Edifices, proper for his Governor here, inaſmuch, as a far greater Sum, than is requiſite for that Purpoſe, has been granted towards re-building the private Houſes, which have had the Misfortune to be burnt down in *South-Carolina*.

And if your Honour or his Excellency after his Arrival, and the Gentlemen of the Council, ſhall be pleaſed to prepare a Repreſentation, proper for the Purpoſe above mentioned; the General Aſſembly will readily and chearfully join in it.

Sir, we obſerve that General *Wentworth*, has gained ſure Footing on the Iſland of *Cuba*, and ordered Recruits and new Troops, to be raiſed in the *Northern* Plantations; and as we are ſenſible, that the Succeſs which may reaſonably be expected from the formidable Armament, which his Majeſty has made, and ſtill is augmenting in the *Weſt-Indies*, will not only enlarge the Intereſt and ſecure the Navigation of *Great-Britain* in thoſe Parts; but likewiſe, be of vaſt Benefit to all her *Northern* Colonies, ſo it cannot be doubted but all the ſaid Colonies, will again demonſtrate their Loyalty, by promoting ſo noble an Undertaking. But we conceive it cannot be expected, that a Sum can be fixed of what may be proper and reaſonable for this Colony to provide, before it be known what Number of effective Volunteers ſhall inliſt here, for that Service.

Sir, it muſt be allowed, that as Flour is the chief ſtaple Commodity of this Colony, we cannot be too careful to preſerve its Reputation, both here and abroad; and we fear that too many Frauds have been practiſed in the Tare of the Caſk, that Flour and Biſcuit has been packed in; notwithſtanding, a poſitive Law is in Force to the contrary. We ſhall therefore take into Conſideration, what further Proviſion may be neceſſary, to preſerve the

the Credit of the one, and to prevent Abuſes in the other.

Sir, when we take into Conſideration, to what Time to continue the Militia Act; the Conſideration of the Act, for the more equal keeping Military Watches, will not be neglected, as both will expire at the ſame Time, and that tho' one is for the Security and Defence of the Colony in general, and the other for the Peace and Safety of this City in particular.

Sir, we likewiſe re-conſider what has been recommended by your Speech to us, in *April* laſt; and ſuch material Matters thereof, as have not been fully provided for, ſhall in the Courſe of our Proceedings, have their due Weight, ſo far as the Circumſtances and Intereſt of the Colony will reaſonably allow.

Sir, as to a Support of Government, from the Reaſons given in our Addreſs upon the ſaid Speech, we did not expect that it would have been demanded, either for a Term of Years, or that the Application of it ſhould be diſcontinued, much leſs that it ſhould paſs through another Channel; we purpoſe nevertheleſs, to provide Means for the further Support of it, before the preſent Support determines; and a Governor may ſafely depend, that the Aſſemblies will from Time to Time, make ſufficient Proviſion, to Support the Government in an honourable Manner; as we perſuade ourſelves on the other Hand, that he will be far from objecting to the preſent laudable Method of applying it; for by that Means his Salary and other Allowances will be duly and regularly paid; whereas whilſt the other Method ſubſiſted, ſeveral former Governors and other Officers of the Government, have frequently been diſtreſſed by the Want or Poſtponing of it.

In all other Matters, we are firmly perſuaded, that the Aſſemblies will endeavour to make a Governor's Adminiſtration as eaſy to himſelf as can reaſonably be expected, from a People who have the Loyalty to their Prince, and the Intereſt of their Country equally at Heart.

Sir, as you have refered us to your Speech in *April* laſt, ſo we beg Leave, to refer your Honour, to our Addreſs upon it, and to indulge us to make ſome further Obſervations on the Matters contained in it, and on your Anſwer thereto, eſpecially as the ſame Topic is ſo ſtrongly preſſed now.

And as from thence, ſome Diſputes may ſeem to ſubſiſt, concerning Money granted or to be granted, for Support of Government; we beg Leave, to ſet that Matter in a true Light, that the Conduct of Aſſemblies in that particular, may ſtand right in the Opinion of thoſe, who ſeriouſly attend to what has been or may be offered on that Head; and this we conceive, could not be done more properly than to your Honour, as your Experience in the publick Affairs of this Government, for near forty Years, has made you perfectly acquainted, as well with the Facts we have already mentioned, as thoſe which we ſhall judge further neceſſary to offer upon the Subject.

In the ſaid Addreſs, we confined ourſelves chiefly to what the Speech naturally led us to, and when we had the Honour to preſent it, you was pleaſed verbally to declare, that the Quit-Rents and other dues to the Crown, had formerly been applied to, and for the Support and Exigences of the Government.

And though this Part was omitted in the written Anſwer you afterwards ſent to the Houſe, we believed it contained very near the Subſtance of what you then ſaid more by Word of Mouth.

And however wide the Scope of that Anſwer differed from our Sentiments, we were unwilling to make any Obſervations thereon at that Time, leſt it might have occaſioned ſome Obſtructions in the better fortifying the Colony, in erecting ſome neceſſary Buildings in it, and for keeping a military Watch in this City; the principle Matters the Aſſembly had then at Heart.

As effectual Proviſion has been made for thoſe Services, as well as for the Reaſon aforeſaid, we now embrace this Opportunity to ſay, that in our Opinion, the word Revenue in its ſtrict and general Acceptation, is applicable in this Colony, only to his Majeſty's Rents and other dues to the Crown, as the ſame are perpetual and for Life; and theſe have always paſſed, and ſtill do paſs through the Hands of his Majeſty's Receiver General; nor have the Aſſemblies preſumed to demand Accounts thereof at any Time, ſince the ſame ceaſed to be imployed towards Support of Government, though we ſhould not be without Hopes of their being reſtored to that Uſe, if the Caſe was truly and favourably repreſented to our gracious Sovereign.

In the Addreſs, notice was taken of the Miſapplication in general, of Monies granted by Aſſemblies, whilſt the ſame was received and iſſued in the Manner therein mentioned. Permit us to give but one ſingle Inſtance to confirm it, *to wit.* In the Beginning of the laſt War againſt *France*, an Act paſſed here, for raiſing the Sum of *One Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds*, towards building two Batteries at the Narrows; and by all that we can learn, not one Stone was ever laid, or any other Work done towards erecting either of them.

We beg Leave here to obſerve, that by a later Method of putting Money, granted for Fortifying, under the Direction of Commiſſioners, the

the ſeveral Forts and Fortifications mentioned in the Addreſs, have actually been erected, beſides ſome others ſince.

Sir, in our Opinion, and in the Nature of Things, Monies granted by Aſſemblies, and appropriated to particular Uſes, or for Support of Government, during a determinate Time (though the latter may have been or ſhould be termed a Revenue) can be deemed no other than temporary Grants; and all theſe, have for upwards of thirty Years, paſſed through the Hands of the Colony Treaſurer, accountable however to the Governor, the Council, and the Aſſembly.

In the Addreſs, notice was likewiſe taken, that conſiderable Deficiences had happened in the Monies granted for Support, during the Time laſt mentioned, and its needleſs to inquire by what Means; but if under any Colour whatever, Money may be diverted from the Uſe and Intent for which it is given, might it not juſtly be apprehended, that plauſible Pretences would not be wanting? And into what a Labyrinth, might not that again plunge the Colony?

From what has been obſerved in both Caſes, it is obvious on the one Hand, that Approbation alone has not been ſufficient to prevent Miſapplications; and on the other, how requiſite it was to make uſe of that neceſſary and reaſonable Right, of applying the Monies granted by Aſſemblies, to the particular Uſes for which they are given.

Permit us here, to remind your Honour, that during the Time the former Method of receiving and iſſuing publick Monies, ſubſiſted, a vaſt Number of Warrants for Salaries, and other Services of the Colony, remained unpaid for a great Number of Years, and many of them parted with at a very large Diſcount, until they were at laſt diſcharged by the two long Bills, though not without various and conſiderable Deductions.

Give us Leave to obſerve on the other Hand, that by the preſent Method, all the ſaid Salaries, and other Services, are duly and regularly diſcharged; and for this Reaſon (were there no other) we are firmly perſuaded, that the Wiſdom and Goodneſs of his Majeſty, will much ſooner applaud, than cenſure, a Practice by which the real Service of his Government here, is ſo effectually anſwered; as the ſame has proved not leſs ſalutary to all the neceſſary Officers, and Services of the Government, than to the Colony itſelf.

And ſhould the Aſſembly relapſe into the Method you ſo ſtrenuouſly recommend, how blameable would they ſtand in the Opinion of all the World, and more particularly, in that of the People who intruſt them with their Liberties and Properties? What a Door might it not again open for Miſapplications? And what a Diſcouragement might it not prove to raiſe even neceſſary Supplies?

We therefore refer it to your ſerious Conſideration, whether it is not better to continue the preſent prudent and wholſome Method of Application, than by returning to the former Practice; expoſe ourſelves to the Difficulty of ſeeking Redreſs in the Manner you are pleaſed to point out in the ſaid Anſwer, if Money given by Aſſemblies, ſhould again be miſapplied?

Sir, your Honour cannot but be ſenſible that the Aſſemblies have conſtantly had no leſs Regard to his Majeſty's juſt Prerogative, than to the Rights and Liberties of the People; and if by what you mention as an Encroachment on the ſaid Prerogative, is only meant the Method of Application, (as it is explained in the ſaid Anſwer) would not that Charge equally lie againſt all the Parts of the Legiſlature, as ſeveral Bills for that very Purpoſe have been paſſed into Laws? But we conceive every Branch was well warranted therein by the Reaſon of the Thing, for as Aſſemblies are the Givers of Money, ſo they have, and ought to have an undoubted Right to fix the Diſpoſal of it; which, by the Opinion of the Lords of Trade, (taken Notice of in our Addreſs) ſeems to be beyond Diſpute.

Sir, as you have ſo large an Intereſt in the Colony, we are very far from ſuppoſing that your preſſing Recommendations to have Monies to be granted by Aſſemblies, for ſupport of Government, put upon the Footing you mention, is intended as a Foundation for the Inconveniences ſet forth in our Addreſs, tho' it might be attended with the like Conſequences; nor are we willing to believe that it is for the Sake of the Auditor General of his Majeſty's Revenues in *America*, though you have all along acted as his Deputy here.

We obſerve in your Anſwer, that the ſaid Auditor has a ſtated Salary allowed him, which ought to be preſumed is adequate to the Services annexed to that Office, eſpecially as he is in high Honour and Intereſt with his Majeſty.

And in our Opinion, he has the greater Reaſon to reſt contented with the ſeveral Sums of Money which have been paid by this Government for his Uſe, in as much as he has received none at all from any of the neighbouring Colonies, as is evident from a Letter which he wrote to the late Governor of the *Maſſachuſetts*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

" There was an Allowance formerly
" made in *New-England*, to Mr. *Blath-*
" *waite*, as Auditor, and though nothing
" can be more juſt than that the Officers
" under a Government ſhould receive ſome
" Recompence, yet I have received none
" from *New-England*, during the whole

" Time I have had the Auditing of their " Accounts." And if no ſuch Allowance has been made to him by ſo conſiderable a Province, we may reaſonably conclude the like of our other neighbouring Colonies.

Adolph Philipſe, Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr *Verplank*, and Mr. *Lecount*, wait on the Lieut. Governor to know when he will be pleaſed to be attended by the Houſe with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Verplank* reported, that himſelf and Mr. *Lecount*, had (according to Order) waited on the Lieut. Governor, with the Meſſage before mentioned, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to appoint 4 of the Clock this Afternoon, for receiving the Addreſs of this Houſe, at his preſent Reſidence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 30, 1741.

THE Speaker, and the Houſe, attended on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with the Addreſs of this Houſe; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that they had accordingly waited on his Honour with their Addreſs; that he read the ſame to his Honour, and then delivered it to him.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 1, 1741.

Ordered,

THAT the Treaſurer deliver in, on or before the 15th Inſt. an Account upon Oath, of his Receipts and Payments of the Money granted for Support of Government, from the Time he delivered his laſt Account thereof, until the 1ſt of *September* laſt paſt.

Ordered, That the Vendue-Maſter pay unto the Treaſurer, on or before the 15th Day of this Month, all the Money that has ariſen by the Duty on Goods ſold at Vendue, until the firſt Day of *December* laſt, as it has been appropriated for Support of Government till that Time; and that he deliver to this Houſe, on or before the ſaid 15th Inſt. an Account, upon Oath, how much has ariſen by the ſaid Duty, from the ſaid firſt of *December*, to the firſt Day of *September* laſt.

Ordered, That the Clerk deliver reſpective Copies of theſe Orders to the ſaid Treaſurer, and Vendue-Maſter, forthwith.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 1, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Verplank* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Tueſday* next, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Col. *Lott*, prepare and bring in a Bill for the further continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony.*

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 2, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 2, 1741.

MR. *Haaſbrook* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Southern Part of *Ulſter* County into Precincts.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 5, 1741.

Ordered,

THAT Alderman *Moore*, and Alderman *Roome*, acquaint the Corporation of this City, that this Houſe will ſpeedily have under its Conſideration, Heads of a Bill or Bills, for the due Regulation and Government of Negroes, and for the more equal and orderly keeping a ſufficient Night Watch in this City; to the End, that the ſaid Corporation may make ſuch Propoſals to the Houſe, as they ſhall ſee fit, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or to other Purpoſes tending to the Welfare and Security of the ſaid City.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 6, 1741.

ALDERMAN *Moore* reported to the Houſe, that Alderman *Roome*, and himſelf, had (according to Order) delivered the Order of Yeſterday, to the Mayor of this City, who acquainted them that he would cauſe a Common Council to meet upon the ſubject Matter thereof, To-morrow in the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 6, 1741.

A Petition of *Francis Halloway*, under Confinement in the City-Hall of this City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That ſhe is Widow and Relict of *Thomas Halloway*, deceaſed, who left her with ſeveral helpleſs Orphans, and for Support of which, ſhe was obliged to plunge herſelf in Debt, and being unable to diſcharge the ſaid Debts ſo contracted, humbly prays her deplorable Condition, may be conſidered, and grant her Liberty to diſpoſe of a Lot or Parcel of Ground, ſituate, lying and being near the Broad-Way, in the ſaid City, in order to qualify her to pay her Debts, and bring up her Family, and extricate herſelf out of this Difficulty and Trouble.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Oliver Pratt*, under Confinement in the City-Hall of this City, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he has for almoſt ſixteen Months, been under Confinement by one *Nathan Purdy*, of *Weſtcheſter* County, for a Debt upwards of *One Hundred Pounds*; which Debt, he is not at preſent able to pay, but has from Time to Time, offered his ſaid Creditor all that he had, to be delivered on Oath; as alſo a fifth Part of the Debt more than what he had; and this not taking with his ſaid Creditor, together with his harſh Uſage, and bad Treatment, renders him unable for ever paying the Debt in his preſent Station, therefore prays, that by Law, or otherwiſe, a Rule or Method may be provided, as may not only be for the Relief of the Petitioner, but alſo for all who with bad Treatment, do come into Confinement; and if no Act of Inſolvency is to be obtained, but that a Debtor muſt be confined during the Pleaſure of his Creditor, that ſuch other Proviſion may be made by the Creditor, or otherwiſe, as to the honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 7, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 7, 1741.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 8, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for the further ſupporting this Government, from the firſt Day of *December* next; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Verplank* reported that the Proceedings and Reſolution of the Committee, had been in Manner following, *viz.*

A Motion was made by Col. *Schuyler*, that for and towards the

the further ſupporting the Government of this Colony, from and after the firſt Day of *December* next, the ſeveral Duties and Impoſitions, granted in and by an Act, entitled, *An Act, for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; paſſed in the fourteenth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, may be further granted and continued from the ſaid firſt Day of *December* next, until the firſt Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of our Lord, 1742.

And that thereupon the Committee came to the following Reſolution, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Duties granted to his Majeſty by the Act above mentioned, entitled, *An Act, for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; be further granted to his Majeſty, towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *December* next, until the firſt Day of *December*, 1742, incluſive, under the ſame or other Reſtrictions and Regulations, and on the ſame Footing, as are contained in the Act above mentioned.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Reſolution above mentioned, and that Mr. *Jones* prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Lecount*, that a bill be prepared and brought in, for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of *November*, 1741, to the firſt Day of *November*, 1742.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lecount*, and Mr. *Ludlow*, prepare and bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Schuyler* preſented to the Houſe, a Petition of the Inhabitants in the ſecond and third Wards of the City of *Albany*, which was read, ſetting forth, That this honourable Houſe will pleaſe to grant that the Petitioners, in Conjunction with the Reſt of the Inhabitants of the ſaid two Wards, may have reſpectively, Authority to chuſe a Superviſor, in each of the ſaid two Wards, on the firſt *Tueſday* in *December* next, and that ſuch Superviſors, when ſo reſpectively choſen, may have Power to act in Conjunction with the preſent Superviſors, according to the Act of Aſſembly in that Caſe now in force, and that from and afterwards, there may be choſen in each Ward of the City of *Albany*, one Superviſor, on the firſt *Tueſday* in *April*, yearly, and every Year; according to the preſent Law in that Caſe made and provided. And that whereas the two Aſſeſſors, in each of the three Wards of the ſaid City of *Albany*, by the preſent Law and Cuſtom, aſſeſs and rate, yearly, only the reſpective Wards for which they are elected, therefore pray that the whole ſix Aſſeſſors of the ſaid City, may for the future, be obliged in one Body, to aſſeſs and rate the whole City, and to make their Returns accordingly.

And further pray, that the Premiſes may be taken into ſerious Conſideration (and grant their Requeſts) to bring the ſame into a Law.

Ordered, That the Petitioners ſerve the Juſtices of the Peace, of the ſaid City, with a Copy of this Petition, at their next General Seſſions of the Peace, to be holden for the ſaid City, and that they may make their Objections (if any they have) thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 8, 1741.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration on *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe adjourned till 9 Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 9, 1741.

THE Speaker laid before the Houſe, a Letter from his Honour; which being read, is in the Words following.

SIR,

I Send you two Letters, one from Governor Shirley, *to me, the other from Capt.* Minit, *to him, which I deſire you will communicate to the Houſe, and acquaint them, that I think it proper that the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *ſhould be doubled, as there ſeems to be a Rupture in the Point of breaking out between the two Crowns, wherefore I hope they will make ſuitable Proviſion for that Service.*

I am,

Sir, your moſt humble Servant,

GEORGE CLARKE.

To the honourable *Adolph Philipſe*, Eſq; Speaker of the Gen. Aſſembly.

And the ſaid Letters from Governor *Shirley*, and Mr. *Minit*, being likewiſe read;

Ordered, That all the ſaid Letters be taken into Conſideration by the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Lieut. Governor's Speech is refered.

Alderman *Moore* reported to the Houſe, that the Order of this Houſe, on the 5th Inſt. have been delivered to the Corporation of *New-York*, and that thereupon the ſaid Corporation had met in full Common Council, and that they had come to the following Reſolutions, with a Requeſt that this Houſe will give them Leave to prefer Bills for the ſeveral Purpoſes following, as by a Copy of the ſaid Reſolution may appear more at large, *to wit.*

1. *A Bill for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *on the Inhabitants, Reſidents, and Sojourners, of this City, to defray the Charge of paying twelve able Watchmen each Night, for one Year, and providing Fire and Candles for ſuch Watchmen.*

2. *A Bill to oblige the Inhabitants in the reſpective Neighbourhoods, where publick Wells now are, or hereafter ſhall be made in this City, to keep and maintain the ſaid Wells in good Repair.*

3. *A Bill for keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from this City to* King's Bridge.

4. *A Bill to amend the Law, which obliges Maſters of Veſſels to give Security for their Paſſengers, likely to become chargeable to the City.*

5. *A Bill for the Puniſhment of the Mothers and reputed Fathers of Baſtard Children, by obliging them to pay a Fine of* Ten Pounds, *for the Uſe of the Poor, or ſuffer Corporal Puniſhment.*

6. *A Bill to prevent the Playing at Billiards, Trucks, or Cards, in publick Houſes.*

7. *A Bill for the ſpeedy remedying all forcible Entries and Detainers.*

8. *A Bill to oblige all Strangers coming into this City, with Goods for Sale, to pay a Duty for the Uſe of the Poor.*

9. *A Bill to prevent clandeſtine Marriages.*

And after the ſame had been read, the Heads of every of the propoſed Bills, being diſtinctly read and conſidered, the Houſe are of Opinion, that the Bill, Number 7, Relating to forcible Entries and Detainers, requires further Conſideration and Advice, before they give an Order of Leave for it.

And Debates ariſing upon the Bill, Number 8, for laying a Duty on Goods brought in for Sale by Strangers; a Motion was made, that Leave be given for it; and another Motion by Mr. *Jones*, that the ſame be poſtponed, and the ſaid Motions being ſeverally put? It was carried for Leave, by Eleven againſt Eight, in the Manner following, *viz.*

For Leave.	For Poſtponing.
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Jones*,
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Turboſi*,
Capt. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Mr. *Ludlow*,	Mr. *Cornel.*
Mr. *Stilwell*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Mr. *Abraham Lott*.	

Ordered, That the Corporation of *New-York*, have Leave to bring in all the before mentioned Bills, except that which relates to forcible Entries and Detainers.

Mr. *Lecount* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for letting to Farm the Exciſe of ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of* November *next, to the firſt Day of* November, *in the Year* 1742; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 9, 1741.

MR. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act, for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Haaſbrook* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for dividing the* Southern *Part of the County of* Ulſter *into Precincts*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 12, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1741.

COL. *Schuyler* from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them they judge proper to be revived, reported, that the Act, to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others, being expired by its own Limitation, they conceive it ought to be revived; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cornell* and Mr. *Pierson*, prepare and bring in a Bill, for the Purpose above mentioned.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first of* November *next, to the first Day of* November, *in the Year* 1742; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned, from the first Day of* December 1740, *to the first Day of* December 1741; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for dividing the* Southern *Part of the County of* Ulster *into Precincts*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 13, 1741.

MR. *Pierson* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, to revive an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 14, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Lott* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, to continue an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurii, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 14, 1741.

THE Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

New-York, October 14, 1741.

SIR,

'I Send you herewith, a Letter from the Commissioners for *Indian* Affairs to me, which I desire you will communicate to the House, and acquaint them, that I hope, they will come to such speedy Resolutions thereon, as will be most effectual and conducive to the reclaiming the *Indians*, in their Fidelity to his Majesty and their Dependency on this Province, and as becomes the present Exigency of Affairs.'

I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

G. CLARKE.

And the said Letter from the Commissioners for *Indian* Affairs, being likewise read,

Ordered, That the said Letters be taken into Consideration by the whole House, to whom the Lieut. Governor's Speech is refered.

A Petition of *Joseph Smith* and *Nathaniel Pearsal*, Prisoners for Debt at *Jamaica*, in *Queen's* County, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That they have been several Years in the said Prison for Debt, although they often tendered to surrender up all their Estate, real and personal to their Creditors, notwithstanding which, they remain inexorable to our Intreaties, and therefore beseech the honourable House, to revive the Act of General Assembly, for relieving of insolvent Debtors, which is now expired by its own Limitation.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table.

Mr. *Lacount*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Richmond*, to finish and compleat their Court-House.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration, *Friday* next.

Mr. *Jones* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Mr. *Cornell*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, that every of the Members of this House, after their sitting 30 Days, be entitled to no Wages.

Which was agreed to by the House; and,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for the Purpose above mentioned.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 15, 1741.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to restrain Tavern-keepers and Inholders from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Pierson*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Alderman *Moore* and Alderman *Roome*, from the Corporation (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a sufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the said City to raise the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to defray the Charge thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

John Cruger, Esq; Vendue-Master, attending without, was called in, and delivered to the House (according to Order) an Account upon Oath, of the Duty of sundry Goods sold at publick Vendue; amounting from *primo March* last past, to *primo September* 1741, to the Sum of *Nineteen Pounds, Eight Shillings and Nine-pence.*

And the Title of the said Account being read,

Ordered, That the said Account lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Mr. *Nicoll* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned, from the first Day of* December, 1740, *to the first Day of* December 1741, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed unto by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 15, 1741.

THE Treasurer attending without, was called in, and delivered to the House (according to Order) the following Accounts upon Oath, *viz.*

An Account of what the several Duties have amounted to, for supporting this his Majesty's Government in the Colony of *New-York*, *to wit*: From the first Day of *March* last, until the first Day of *September* 1741;

Amounting to the Sum of - £. 1693 5 8½

An Account of what Money has been paid unto the respective Persons therein named, out of the Monies given for the Support of this his Majesty's Government in the Colony of *New-York*, according to the several Warrants drawn by the Hon. *George Clarke*, Esq; Lieut. Governor;

Amounting to the Sum of - £. 2778 11 0

General

General Account of what the ſeveral dutiable Goods have amounted to, for ſupporting this his Majeſty's Government in the Colony of *New-York*, *to wit.* From the firſt Day of *March* 1740, until the firſt Day of *September* 1741; as alſo an Account of the ſeveral Payments, which has been made thereon, by which it appears that the Ballance due in Favour to the Support of this Government, to the firſt Day of *September* 1741, is - - £. 2491 18 3 ¼

And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

Mr. *Terboſs*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December 1741; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lecount* and Mr. *Purdy*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Lecount* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Richmond, *to finiſh and compleat their Court-Houſe*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 16, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace in the County of* Richmond, *to finiſh and compleat their Court-Houſe*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Richmond* County, *Queen's* County, and *King's* County, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a ſufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to defray the Charge thereof*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and *Weſtcheſter*, or any five of them.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Jones*, that the Conſideration of the Salaries and other Allowances of the ſeveral Officers of the Government, be poſtponed until ſuch Bills as this Houſe, have already prepared or ſhall at this Meeting further prepare, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Colony, be firſt paſſed into Laws; which being put to the Vote? It was carried for poſtponing, by Fourteen againſt Eleven, in Manner following, *viz.*

For Poſtponing.	Againſt Poſtponing.
Mr. *Cornell*,	Col. *Schuyler*,
Mr. *Jones*,	Col. *Philipſe*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Mr. *Vanplank*,
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
Mr. *Livingſton*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,	Mr. *Gale*,
Mr. *Pierſon*,	Capt. *Winne*,
Mr *Abraham Lott*,	Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
Col. *Beekman*,	Mr. *Ludlow*,
Mr. *Turboſs*,	Mr. *Lecount*.
Mr. *Stillwell*,	
Alderman *Roome*,	
Capt. *Bradt*.	

And thereupon it's,

Reſolved, That the Conſideration of the Salaries and other Allowances of the ſeveral Officers of the Government, be poſtponed until ſuch Bills as this Houſe have already prepared, or ſhall at this Meeting further prepare, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Colony, be firſt paſſed into Laws.

The Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 16, 1741.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 17, 1741.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, at his preſent Reſidence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; where his Honour was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly, to *Monday* the nineteenth Inſtant.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1741.

IN Purſuance of a Prorogation on the 17th Inſtant, the Houſe being met in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair; and reported, That according to a Meſſage on the ſaid Day, the Houſe attended on the Lieut. Governor, and that his Honour had, in the Preſence of the Members of the Council, been pleaſed to ſay,

Gentlemen,

I Have thought fit to prorogue the General Aſſembly until Monday *next, and the ſaid Aſſembly is accordingly prorogued till next* Monday; *at which Time, you are to meet and proceed upon the ſeveral Matters, I have already recommended to you.*

Ordered, That the Grand Committee for Grievances, do ſit every *Wedneſday* in the Afternoon, in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Philipſe*, Mr. *Jones*, Mr. *Abraham Lott* and Mr. *Clarkſon*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to inſpect what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and to report to the Houſe, from Time to Time, which of them they judge neceſſary to be revived or continued, and what other Laws they ſhall conceive proper to be paſſed for the Benefit of the Colony, and the Inhabitants thereof.

Mr. *Livingſton*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for regulating Courts within this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Alderman *Moore* and Aldertman *Roome*, moved in behalf of the Corporation of *New-York*, that Leave formerly granted by this Houſe, for bringing in the following Bills, may be renewed, *viz.*

1. *A* Bill, *for raiſing the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *on the Inhabitants, Reſidents and Sojourners, of this City, to defray the Charge of paying twelve able Watchmen each Night, for one Year, and providing Fire and Candles for ſuch Watchmen.*

2. *A* Bill, *to oblige the Inhabitants in the reſpective Neighbourhoods, where publick Wells now are, or hereafter ſhall be made in this City, to keep and maintain the ſaid Wells in good Repair.*

3. *A* Bill, *for keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from this City to* King's Bridge.

4. *A* Bill, *to amend the Law, which obliges Maſters of Veſſels to give Security for their Paſſengers likely to become chargeable to the City.*

5. *A* Bill, *for the Puniſhment of the Mothers and reputed Fathers of baſtard Children, by obliging them to pay a fine of* Ten Pounds, *for the Uſe of the Poor, or ſuffer corporal Puniſhment.*

6. *A* Bill, *to prevent the playing at Billards, Trucks, or Cards, in publick Houſes.*

7. *A* Bill, *to oblige all Strangers coming into this Colony with Goods, for Sale, to pay a Duty for the Uſe of the Poor.*

8. *A* Bill, *to prevent clandeſtine Marriages.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Corporation have Leave to bring in the above mentioned Bills accordingly.

Alderman *Moore*, and Alderman *Roome*, from the ſaid Corporation, preſented to the Houſe (according to Order) a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a ſufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to defray the Charge thereof*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That the Militia Act be continued until the firſt Day of *December*, 1742, and that Col. *Moore*, and Col. *Lott*, prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, and that Mr. *Lecount* prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr. *Lecount* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of *Richmond* County, to compleat their Court Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Turboſs* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Livingſton* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to encourage Adventurers of Iron Works in this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Jones* from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and what new Laws may be neceſſary for the Benefit of this Colony, reported, That the Act to reſtrain Tavern-keepers, and Inn-holders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others; being expired by its own Limitation, they conceive it neceſſary that the ſaid Act ſhould be revived; and that the Act to prevent ſmall Stallions from running at large, and to geld all Horſes under the Size therein mentioned; being near expiring, they conceive it neceſſary that the ſaid Act ſhould be continued.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* prepare and bring in Bills for the Purpoſes above mentioned.

Mr. *Pierſon* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech to this Houſe, of the ſeventeenth of *September* laſt, and the Letters and Papers ſent by him afterwards to the Houſe, be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1741.

MR. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern-keepers, and Inn-holders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Lecount* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of* November *next, to the firſt Day of* November, *in the Year* 1742; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Schuyler* moved that the former Leave granted him for bringing in a Bill for fortifying the City of *Albany*, may be renewed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe above mentioned.

Mr. *Lecount* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to finiſh and compleat their Court Houſe*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Moore* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1741.

MR. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld ſuch as ſhall be under the Size therein mentioned*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to finiſh and compleat their Court Houſe*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Richmond* County, *Queen's* County, and *King's* County, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the firſt of* November *next, to the firſt Day of* November, *in the Year* 1742; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern-keepers, and Inn-holders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a ſufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to defray the Charge thereof*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City of *New-York*, and *Weſtcheſter*, or any five of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 o'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1741.

MR. *Pierſon* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for the further ſupporting this Government, from the firſt Day of *December* next; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported that the Proceedings and Reſolution of the Committee, had been in Manner following, *viz.*

A Motion was made by Col. *Schuyler*, That for and towards the further ſupporting the Government of this Colony, from and after the firſt Day of *December* next, the ſeveral Duties and Impoſitions, granted in and by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; paſſed in the 14th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, may be further granted and continued from the ſaid firſt Day of *December* next, until the firſt Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of our Lord 1742.

And that thereupon the Committee came to the following Reſolution, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Duties granted to his Majeſty by the Act above mentioned, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony; by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; be further granted to his Majeſty, towards ſupporting his Government in this Colony, from the firſt Day of *December* next, until the firſt Day of *December*, 1742, inclusive, under the ſame or other Reſtrictions and Regulations, and on the ſame Footing, as are contained in the Act above mentioned.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Reſolution above mentioned, and that Mr. *Verplank* prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr. *Jones* was likewiſe directed by the Committee to move, for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1741.

COL. *Moore* from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a ſufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds, *to defray the Charge thereof*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Verplank* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld ſuch as ſhall be under the Size therein mentioned*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Lecount* from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to finiſh and compleat their Court Houſe*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in

in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1741.

MR. *Turbess* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the killing of Deer out of Season*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1741.

ALDERMAN *Moore*, and Alderman *Roome*, in Behalf of the Corporation of this City, presented to the House (according to Leave) the following Bills, *viz.*

1. A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Post Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

2. A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps, in the City of* New-York; and,

3. A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain disorderly and unlawful Gaming Houses*.

Which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1741.

MR. *Jones* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the returning of able and sufficient Jurors, and for the better regulating Juries.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1741.

MR. *Jones* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and sufficient Jurors, and for the better Regulation of Juries*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. *Morris* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to ascertain the Wages of the Members of the General Assembly, and the Number of Days they shall be paid.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

And Col. *Morris* (according to the said Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Wages of the Members of the General Assembly, and the Number of Days they shall be paid*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Post Road from* New-York *to* Kingsbridge; was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *Westchester*, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the publick Wells and Pumps in the City of* New-York; was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York* and *Westchester*, or any five of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to restrain disorderly and unlawful Gaming Houses*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the killing of Deer out of Season*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 23, 1741.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a sufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the said City, to raise the Sum of* Five Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds, Twelve Shillings, *to defray the Charge thereof, and for other the Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Roome* and Alderman *Moore*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Justices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to finish and compleat their Court-House*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lecount* and Mr. *Stillwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Petition of *David Corey*, and the Commissioners of the Highways of *Southold*, in *Suffolk* County, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the Highway or Road, from the *West* to the *East* Part of your Petitioner *David Corey*'s Land, running along the Cliff or Bank, about a Mile on the *North* Side thereof, causing great Charge and Trouble to the said Petitioner, to maintain and keep the Fences thereto adjoining in Repair, by Reason of the Scarcity of Timber thereabouts for that Purpose, which by continual Travelling and great Rains, wears away and makes great Gullies, which makes it very difficult for the Inhabitants to mend; wherefore the said Petitioner, *David Corey*, humbly prays, that he may have Leave to bring in a Bill, in order to alter the Highway or Road, and to enable him to place and hang, two good easy swinging Gates, the one between your said Petitioner's now Dwelling-House, on the *East* Part of his said Land, the other between his Wind-Mill (now being by the said Road) and *Benjamin Bayley*'s Land; so that the Road may run thro' your said Petitioner's improved and inclosed Land, and to keep the said swinging Gates and Road in good and sufficient Repair, at his own proper Cost and Charge; the granting of which will make the Road more commodious and convenient than now it is for Travellers and the Inhabitants, as by a Vote passed at the Town Meeting, the 7th of *April* 1741, does plainly appear, and of great Advantage and Benefit to your Petitioner.

Ordered, That the said Petitioner *David Corey*, have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some Progress therein; and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabati, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 24, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to ascertain the Wages of the Members of the General Assembly, and the Number of Days they shall be paid*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and sufficient Jurors, and for the better Regulation of Juries*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of several Persons under Confinement in the City-Hall of *New-York* for Debt, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That they have for a long Time been confined in the said City-Hall, for sundry Debts which they are not at present able to pay, nor even to provide for themselves or Families, which without Relief or some Support, must unavoidably suffer;

And therefore pray, the honourable House will grant some Relief in the Premisses, as the said House was pleased to do, the Year 1734, in bringing in a Bill to revive an Act, for the Relief of insolvent Debtors.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table.

Mr. *Nicoll* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the* West *to the* East *Part of* David Corey's *Land, running along the Cliff or Bank thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones*, reported from the said Committee, That they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration, *Monday* next.

Mr.

Mr. *Nicoll*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Col. *Schuyler*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December 1741, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Lecount* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to reſtrain diſorderly and unlawful Gaming Houſes, in ſeveral Counties within this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1741.

COLONEL *Schuyler* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Fortifying the City of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Capt. *Livingſton* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Adventurers in Iron-Works*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the* Weſt *to the* Eaſt *Part of* David Corey's *Land, running along the Cliff or Bank thereof*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December 1741; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to reſtrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Haaſbrook*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Moore* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1741.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported the Proceedings and Reſolutions of the Committee, upon that Part which relates to Salaries and other Allowances, to have been in Manner following, *viz.*

A Motion was made, by Col. *Morris*, that as (according to unqueſtionable Accounts) his Majeſty has been pleaſed to conſtitute a Captain General and Governor in Chief over this Colony; there be allowed to him for his adminiſtring the Government thereof, from the Day his Commiſſion for that Poſt is publiſhed here, until the firſt Day of *September* 1742; after the Rate of *One Thouſand, Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, per Annum*.

And Debates ariſing thereupon, Mr. *Nicoll* moved, that the previous Queſtion be firſt put, whether Col. *Morris*'s Motion ſhould be now put, and the ſaid previous Queſtion being accordingly put? It was carried in the Affirmative, by Eighteen againſt Eight, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Mr. *Nicol*,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Cornel*.
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Turboſt*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Col. *Lott*,	Col. *Beekman*.
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,	
Col. *Philipſe*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Mr. *Verplank*.	

Then the Queſtion was put upon the firſt Motion, that there be allowed to the Captain General and Governor in Chief over this Colony, for his adminiſtring the Government of this Colony, from the Day his Commiſſion for that Poſt ſhall be publiſhed here, until the firſt of *September* 1742; after the Rate of *One Thouſand, Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, per Ann.*

And the ſame was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Mr. *Nicoll*,
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Cornell*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Stillwell*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Col. *Beekman*.
Col. *Lott*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Mr. *Haaſbrook*,	
Col. *Philipſe*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Mr. *Verplank*,	
Mr. *Turboſt*.	

Reſolved, That there be allowed to his ſaid Excellency, for adminiſtring the ſaid Government, from the Time his Majeſty's Letters Patent ſhall be publiſhed here, until the firſt Day of *September* next enſuing; after the Rate of *One Thouſand, Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, per Ann.*

A Motion was made by Col. *Morris*, that as there has not been allowed leſs to the preſent Lieut. Governor, than *One Thouſand Three Hundred Pounds*, a Year, for his adminiſtring the Government of this Colony, he be allowed after the ſame Rate, from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the Day he may be ſuperceeded in the ſaid Adminiſtration, or until the firſt of *September*, 1742, which ſhall firſt happen; and the Queſtion being put thereupon, it was carried in the Affirmative, by 19 againſt 7, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative,	For the Negative.
M. *Cornel*,	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
Col. *Morris*,	Mr. *Nicoll*,
Mr. *Clarkſon*,	Mr. *Pierſon*,
Col. *Schuyler*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Lecount*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Col. *Beekman*.
Col. *Lott*,	
Col. *Renſſelaer*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Mr. *Purdy*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Capt. *Livingſton*,	
Col. *Philipſe*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Roome*,	
Mr. *Verplank*,	
Mr. *Turboſt*,	
Mr. Speaker.	

Reſolved,

Resolved, That there be allowed to the said Lieut. Governor, for his administring the said Government from the first Day of *September* last, to the Day he may be superceeded therein, or until the first of *September* next, which shall first happen, after the Rate of *One Thousand Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *James Delancey*, Esq; Chief Justice, and for going the Circuits, from the first of *September* last, to the first Day of *September*, 1742, after the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipse*, Esq; as second Justice, and for going the Circuits, from the first of *September* last, to the first Day of *September*, 1742, after the Rate of *One Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; as third Justice, and for his going the Circuits, (if Occasion requires it) from the first of *September* last, to the first Day of *September*, 1742, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed for Firewood and Candles; for the Garrison in *New-York*, from the 13th of *June*, 1742, to the 13th of *June*, 1743, the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Commissioners of *Indian* Affairs, for their Disbursements and Expences to the six Nations of *Indians*, and for Presents imployed by them for the publick Services, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first of *September*, 1742, the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy Pounds.*

And for extraordinary Uses at this critical Juncture, the further Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Secretary, for ingrossing and inrolling the Acts of the General Assembly, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first of *September*, 1742, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first Day of *September*, 1742, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Land and Tide Waiter, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first of *September*, 1742, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Gauger, for the Time being, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first of *September*, 1742, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Door-Keeper of the Council, for the Time being, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first of *September*, 1742, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the General Assembly, for his Services as Clerk, for ingrossing all publick Acts, and for all other Incidents of his Office, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first of *September*, 1742, at the Rate of *Twelve Shillings, per Diem*, upon a Certificate from the General Assembly, signed by the Speaker, for the Number of Days which he has served, or may serve in each Session.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Door-Keeper of the General Assembly, *Five Shillings, per Diem*, upon a like Certificate for the Number of Days he has served or may serve in that Station, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first Day of *September*, 1742.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *William Bradford*, as publick Printer of this Colony, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first Day of *September*, 1742, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, for all the Services which have or shall be performed by him in that Office, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first Day of *September*, 1742, after the Rate of *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Stephen Van Rensselaer*, for providing Firewood and Candles, for the Garrisons in *Albany*, from the 13th of *June*, 1741, to the 13th Day of *June*, 1742, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Arent Stephens*, and Company, for their Service as Smiths in the *Seneka*'s Country, from the first of *September*, 1740, to the first of *September*, 1741, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Revd. *Henry Barclay*, for instructing the *Indians* in the Christian Religion, from the first of *September*, 1741, to the first of *September*, 1742, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed for Presents to the six Nations of *Indians*, for two Years, *viz.* From the 13th of *June*, 1740, to the 13th of *June*, 1742, the Sum of *Seven Hundred Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Expences of his Voyage to *Albany*, when he goes to renew the Treaty with the six Nations of *Indians*, the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *John Tenbrook*, in Consideration of his being disabled, to maintain his Family by following his former Occupation, by Reason of a Hurt which he received by the Breaking of a Ladder whilst he was endeavouring to extinguish the Fire in *Fort-George*, when the Buildings therein were burnt, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Thomas Wenman*, for his Service in going to *Huntington*, in *Suffolk* County, in *February* last, by Order of one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, to apprehend one *Longdon*, and one *Skidmore*, for passing Counterfeit Bills of Credit of this Colony, the Sum of *Three Pounds, Eleven Shillings, and Four-pence.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Josiah Parker*, for a Cable, and a new Rope, taken from on board his Sloop, and ruined by being used in pulling down some of the Buildings at the Time that the Edifices in *Fort-George*, were consumed by Fire, the Sum of *Ten Pounds.*

Col. *Philipse* moved that there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for House Rent, from the 18th of *March* last, to the Day that he shall be superceeded, or until the last of *March* next ensuing, which shall first happen, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.* and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. Speaker,	Mr. *Nicol*,
Col. *Moore*,	Mr. *Pierson*,
Capt. *Livingston*,	Mr. *Turbosi*,
Mr. *Cornell*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Clarkson*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Verplank*,	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Mr. *Haasbrook*,
Col. *Rensselaer*,	Col. *Beekman.*
Col. *Lott*,	
Mr. *Lecount*,	
Capt. *Winne*,	
Mr. *Gale*,	
Capt. *Bradt*,	
Mr. *Ludlow*,	
Col. *Philipse*,	
Col. *Schuyler*,	
Mr. *Roome.*	

Resolved, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for House Rent, from the 18th of *March* last, to the Day that he may be superceeded, or until the 18th of *March* next ensuing, which shall first happen, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per. Ann.*

Resolved, That there be allowed to Col. *John Lott*, for the Use of himself, Mr. *Cornel*, and Mr. *Stilwell*, for erecting three Beacons in this Colony, pursuant to an Act of Assembly, the Sum of *Four Pounds, Ten Shillings.*

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Members of *New-York*, and *Queen's* County, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Jones* reported likewise, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration *Wednesday* next.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 27, 1741.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with a further Addition thereto*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Col. *Lott*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for letting to Farm the Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first of* November *next, to the first Day of* November, *in the Year*, 1742; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made several Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the more effectual fortifying the City of* Albany; was read a second Time, and committed

to the Members of *Albany*, *Ulſter*, and Dutcheſs Counties, or any Five of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 27, 1741.

THE Speaker laid before the Houſe, a Letter from his Honour the Lieut. Governor; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

SIR, New-York, Oct. 27, 1741.

I Am in Hopes from the Progreſs already made in raiſing Men for his Majeſty's American Regiment, that I ſhall be able to make up the Number of two hundred, of which I deſire you will acquaint the Houſe, hoping they will make ſuitable Proviſion for the tranſporting and victualling them, or ſuch Number as I may raiſe, whether it be more or leſs than two hundred.

I am,

Sir, your moſt humble Servant,

GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter be refered to the Conſideration of the Houſe when they conſider of his Honour's Speech.

Mr. *Haaſbrook* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Southern Part of the County of *Ulſter*, into Precincts.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Haaſbrook* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for dividing the Southern Part of the County of* Ulſter, *into Precincts*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Nicoll* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Nicoll*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Col. *Schuyler*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld ſuch as ſhall be under the Size therein mentioned*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Lecount* moved for Leave to go home, his Family being very ill.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 28, 1741.

MR. *Stilwell* in Behalf of Mr. *Lecount*, preſented to the Houſe (according to Leave) a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain diſorderly Gaming in ſeveral Counties within this Colony*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for dividing the Southern Part of the County of* Ulſter, *into Precincts*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulſter*, *Dutcheſs*, *Orange*, and *Albany* Counties, or any 7 of them.

Mr. *Nicoll* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the* Weſt *to the* Eaſt *Part of* David Corey's *Land, running along the Cliff or Bank thereof*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 28, 1741.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, ending the firſt of* November, 1742; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Captain *Livingſton*, and Mr. *Bradt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Alderman *Roome* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Poſt Road from* New-York, *to* King's Bridge; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 29, 1741.

MR. *Pierſon* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for deſtroying of Wild Cats in *Suffolk* County.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pierſon* and Mr. *Cornel*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld ſuch as ſhall be under the Size therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Verplank* and Mr. *Turboſs*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Moore* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the City of* New-York, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 29, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain diſorderly Gaming in ſeveral Counties within this Colony*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Richmond* County, *Queen's* County, *Weſtchester* County and *Dutchſs* County.

Mr. *Pierſon* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in the County of* Suffolk; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Moore* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and to inflict Fines on thoſe, that commit Abuſes in the Tare of Flour and Bread Caſks.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration, *Tuesday* next.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho.* P. M. *Nov.* 2, 1741.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the Post Road from* New-York *to* Kingsbridge; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Moore* and Alderman *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the killing of Deer out of Season*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Turbosh*, and Mr. *Gale*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the* West *to the* East *Part of* David Corey's *Land, running along the Clift or Bank thereof*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pierson* and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the publick Wells and Pumps in the City of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Moore* and Alderman *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 3, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for encouraging Adventurers in Iron Works*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wild Cats in the County of* Suffolk; was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of the Island of *Nassau*, or any five of them.

Alderman *Moore* and Alderman *Roome*, in behalf of the Corporation of this City, presented to the House (according to Leave) the three following Bills, *viz.*

1. A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of* New-York, *at any Time after the Assessments made for the Tax, for the Maintenance of the Minister and Poor of the said City, to pay their due Proportions towards the same.*

2. A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *in Addition to an Act, to prevent vagrant and idle Persons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors and Precincts, within this Province*; and,

3. A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Punishment of the Mothers and reputed Fathers of Bastard Children, in the City and County of* New York.

Which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Livingston* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for regulating Courts within this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho.* P. M. *Nov.* 3, 1741.

Resolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 4, 1741.

MR. *Haasbrook* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for dividing the* Southern *Part of the County of* Ulster *into Precincts*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added some Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses, be ingrossed.

Mr. *Nicoll* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wild Cats in the County of* Suffolk, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *in Addition to an Act, to prevent vagrant and idle Persons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors and Precincts, within this Province*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of* New-York, *at any Time after the Assessments made for the Tax, for the Maintenance of the Minister and Poor of the said City, to pay their due Proportion towards the same*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the Punishment of the Mothers and reputed Fathers of bastard Children, in the City and County of* New-York; was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *Westchester*, or any five of them.

Col. *Moore* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and to inflict Fines on those that commit Abuses in the Tare of Flour and Bread Casks*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho.* P. M. *Nov.* 4, 1741.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Purdy*, That whereas Petitions of a great Number of the Inhabitants of *Rye*, *White Plains*, *Mamaroneck*, *Bedford*, and *North-Castle*, in the County of *Westchester*, were presented to the House, on the 3d of *October* 1740, praying (for the Reasons therein mentioned) That another Court House might be built in the Town of *Rye*; whereupon the Petitioners were ordered to serve Copies thereof, to the County Clerk, and by him to be served upon the Corporation of *Westchester*, and such other Towns, as might be affected by the Prayer of the said Petitions; and Reasons being presented to the House, on the 10th of said Month, against the said Prayers, and on the 15th following: *Ordered*, That the said Petitions and the said Reasons, should be refered to the next Meeting of the House, and as the Season of the Year is already so far advanced, the said Mr. *Purdy*, moved a Committee might be appointed to examine into the Allegations and Reasons on both Sides, how the Matters aforesaid shall appear to them, and that they report the same to the House, together with their Opinion thereon, at its next Meeting, and Col. *Morris*, who delivered in the Reasons of the Towns last mentioned, having no Objections thereto;

Ordered, That the Members for the Island of *Nassau*, and the Members of *Dutchess* County, or any seven of them, be a Committee, to examine into the Allegations and Reasons of both Parties, and that they do at the next Sitting of the House, make Report how the Matters aforesaid shall appear to them, together with their Opinion thereon.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration, *Friday* next.

Then the House adjourned to *Friday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 6, 1741.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for dividing the* Southern *Part of the County of* Ulster *into Precincts*; *and to enable the Corporation of* Kingston, *and the Manor of* Fox-Hall, *to choose and elect one Supervisor*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Haasbrook* and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying*

ſtroying of Wild Cats, in the County of Suffolk; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pierſon* and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 6, 1741.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the following Bills, without Amendment, *viz.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, ending the firſt Day of* November 1742.

Alſo a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld ſuch as ſhall be under the Size therein mentioned.*

Alſo a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York *to* King's Bridge.

And alſo the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to reſtrain Tavern-keepers and Inn-holders from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the following Bills, without Amendment, *viz.*

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December 1741.

Alſo a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a ſufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds, Twelve Shillings, *to defray the Charge thereof, and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And alſo a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to finiſh and compleat their Court Houſe.*

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Monday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 7, 1741.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, at his preſent Reſidence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, attended on his Honour accordingly; where his Honour was pleaſed in the Preſence of the Gentlemen of the Council, and the Members of this Houſe, to give his Aſſent to ſeven Bills, paſſed this Seſſion; and that they were afterwards publiſhed at the City-Hall, in the uſual Manner; the Titles thereof being, *viz.*

An Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, ending the firſt Day of* November, 1742.

An Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent ſmall Stallions running at large in the Colony of* New-York, *and to geld ſuch as ſhall be under the Size therein mentioned.*

An Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the Poſt Road from* New-York, *to* King's Bridge.

An Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to reſtrain Tavern-keepers, and Inn-holders, from ſelling ſtrong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices, and from giving large Credit to others.*

An Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741.

An Act, *for the more equal and orderly keeping a ſufficient Night Watch in the City of* New-York, *and to enable the Corporation of the ſaid City, to raiſe the Sum of* Five Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds, Twelve Shillings, *to defray the Charge thereof; and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act, *to enable the Juſtices of the Peace, in the County of* Richmond, *to finiſh and compleat their Court-Houſe.*

Mr. *Clarkſon* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for Support of this Government, for Payment of the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned; until the firſt of* September 1742; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 9, 1741.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, *Wedneſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 10, 1741.

THE Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, and for the better Regulation of Juries*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Nicoll*, reported from the ſaid Committee, That their Proceedings on the ſaid Bill, have been in Manner following, *viz.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Jones*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

WHEREAS in *Queen's* County, there are a great Number of the People called *Quakers*, who are by the Laws of this Colony, exempted from ſerving upon Juries; by Reaſon whereof, the Burden of that Service is heavy and grievous to the Reſt of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County; and therefore moved, that the following Clauſe may be made Part of the ſaid Bill, *to wit.*

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the People called *Quakers*, dwelling and reſiding in *Queen's* County, qualified as aforeſaid, ſhall be, and hereby are made liable to ſerve upon all Juries, within the ſaid County; any Law, Uſage or Cuſtom, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Clauſes be added to, and made Part of the ſaid Bill? It was carried in the Negative, by Fifteen againſt Three, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Jones*,	Mr. *Abraham Lott*,
Mr. *Cornell*,	Mr. Speaker,
Mr. *Galt*.	Capt. *Winne*,
	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
	Col. *Philipſe*,
	Col. *Moore*,
	Mr. *Ludlow*,
	Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
	Col. *Renſſelaer*,
	Col. *Lott*,
	Mr. *Pierſon*,
	Capt. *Livingſton*,
	Mr. *Stillwell*,
	Mr. *Haaſbrook*,
	Mr. *Turboſe*.

Mr. *Nicoll* further reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments to it, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes it in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 10, 1741.

A Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and to inflict Fines on thoſe, that commit Abuſes in the Tare of Flour and Bread Casks*; which being read once, was offered to be read a ſecond Time, and Debates ariſing thereon; Mr. *Jones* moved, That as the ſaid Bill is of great Conſequence, and requires more Time for the Conſideration, than the advanced Seaſon of the Year will allow, the ſecond Reading thereof may be defered to the next ſitting of the Houſe; and the Queſtion being put thereupon? The ſame was carried in the Affirmative, by 13 againſt 7, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Nicoll*,	Col. *Morris*,
Mr. *Gale*,	Mr. *Clarkſon*,
Mr. *Purdy*,	Col. *Philipſe*,
Mr. *Jones*,	Col. *Moore*,
Capt. *Winne*,	Capt. *Livingſton*,
Capt. *Bradt*,	Mr. *Ludlow*,

Mr.

For the Affirmative:
Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Turbosh*,
Mr. *Pierson*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,
Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Haasbrouck*,
Mr. *Cornel*.

For the Negative:
Mr. *Roome*.

Ordered, That the second Reading of the said Bill be refered to the next sitting of the House.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Also a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with a further Addition thereto*; with Amendments thereunto, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Also a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps, in the City of* New-York; with an Amendment thereunto, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into Consideration by the House, at another Day.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 11, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) took into Consideration the Amendment made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; which having been considered, and twice read, was agreed to by the House. And,

Ordered, That the Speaker certify the same by signing the said Amendment.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipse*, and Mr. *Purdy*, do carry the said Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners*; to the Council, and acquaint them, the House agrees to the Amendment by them made to the said Bill, and to desire they will amend it accordingly.

The House likewise took into Consideration the Amendment made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps, in the City of* New-York; which having been considered, and twice read, was agreed to by the House. And,

Ordered, That the Speaker certify the same by signing the said Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ludlow*, and Mr. *Purdy*, do carry the said Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair, the publick Wells and Pumps in the City of* New-York; to the Council, and acquaint them the House agrees to the Amendment by them made to the said Bill, and to desire they will amend it accordingly.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and sufficient Jurors, and for the better Regulation of Juries*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 11, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported from the said Committee, That they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, take the said Speech into further Consideration.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 12, 1741.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the killing of Deer out of Season*; without Amendment.

Also a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the* West *to the* East *Part of* David Covey's *Land, running along the Cliff or Bank thereof*; without Amendment.

And also the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the destroying of Wild Cats in the County of* Suffolk; without Amendment.

Mr. *Clarkson* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of* New-York, *at any Time after the Assessments made for the Tax for the Maintainance of the Minister and Poor of the said City, to pay their due Proportions towards the same*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be ingrossed.

Mr. *Gale* moved for Leave to return home, his Family being very ill.

Ordered, That Leave be given him accordingly.

The House adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 12, 1741.

THE House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee upon that Part of his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, which relates to raising of Recruits for his Majesty's Forces in the *West-Indies*. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported, that the Committee had come to the following Resolution thereon, *viz.*

Resolved, That for transporting and victualling 100 effective Men, to be sent as Recruits to his Majesty's American Regiment in the *West-Indies*, there be allowed by this Colony, a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, *viz.* At the Rate of *Five Pounds*, *per* Man, and in that Proportion for a lesser Number, in case one hundred effective Volunteers be not procured and actually shipped of.

Mr. *Jones* was likewise directed to move for Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 13, 1741.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige all Persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of* New-York, *in order to expose any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes to Sale, at any Time after the annual Assessment made for the Tax for the Maintainance of the Minister and Poor of the said City, to pay their due Proportion towards the same*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Alderman *Moore*, and Alderman *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House having in several former Sessions, as well as in the present, observed how incorrect the Laws of this Colony are printed, and the irregular Manner in which they are bound up, were of Opinion, That the Revisal and new printing a correct Body thereof, on good Paper, from the happy Revolution, with a particular Index and proper Notes, and References thereto, would be of great Use to the Publick: And conceiving that Daniel Horsmanden, *Esq; is very capable to perform so useful a Work, some Members were appointed to enquire of him whether he was willing to undertake the same, in what Manner, and on what Terms; who, in Consequence thereof, delivered to the House a written Memorandum, or Proposal, touching the Purposes aforesaid, in the Words following*, viz.

1. *The Laws in Force in this Colony, from the Revolution to this Time, to be collected into one Volume; which is a Series of 53 Years.*
2. *Each Act must be carefully examined in the Secretary's Office, with the Original.*
3. *Search must be made in the Council Books, and perhaps, also in the Journals of the General Assembly, in order to distinguish*

tinguiſh what Acts have had the royal Aſſent, what rejected, and what remain probationary.

4. *The Titles of all the Acts which have paſſed in that Series of Time, by the Legiſlature here, will be proper to be inſerted in this Collection, in their Order, with the Diſtinction of Temporary, when expired, when revived, rejected, &c.*

5. *The Acts muſt be diſtributed into Chapters; each Act a Chapter; each Chapter ſubdivided into Sections, and numbered, 1, 2, 3, &c.*

6. *Each Section of every Act, to have its Subſtance abſtracted into the Margin.*

7. *When all this done, a compleat fair Copy of the whole muſt be made for the Preſs, which muſt again be examined; which Copy will occaſion a very conſiderable Expence to Clerks, in tranſcribing.*

8. *The Preſs muſt be ſuperuſed and corrected with the utmoſt Attention and Exactneſs; which Taſk will not be lightened by any over curious Nicety in the Printer.*

9. *When all this done, it will be proper to make a Table of all the principal Matter in the Acts, alphabetically digeſted, with a Reference to each Matter in every Act, Folio and Section, which will be abundantly more Trouble, than the Examination of every Act with the Original, or with the Preſs.*

10. *Beſides this, it may be very proper and uſeful to make References from one Act to another, where the Matter in one Act may have any Relation to a Head of Matter contained in another.*

And as the ſaid Members reported further, that the ſaid Mr. Horſmanden, *was willing to undertake and perform all this, and to deliver one compleat Book thereof, bound in Calve's Leather, to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, another for the Uſe of the Council, and another for the Uſe of the General Aſſembly, for the Sum of* Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *current Money of this Colony, payable upon his delivery of the ſaid Books. The ſame was agreed to by the Houſe; and thereupon it was*

Reſolved, *That the ſaid Mr.* Horſmanden *be imployed to reviſe, and print on good Paper, the Laws of this Colony, from the ſaid Revolution to the End of this Seſſion, and to make the Index, Notes, and References thereto, in Manner as aforeſaid.*

Reſolved, *That upon his performing the ſame, and delivering the ſaid Number of Books in Manner above mentioned, and producing to the Treaſurer of this Colony, a Certificate thereof, ſigned by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, and by three or more of the Council, as likewiſe by the Speaker of the General Aſſembly for the Time being, the ſaid Treaſurer ſhall, out of any Money which ſhall then be in the Treaſury for the Support of this Government, pay unto him the above mentioned Sum of* Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Ordered, *That the Members for the City and County of* New-York, *and the County of* Weſtcheſter, *do prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes above mentioned.*

Mr. *Clarkſon* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *in Addition to an Act, to prevent vagrant and idle Perſons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Towns, Manors, and Precincts within this Province*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 13, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Monies granted for Support of this Government, for Payment of the Salaries, Services, and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt of* September, 1742; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech, be taken into Conſideration on *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 17, 1741.

THE Houſe took into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with a further Addition thereto*; which having been conſidered, and twice read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker certify the ſame by ſigning the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the ſaid Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with a further Addition thereto*; to the Council, and acquaint them the Houſe agrees to the Amendments by them made to the ſaid Bill, and to deſire they will amend it accordingly.

Mr. *Clarkſon* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive and new print the Laws of this Colony, from the happy Revolutionn*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Philipſe* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for declaring all Acts and Ordinances void, which have been paſſed as Laws in this Colony, before the happy Revolution.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Col. *Philipſe* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to declare the Invalidity of all Acts and Ordinances, paſſed as Laws in this Colony, before the happy Revolution*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe being unanimouſly of Opinion, That there cannot be a more proper Time than the preſent, humbly to addreſs his Majeſty, that a Sum may be graciouſly granted, ſufficient for erecting a Houſe and other Buildings, ſuitable for his Governors here, inſtead of thoſe that have been deſtroyed in the Fort by the late wicked Conſpiracy, as the honourable Gentleman who is appointed Governor in Chief of this Colony, is like to be in *England* whilſt the Parliament is ſitting, who, doubtleſs will have the Goodneſs to be zealous in ſoliciting that the good Effect of ſuch an Addreſs may be obtained; it is therefore

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do acquaint the Gentlemen of the Council, with this Minute of the Houſe, and to deſire, that if they are of the ſame Opinion, they will requeſt his Honour the Lieut. Governor, to join therein; and then be pleaſed to prepare ſuch an Addreſs as aforeſaid, and to aſſure them that the Members of this Houſe will chearfully join therein, conformable to what they ſignified in their Addreſs to the ſaid Lieut. Governor, on the 30th of *September* laſt.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for dividing the Southern Part of the County of* Ulſter *into Precincts, and to enable the Corporation of* Kingſton, *and the Manor of* Fox-Hall, *to chooſe and elect one Superviſor*; with ſeveral Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Council to the ſaid Bill, be taken into Conſideration.

Likewiſe that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, and for the better Regulation of Juries*; without Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 17, 1741.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *in Addition to an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent vagrant and idle Perſons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors and Precincts, within this Province*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Roome*, and Colonel *Beekman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Petition of *Catharine Cranell*, of this City, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That *Robert Cranell*, Huſband to the Petitioner, was Serjeant at Arms to the honourable Houſe, and during its ſitting, attended thereon; and whereas there iſſued a Warrant to the ſaid *Robert Cranell*, to take into Cuſtody one *Samuel Roveet*, of *Ulſter* County, and to bring him before the Houſe: In purſuance of which Warrant, he went to *Ulſter* County, where he continued about thirteen Days, in order to take him, whereby he ſuffered conſiderably in his Buſineſs, and was obliged to expend ſeveral Sums of Money for defraying his Expences for Horſe Hire, &c. for which ſaid Expences and Services, he never has had any Satisfaction, and therefore humbly prays Relief in the Premiſes, and to grant ſuch a Sum in Satisfaction for the Services performed by him, as to the honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet.

Ordered, That there be allowed to the ſaid *Catharine Cranell*,

nell, for the Services aforesaid, performed by her said Husband, the Sum of *Six Pounds, Ten Shillings*.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 18, 1741.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revise and new print the Laws of this Colony, from the happy Revolution*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 18, 1741.

THE House resolved itself into a Committee upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to apply the Monies granted for Support of this Government, for Payment of the Salaries, Services, and Contingences therein mentioned, until the first of* September, 1742. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nicoll*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 19, 1741.

THE House resolved itself into a Committee, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to restrain disorderly and unlawful Gaming Houses*; after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair; and Col. *Moore*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 19, 1741.

A Petition of *James Coleman*, Gentleman, was presented to the House, and read,

Setting forth, That he has at a great Expence, raised 100 Men, and in daily Expectation of raising more, for Recruits to the *West-Indies*, and the approaching Winter requiring some Provision to be made to purchase Cloathing for them, which he is unable to provide; Humbly prays the honourable House, would be pleased to take the Premisses into Consideration, and order a Sum sufficient, either to provide Watch Coats or Blankets for the said Recruits, or do whatever else therein, to the honourable House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the Table.

Col. *Philipse* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revise and new print the Laws of this Colony, from the happy Revolution*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title, and made several Amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Mr. *Hardenbergh* moved for Leave to return Home, being indisposed.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Nov.* 20, 1741.

THE ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to revise, digest and print the Laws of this Colony, from the happy Revolution*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pierson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to restrain disorderly and unlawful Gaming Houses, in the Colony of* New-York; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore* and Mr. *Cornell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 20, 1741.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Jones*, That no Bill pass this House, for the Application of any Money, towards the Salaries or other Allowances of the several Officers of the Government, until such other Bills as this House have prepared at this Meeting, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Colony, and have had the Concurrence of the Council, be first passed into Laws; and the Question being put thereon? It was carried in the Negative, by Nine against Eight, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.	For the Negative.
Mr. *Jones*,	Col. *Philipse*,
Mr. *Stilwell*,	Col. *Moore*,
Mr. *Nicol*,	Col. *Rensselaer*,
Mr. *Haasbrook*,	Mr. *Purdy*,
Mr. *Hardenbergh*,	Mr. *Ludlow*,
Mr. *Pierson*,	Col. *Lott*,
Mr. *Cornel*,	Mr. *Roome*,
Col. *Beekman*.	Mr. *Clarkson*,
	Mr. *Turbos*.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to apply the Monies granted for Support of this Government, for Payment of the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned, until the first of* September 1742, *and for transporting Recruits to the* West-Indies; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore* and Mr. *Clarkson*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Turbos*, desired Leave to return Home, upon extraordinary Occasions.

Ordered, That Leave be given them accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 23, 1741.

Ordered,

THAT Candles be brought in.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have appointed the honourable *Philip Cortlandt* and *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esqrs, to be a Committee of the Council to join a Committee of this House, in order to wait upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and Request him to join in an humble Address to his Majesty, pursuant to a Message of the House, of the 17th Instant, for the Purposes therein mentioned; with a request that the House will appoint a Committee to meet their Committee at the Council Chamber on *Wednesday* Morning next, at Ten o'Clock, for the Purposes above mentioned.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, Col. *Philipse*, Mr. *Clarkson* and Mr. *Nicoll*, be a Committee, to join and meet a Committee of the Council, upon the subject Matter, and at the Time and Place mentioned in their Message of this Day.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Esq; acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without Amendment, *viz.*

An Act, to apply the Monies granted for Support of this Government, for Payment of the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned, until the first of September 1742, *and for transporting Recruits to the* West-Indies;

And, *An Act, to restrain disorderly and unlawful Gaming Houses in the Colony of* New-York.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, *Tuesday* next.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Nov.* 24, 1741.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 25, 1741.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, That the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to oblige all Perſons that ſhall come to inhabit or reſide in the City of New-York, in order to expoſe any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes to ſale, at any Time, after the Aſſeſſment made for the Tax, for the Maintenance of the Miniſter and Poor of the ſaid City, to pay their due Proportion towards the ſame*, without Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourble *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, That the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to reviſe, digeſt and print the Laws of this Colony, from the happy Revolution*, without Amendment.

Upon a Motion of Capt. *Livingſton*, it's,

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for encouraging Adventurers in Iron-Works*, be taken into Conſideration at the next Meeting of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Thurſday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Nov. 26, 1741.

COL. *Philipſe* from the Committee, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, reported, That both Committees had waited on the Lieut. Governor, and deſired him to join with the Council and Aſſembly, in an humbly Addreſs, intended to be made to his Majeſty for the Purpoſe mentioned the 17th Inſtant, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to decline joining therein.

And the Houſe conceiving from his Majeſty's uſual Goodneſs, that he will graciouſly grant a Sum of Money for erecting Buildings ſuitable for his Governor's here, eſpecially as the former have been deſtroyed by the late wicked Conſpiracy;

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry a Copy of this Minute to the Gentlemen of the Council, and to deſire that they will appoint a Committee of their Board, and a Time and Place to meet a Committee of this Houſe, in order to prepare an Addreſs, proper for the Purpoſe therein mentioned.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; That they have appointed *Daniel Horſmanden* and *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſqrs, to meet a Committee of this Houſe immediately, in the Library, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

Ordered, That the former Committee, do immediately go thither accordingly; and they being returned, Col. *Philipſe*, reported from the ſaid Committee, that both Committees had prepared the ſaid Addreſs; which he preſented, and being read, was approved of and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon*, acquaint the Council, that the Houſe do agree to the ſaid Addreſs, and that if it be ſigned and ſent by them, the Houſe will order it to be ſigned likewiſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; with the ſaid Addreſs to his Majeſty, ſigned by the Council.

Which Addreſs being again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, is in the Words following, *viz.*

To the KING's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of the Council, and the General Aſſembly of the Colony of New-York.

May it pleaſe your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and faithful Subjects, the Council, and the General Aſſembly, of your Majeſty's loyal Colony of *New-York*, beg Leave humbly to repreſent unto your Sacred Majeſty, That there have been erected here from Time to Time, as the Circumſtances of the Colony did enable them, in the Fort, which has the Honour to bear your Majeſty's Name, a Houſe, Chapel, Secretary's Office, and likewiſe Barracks for the Troops, in ſo ſtately a Manner, that it was allowed, none of your Majeſty's Governors in *America*, enjoyed ſo noble a Reſidence.

That in Conſequence of a late moſt wicked Conſpiracy, formed by ſome white People, and a great Number of Slaves, for ſetting Fire to the Houſes and murdering the Inhabitants of this City; their firſt Attempt was, to deſtroy the ſaid Buildings, in which they unhappily ſucceeded, by the Means of a very ſtrong Wind; ſo that all of them were reduced to Aſhes in a very few Hours, notwithſtanding the Fire Engines, and the utmoſt Diligence of the Inhabitants, were employed to extinguiſh the Flames.

That ſince this melancholy Incident, the Colony hath erected good new Barracks for your Majeſty's Troops, and a Secretary's Office to preſerve the publick Records, as theſe were conceived moſt immediately neceſſary; tho' even this could not have been effected, but by anticipating and prolonging one of it's Funds.

And that the Circumſtances of this Colony, as well by Debts formerly contracted, as by erecting many Forts and Fortifications, for its Defence againſt Attempts by Sea and Land; and the conſtant and honourable Support of Government, render it unable to bear the Expence of erecting Edifices, ſuitable for the Reſidence of your Majeſty's Governor, over a Colony immediately depending on your Majeſty, ſeated in the Center, and the moſt expoſed of any of the *Britiſh* Dominions on this Continent.

We therefore moſt humbly implore your Sacred Majeſty, as well in Behalf of this Colony, as for the Honour and ſuitable Accommodation of your Majeſty's Governor; that your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to grant for the Re-building the Edifices aforeſaid, ſuch a Sum as your Majeſty, in your great Wiſdom and Goodneſs ſhall judge requiſite for that Purpoſe.

We are,

May it pleaſe your moſt excellent Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's,

Moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſaid Addreſs in Behalf of the Houſe, and that he, in Conjunction with ſuch of the Council as they ſhall appoint, tranſmit it in ſuch Manner as they ſhall judge beſt, in order that the ſame may be preſented to his Majeſty in the ſpeedieſt Manner.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Nov. 27, 1741.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Preſence of the Council, and the Members of this Houſe, given his Aſſent to eleven Bills paſſed this Seſſion, the Titles whereof being, *viz.*

An Act, to continue an Act, intitled, An Act, to regulate the Militia of this Colony; with a further Addition thereto.

An Act, for returning wast Cattle and Sheep to their Owners.

An Act, to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon.

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An Act, *to alter the Highway or publick Road, from the* West *to the* East *Part of* David Corey's *Land, running along the Cliff or Bank thereof.*

An Act, *for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the City of* New-York.

An Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wild Cats, in the County of* Suffolk.

An Act, *to oblige all Perſons that ſhall come to inhabit or reſide in the City of* New-York, *in order to expoſe any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes to Sale, at any Time after the annual Aſſeſſment made for the Miniſter and Poor of the ſaid City, to pay their due Proportion towards the ſame.*

An Act, *for the returning of able and ſufficient Jurors, and for the better Regulation of Juries.*

An Act, *to reviſe, digeſt and Print the Laws of this Colony, from the happy Revolution.*

An Act, *to reſtrain diſorderly and unlawful Gaming Houſes, in the Colony of* New-York. *And,*

An Act, *to apply the Monies granted for Support of this Government, for Payment of the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned; until the firſt of* September 1742, *and for tranſporting Recruits to the* Weſt-Indies.

And that after the ſame were publiſhed at the City-Hall, in the uſual Manner, his Honour had recommended him to return to the Aſſembly Chamber, and adjourn the Houſe to the third *Tueſday* in *March* next; and,

Then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe, till the third *Tueſday* in *March* next; and the Houſe is accordingly adjourned to the ſaid third *Tueſday* in the Month of *March* next enſuing.

Die Martis, March 16, 1741-2.

EIGHT Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, purſuant to the Adjournment of the Houſe, on the 27th of *November* laſt, the Speaker took the Chair; Col. *Beekman* and Col. *Moore*, were appointed to wait on the Lieut. Governor, with a Copy of this Minute, and to deſire his Honour, that he will be pleaſed to ſignify unto them the Day, to which he thinks it proper the Houſe ſhould be adjourned.

Col. *Beekman*, reported that Col. *Moore* and himſelf, had waited on the Lieut. Governor with the ſaid Copy, and that he had been pleaſed to recommend, that the Houſe adjourn itſelf to the third *Tueſday* in *April* next.

And thereupon the Speaker adjourned the Houſe, to the above mentioned 3d *Tueſday* in *April* next; and the Houſe is adjourned accordingly, to the ſaid 3d *Tueſday* in *April* next enſuing.

Die Martis, April 20, 1742.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment on the 16th of *March* laſt, twelve Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 21, 1742.

A Majority of the Houſe being met;

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe* and Mr. *Jones*, wait on his Honour the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him, That there is a ſufficient Number of Members met to proceed on Buſineſs.

Col. *Philipſe*, reported that Mr. *Jones*, and himſelf had (according to Order) waited on the Lieut. Governor, with the above Meſſage, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to ſay, That he would come up to the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall To-morrow Morning, at eleven o'Clock, and then would ſend for the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 22, 1742.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Council Chamber in the City-Hall, being now repairing, his Honour the Lieut. Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, at his preſent Reſidence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had made a Speech to them; of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE preſent Face of Affairs in Europe, *requires your ſitting at this Time, that you may make ſpeedy and ample Proviſion, for putting the Fort in this Town, in a Poſture of Defence, and it greatly wants a thorough Repair, ſome Part of the Wall being already fallen down, and other Parts in a tottering Condition, the ſod Work mouldered away, and the Baſtions and Curtains without Platforms; and unleſs theſe Things be done, the Ordnance will be uſeleſs, and his Majeſty's gracious Purpoſe in ſending them for your Security, will be defeated.*

Some Charge has already accrued, and more muſt unavoidably follow, in carrying the Ordnance and other Stores to the reſpective Forts and Batteries for which they are intended; and it will be greater, as moſt of thoſe Forts are remote from hence, particlarly thoſe at Oſwego, *in the* Mohawk's *Country and at* Schenectady, *and I recommend it to you, to make ſuitable Proviſion for it; as well as for the victualling of a double Garriſon at* Oſwego, *which will be highly neceſſary to preſerve that important Place, from falling into the Enemies Hands in Caſe of a Rupture.*

It is high Time to ſet about building the Houſe, Chapel and other Edifices, that were conſumed in the Fort, as well as the Stables and Coach-Houſe without it; that when the Governor comes, he may not be unprovided of an Habitation, and other Conveniences ſuitable to his Station, which is the more neceſſary to be ſpeedily done, as he is ſoon expected, and no Houſe that I know of to be hired, that is fit for his Reſidence.

General Wentworth, *having ſent Capt.* Coſby, *of Col.* Gooch's *Regiment, to raiſe Recruits in this Province for his Majeſty's Service; I earneſtly recommend it to you, to provide for the victualling and tranſporting ſo many as he may raiſe, and to do it with all Expedition, which will, not only forward the Service, but likewiſe, prevent Deſertions and eaſe the recruiting Officer of the great Expence of maintaining them, which may be too heavy for him to bear, if they be not ſhipped off in a ſhort Time after they are inliſted; your Zeal and Diſpatch herein, will not fail of recommending you to his Majeſty.*

I have on the Requeſt of the Onondages, Cayouges, *and* Tuſkarores, *three of the ſix* Indian *Nations, ſent a Smith to reſide for a Year at* Cayouge, *for the Payment of whom, and of the Perſons reſiding in the* Seneka's *Country, I hope you will provide, as it will much conduce to the keeping of the* Indians *ſteady in the* Britiſh *Intereſt.*

When the Act for regulating the Militia comes under your Conſideration, it will be neceſſary by it, to oblige all Men to an equal Share of Duty, in Day as well as Night Guards, that the Service be not too much impoſed on them, who have the leaſt to defend, and little or nothing to ſupport their Families, but what they earn by their daily Labour.

G. CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk write to all the abſent Members, that they do attend the Service of the Houſe forthwith.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Tueſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 26, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1742.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration *Thurſday* next.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Thurſday* next, 9 of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. April 29, 1742.

THE Speaker from the Chair, acquainted the Houſe, that a Committee of the Council, and himſelf, had (according to an Order on the 26th of *November* laſt) tranſmitted by Capt. *Farmer*, and Capt. *Bryant*, unto his Excellency *George Clinton*, Eſq; the Addreſs of the Council and Aſſembly to his Majeſty; and likewiſe communicated a Copy of the Letter, which they had wrote therewith; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members; and that the Thanks of the Houſe be given to the ſaid Committee of the Council, and to the Speaker, for having recommended the Sollicitation of the ſaid Addreſs, in ſo cogent and handſome a Manner.

And as it was conceived improper to have had the ſaid Addreſs printed in the Votes before it was preſented to his Majeſty;

Ordered, That the ſame be now printed with the Proceedings of this Houſe, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

To the KING's moſt excellent MAJESTY.

The humble Addreſs of the Council and the General Aſſembly, of the Colony of *New-York*.

May it pleaſe your moſt excellent Majeſty,

'WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and faithful Subjects, 'the Council, and the General Aſſembly, of your Ma'jeſty's loyal Colony of *New-York*, beg Leave humbly, to 'repreſent unto your ſacred Majeſty, that there have been 'erected here, from Time to Time, as the Circumſtances of 'the Colony did enable them, in the Fort which has the Ho'nour to bear your Majeſty's Name, a Houſe, Chapel, Se'cretary's Office, and likewiſe Barracks for the Troops, in ſo 'ſtately a Manner, that it was allowed, none of your Maje'ſty's Governors in America, enjoy'd ſo noble a Reſidence.

'That in Conſequence of a late moſt wicked Conſpiracy, 'formed by ſome white People, and a great Number of Slaves, 'for ſetting fire to the Houſes, and murdering the Inhabitants 'of this City, their firſt Attempt was to deſtroy the ſaid Build'ings; in which they unhappily ſucceeded, by the Means of 'a very ſtrong Wind, ſo that all of them were reduced to 'Aſhes in a very few Hours, notwithſtanding the Fire-En'gines, and the utmoſt Diligence of the Inhabitants, were im'ployed to extinguiſh the Flames.

'That ſince this melancholly Accident, the Colony hath 'erected good new Barracks for your Majeſty's Troops, and 'a Secretary's Office, to preſerve the public Records, as theſe 'were conceived moſt immediately neceſſary, though even 'this could not have been effected but by anticipating and 'prolonging one of its Funds.

'And that the Circumſtances of this Colony, as well by 'Debts formerly contracted, as by erecting many Forts and 'Fortifications, for its Defence againſt Attempts by Sea and 'Land, and the conſtant and honourable Support of Govern'ment, renders it unable to bear the Expence of erecting Edi'fices ſuitable for the Reſidence of your Majeſty's Governor, 'over a Colony immediately depending on your Majeſty, 'ſeated in the Center, and the moſt expoſed of any of the '*Britiſh* Dominions on this Continent.

'We therefore moſt humbly implore your ſacred Majeſty, as 'well in Behalf of this Colony, as for the Honour and ſuitable 'Accommodation of your Majeſty's Governor, that your Ma'jeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to grant for the re-building the 'Edifices aforeſaid, ſuch a Sum as your Majeſty, in your great 'Wiſdom and Goodneſs, ſhall judge requiſite for that Pur'poſe. We are,

May it pleaſe your moſt excellent Majeſty,

New-York, Nov. 16, 1741. Your moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. April 29, 1742.

WHEREAS a Bill has been depending in the Houſe for collecting of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for making Partition of Lands held in common, or in joint Tenancy in order thereto; and the ſame having been dropt by the laſt Prorogation;

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, as well for the Service of his Majeſty, as for the Eaſe of the People, and that Col. *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jones* reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into further Conſideration, To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. April 30, 1742.

COL. *Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, for regulating the Payment of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Alderman *Roome* preſented to the Houſe an Account for Cartage and other Labour, in receiving and ſtoring the great Guns, and other Stores, that came from *England* in the Ships *Judith*, and *Mirabelly*, Capt. *Samuel Beadſhaw*, and Captain *William Blake*, Commanders, amounting to *Thirty Four Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny*.

Col. *Schuyler* preſented to the Houſe, an Account of Freight of eighteen Guns, and their Carriages, and other Stores, from *New-York* to *Albany*, by Capt. *Anthony Ten Eyck*, amounting to *Twenty Nine Pounds, Three Shillings*.

As likewiſe an Account of Cartage of ſaid Guns and Stores, from the River Side to the Fort at *Albany*, amounting to *Six Pounds*.

And the Titles of the ſaid Accounts being read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members, and that the Conſideration thereof, be refered to the Committee unto whom the Lieut. Governor's Speech ſtands committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. April 30, 1742.

Reſolved,

THAT his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 1, 1742.

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for regulating the Payment of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto*; which was read the firſt Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Tueſday* next, take the ſaid Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. May 3, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. May 4, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 4, 1742.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 5, 1742.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. May 5, 1742.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported, that they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. May 6, 1742.

THE House met, and adjourned to three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. May 6, 1742.

THE House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jones* reported from the said Committee, that they had come to the following Resolutions, for the several Services here under mentioned, *to wit*.

Resolved, That for building a new Stone Wall, on the *West* Side of the Flag Mount Bastion, in *Fort George*, and for repairing the Wall on the *West* Side of the Gate, and sundry other Places, there be allowed the Sum of *One Hundred and Thirty Seven Pounds*.

Resolved, That for the making a Breast-Work of Sods, in the Flag Mount, and the *West* Part of the *Northwest* Bastion, with the Curtain between them, there be allowed the Sum of *Ninety Pounds*.

Resolved, That for laying a Platform of thick squar'd Stones, on the Flag Mount Bastion, on the *West* Curtain, and on the *West* Part of the *Northwest* Bastion, there be allowed the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*.

Resolved, That the Commissioners appointed to erect a Battery on the Flat Rock behind the Fort, be impowered to dispose of the Plank and Sleepers, already procured to make a Platform for the same, and to imploy the Produce thereof for making the said Platform of thick squared Stones.

Resolved, That for repairing the Out-Side of the Battery on *Copsey* Rocks, there be allowed the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Commissioners of the Fortifications, for sundry Disbursements in and about receiving and disposing the Stores of War brought from *England*, in the Ships *Indith*, and *Mirabella*, and for their Care and Expences therein, the Sum of *Forty Six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Halfpenny*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Anthony Ten Eyck*, for the Freight of 28 great Guns, and other Stores of War, from *New-York* to *Albany*, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Coenradt Right Myer, Johannis Gouw, Jacobus Redtiff*, and *Clais Van Woert*, for carting the said great Guns, and other Stores of War, from the River to the Fort in *Albany*, the Sum of *Six Pounds*.

Resolved, That there be allowed for building a Centry Box, and Repairs in the Fort at *Albany*, the Sum of *Eight Pounds*.

Resolved, That for transporting and victualling of Twenty effective Volunteers, raised in this Colony, to recruit his Majesty's Forces in the *West-Indies*, there be allowed a Sum not exceeding the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*.

Resolved, That the several Sums above mentioned, amounting to the Sum of *Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny*, shall be paid by the Treasurer, out of the Funds which are appropriated for the Support of this Government.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where it was again read, and approved of by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions, and that Mr. *Jones*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, prepare and bring in the same.

Upon a Motion of Col *Schuyler*,

Resolved, That when it shall be known what the real Charge will be for carrying of Great Guns to *Oswego*, to the *Mohawk*'s Country, and to *Schenectady*, this House will take care to discharge the reasonable Costs thereof.

Alderman *Roome* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent forceable Entries and Detainers.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in such a Bill at the next Meeeting of this House, accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. May 7, 1742.

THE House met, and adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. May 7, 1742.

MR. *Jones* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for applying the Sum of* Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, *and* Four-pence Half-penny, *towards repairing* Fort-George, *in* New-York, *and other the Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. May 8, 1742.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for applying the Sum of* Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, *towards repairing* Fort-George, *in* New-York, *and other the Purposes therein mentioned*; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 ho. A. M. May 10, 1742.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 3 ho. P. M. May 11, 1742.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. May 12, 1742.

MR. *Jones* from the Committee, appointed the 4th of *November* 1741, to examine into the Allegations and Reasons offered by the Inhabitants of the *Eastern* Parts of the County of *Westchester*, by their Petitions for building a Court-House at *Rye*; as also the Reasons offered by the Inhabitants of the *Western* Parts of the said County, against having a Court-House built there, acquainted the House, that they proceeded on the 10th Instant, to the said Examination; whereupon certain new Reasons being offered against the building a Court-House at *Rye*, the Petitioners for the said Court-House, prayed that they might have Time, until the next Meeting of the House, to make Reply to the said New Reasons; and that the Committee are humbly of Opinion, that it is reasonable to allow such Time.

Which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and thereupon it was,

Ordered, That the same Committee be continued until the next Meeting and Sitting of this House, for the Purposes mentioned on the said 4th of *November*, and that in the mean while, the Petitioners of the *Eastern* Part of the County, may have a Copy of the new Reasons now offered by the *Western* Parts thereof, in Order to reply thereto, if they think fit.

A Petition of *Robert Livingston, Anthony Rutgers, Stephen Bayard, John Walter, Paul Richards* and *Samuel Bayard*, junr. on behalf of themselves and others, Owners of the Ship *Catharine*, the Brigantine *Prince Frederick*, the Brigantine *Byam*, and the Snow *Princess Anne*, with several Accounts annexed, was presented to the House, and read,

Setting forth, That Messieurs *Joseph Robinson* and *Stephen Bayard*, who were appointed Commissioners for providing Vessels and Provisions for transporting the Recruits raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service in the *West-Indies*, did take up the above mentioned Vessels, and directed the Owners thereof to equip them for the said Service, till they should

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arrive in the *Weſt-Indies* aforeſaid, at which Time they were to enter into the Pay of the Crown; and as the Service might have been performed within the Time of ſeventy Days, and the ſaid Commiſſioners being limited to a certain Sum for that Service, They would not exceed that Allowance for a longer Time, and which might have been ſufficient, had they proceeded directly; but as they were put under Orders to wait for Convoy, and alſo obliged to go by Way of *Virginia*, the Voyage was prolonged ſeveral Days more than the Seventy, that were propoſed; and,

Therefore humbly pray, that they may have an Allowance, for the Overplus Time the ſaid Veſſels were on the ſaid Service, over and above the ſaid ſeventy Days.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition and Accounts be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for applying the Sum of* Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, *towards repairing* Fort-George *in* New-York, *and other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*, ſtands committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 12, 1742.

MR. *Clarkſon*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for applying the Sum of* Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, *towards repairing* Fort-George, *in* New-York, *and other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added a Clauſe thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſe in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſe be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 13, 1742.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, *for repairing* Fort George, *for tranſporting Volunteers to the* Weſt-Indies, *and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Philipſe* and Col. *Schuyler*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 13, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 14, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 14, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 15, 1742.

MR. *Hardenbergh* and Mr. *Haaſbrook*, deſired Leave to return Home upon extraordinary Occaſions.

Ordered, That Leave be given them accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 17, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 18, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 18, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 19, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. May* 19, 1742.

MR. *Nicoll* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Payment of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 20, 1742.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Payment of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll* and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 21, 1742.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, *for repairing* Fort George, *for tranſporting Volunteers to the* Weſt-Indies, *and for other the Purpoſes therein mentioned*; without Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. May* 22, 1742.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Henry Lane*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Payment of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto*, with an Amendment, to which Amendment they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which ſaid Amendments being twice read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker certify the ſame, by ſigning the ſaid Amendment.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for regulating the Payment of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto*, to the Council, with their Amendment to the ſame, and to acquaint them, this Houſe do agree to the ſaid Amendment, and deſire they will amend the ſaid Bill accordingly.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Preſence of the Council, and the Members of this Houſe, been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the two following Bills, paſſed this Seſſion; the Titles whereof being, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds,

Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, *for repairing* Fort-George, *for transporting Volunteers to the* West-Indies, *and for other the Purposes therein mentioned.*

An Act, *for regulating the Payment of his Majesty's Quit-Rents, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto.*

And that the same were published at the City-Hall, in the usual Manner; and that his Honour had recommended him to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House, to the first *Tuesday* in *August* next; and he had been pleased to add, that if the publick Service required the Sitting of the House on that Day, it would by circular Letters be signified to the several Members thereof.

After which the Speaker adjourned the House, till the first *Tuesday* in *August* next; and the House is accordingly adjourned to the said first *Tuesday* in the Month of *August* next ensuing.

[*Here begins the* 16*th of* George IId.]

Die Martis, August 3, 1742.

TWELVE Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, pursuant to an Adjournment on the 22d of *May* last; the Speaker took the Chair, and Mr. *Clarkson* and Capt. *Livingston*, were appointed to acquaint his Honour the Lieut. Governor, with the Number of Members now met, and that they attend his Directions.

Mr. *Clarkson*, reported, That Capt. *Livingston*, and himself, had waited on the Lieut. Governor, with the said Message, and that he had been pleased to recommend, that the House adjourn itself to the second *Tuesday* in *September* next.

And thereupon the Speaker adjourned the House to the above mentioned second *Tuesday* in *September* next; and the House is adjourned accordingly to the said second *Tuesday* in *September* next ensuing.

Die Martis, September 14, 1742.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment on the 3d of *August* last, nine Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair; and as it was not likely any more Members would now attend, it was agreed to adjourn for fourteen Days, which being approved of by his Honour the Lieut. Governor, the Speaker did adjourn the House, until *Tuesday* the Twenty-eighth Day of this Month.

Die Martis, September 28, 1742.

PURSUANT to an Adjournment of this House, on the fourteenth of *September* last, ten Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair.

Then the House adjourned to 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon, To-morrow.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Sept.* 29, 1742.

THE House met, and adjourned (by the Approbation of his Honour the Lieut. Governor) until the second *Tuesday* in *October* next.

Die Martis, October 12, 1742.

THE House met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 13, 1742.

A Majority of Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* and Mr. *Ludlow*, wait upon the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint his Honour, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met.

Col. *Schuyler*, reported, That Mr. *Ludlow* and himself, had delivered the above Message to the Lieut. Governor, and that his Honour had been pleased to say, that he would send for the House, to meet him at the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, within an hour's Time.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joseph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported to the House, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor had made a Speech to them, of which, to prevent Mistakes, he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE Government being at present without any Support, I earnestly recommend it to you, to take it into your immediate Consideration, and to make such ample and honourable Provision for it, as former Assemblies have done.

The Act to Support the Garrison at Oswego, *being by its Limitation, to expire on the first of* November, *in this present Year, it is requisite that you prepare another Bill, to be passed before that Time; and as a Rupture with* France, *seems almost unavoidable, it is absolutely necessary to provide for the victualling a Garrison of Forty Men, lest for want thereof, that important Place, should fall into the Enemies Hands, the Consequence whereof, will be the Loss of your most valuable Branch of Trade, and but too probably occasion a Desertion of the Six Nations; an Event that demands your most serious Attention; as every Part of the Province, how remote soever some of the Countries may be from those Nations, will soon feel the Effects of it; whatever happens, I shall have the Satisfaction of having done my Duty, in pressing you to do yours, and I hope you will leave nothing undone, that may give the People whom you represent, cause to reproach you.*

The Sense I have of the vast Consequence, that the Fidelity of those Nations is to the British *Interest in general, and to this Province in particular, and of the constant Arts and Intrigues of our natural Enemy to seduce them, makes me thus warm in my Expressions. Had you the like Opportunities that I have, of knowing these Things, I am persuaded your Zeal would keep Pace with mine, and make what I say, needless, or but Matter of Form; but as many of you live very distant from those Nations, and can consequently know little of their Importance to us, but by Information, I cannot with the Discharge of my Duty, be silent or less earnest.*

Capt. Cosby, *has raised and sent to* Jamaica, *twenty Recruits for his Majesty's* American *Regiment, and I hope you will make Provision for paying the Expence of their Transportation, being persuaded, that your Zeal for his Majesty's Service, which has carried you to a much greater Expence on the like Occasion, will very readily lead you to this.*

There are several Things that I recommended to you at your last Sitting, some of which, being but in Part, and others not at all provided for; I now, again recommend them to your Consideration, refering you to what I then said.

G. CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed;

As likewise the Votes and Proceedings of the House, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration this Afternoon.

Ordered, That the Treasurer deliver in, on or before *Tuesday* next, an Account of his Receipts and Payments of the Money granted for Support of Government, from the Time he delivered in his last Account thereof until the first of *September* last.

Ordered, That the Clerk serve the Treasurer with a Copy of the above Order forthwith.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, to let to Farm the Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from *primo November* 1742, until *primo November* 1743; and that Col. *Philipse* and Capt. *Livingston*, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to continue the Militia Act, from the first of *December* 1742, until the first of *December* 1743; and that Col. *Schuyler* and Col. *Moore*, prepare and bring in such a Bill accordingly.

Col. *Schuyler*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, either to continue the Act for regulating Highways in the County of *Albany*, or to bring in a new Bill, for the Purpose aforesaid.

Ordered, That Leave be given him to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the House adjourned 'till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 13, 1742.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Nicoll*, reported, That the Committee had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on *Friday* next, take the ſaid Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Friday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 15, 1742.

COLONEL *Philipſe* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, ending the firſt Day of* November 1743; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

COL. *Moore* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue not only an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Militia of this Colony*; *but likewiſe the other Acts therein mentioned, by which the ſame hath been continued*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads in the City and County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, for ſupporting the Garriſon at *Oſwego*, and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of *Albany*; and that the Members of the ſaid City and County prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 15, 1742.

MR. *Nicoll* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual Recovering of the Arrearages of Taxes and Rates, and for the more punctual Payment of County Rates for the Future.*

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Cornell*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in ſuch a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Nicoll*, reported, That they had made ſome further Progreſs therein; and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration To-morrow.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 16, 1742.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, ending the firſt Day of* November 1743; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue not only an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, but likewiſe the other Acts therein mentioned, by which the ſame hath been continued*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating and further laying-out, publick High Roads, in the City and County of* Albany; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany*, *Dutcheſs* and *Orange* Counties, or any four of them.

Col. *Schuyler* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſupporting the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Mr. *Nicoll*, reported, That the Committee had come to the following Reſultions, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor, for his adminiſtring the Government of this Colony, from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the Day he may be ſuperceeded therein, or until the firſt of *September* next, which ſhall firſt happen, after the Rate of *One Thouſand Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum.*
2. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to his Honour the Lieut. Governor for Houſe Rent, from the 18th of *March* laſt, to the Day he may be ſuperceeded, or until the 18th of *March* next, which ſhall firſt happen, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Annum.*
3. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *Stephen Van Renſſelaer*, for providing Firewood and Candles, for the Garriſon in *Albany*, from the 13th of *June* 1742, to the 13th of *June* 1743, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds.*
4. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, for their Diſburſements and Expences to the ſix Nations of *Indians*, and for Preſents imployed by them for the publick Services, from the firſt of *September* 1742, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy Pounds:* And for extraordinary Uſes at this critical Juncture, the further Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*
5. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *Cornelius Van Slyck*, jun. and Company, for their Services as Smiths, in the *Seneka*'s Country, from the firſt of *September* 1741, to the firſt of *September* 1742, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds.*
6. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *Jacobus Bleeker*, for his Salary as *Indian* Interpreter, and for all other Services that he has been directed to do by the Governor, or Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, from the firſt of *March*, 1741, to the firſt of *September* following, the Sum of *Forty Five Pounds.*
7. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the ſaid *Jacobus Bleeker*, for his Salary as Interpreter, and for all other Services that he has been or may be directed to do by the Governor, or the Commiſſioners of *Indian* Affairs, from the firſt of *September*, 1742, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, and after that Rate, if by Death or otherwiſe, he ſhould not perform the Services aforeſaid.
8. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the Revd. *Henry Barclay*, for inſtructing the *Indians* in the Chriſtian Religion, from the firſt of *September*, 1742, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds.*
9. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *James Delancey*, Eſq; as Chief Juſtice, and for going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, after the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds, per Annum.*
10. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *Frederick Philipſe*, Eſq; as ſecond Juſtice, and for going the Circuits, from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, after the Rate of *One Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*
11. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; as third Juſtice, and for going the Circuits, (if Occaſion requires it) from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Annum.*
12. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the Secretary, for ingroſſing and inrolling the Acts of the General Aſſembly, from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*
13. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, from the firſt of *September*, 1742, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*
14. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the Door-Keeper of the Council, for the Time being, from the firſt of *September* laſt, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds.*
15. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *William Bradford*, as publick Printer of this Colony, from the firſt of *September*, 1742, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, after the Rate of *Fifty Pounds, per Ann.*
16. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the Land and Tide Waiter, from the firſt of *September*, 1742, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*
17. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to the Gauger, for the Time being, from the firſt of *September*, 1742, to the firſt of *September*, 1743, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds.*
18. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *Barent Staats*, jun. and *Peter Lanſing*, for their Service as Smiths in the *Cayouge* Country, by the Governor, and reſiding there four Months, the Sum of *Thirty Five Pounds.*
19. *Reſolved*, That there be allowed to Capt. *Peter Winn*, for an Anvil, Bellows, Viſe, Tongs, Files, and other Inſtruments belonging to a Blackſmith's Trade, and now being at *Cayouge*, the Sum of *Twenty One Pounds, and Seven-pence Half-penny.*

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20. *Resolved*, That there be allowed to the Clerk of the General Assembly, for his Services as Clerk, for ingrossing all publick Acts, and for all other Incidents of his Office, from the first of *September*, 1742, to the first of *September*, 1743, at the Rate of *Twelve Shillings, per Diem*, upon a Certificate from the General Assembly, signed by the Speaker, for the Number of Days which he has served, or may serve in each Session.

21. *Resolved*, That there be allowed to the Door-Keeper of the General Assembly, *Five Shillings, per Diem*, upon a like Certificate for the Number of Days he has served or may serve in that Station, from the first of *September*, 1742, to the first of *September*, 1743.

22. *Resolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, remaining in the Treasury, of the *Five Hundred Pounds*, allowed for transporting and victualling 100 Men, by the last Application Act, shall be paid to Capt. *Cosby*, in Consideration of the Passages of four Recruits, paid for by him to Capt. *David Whitney*, more than was allowed for the like Services by another Act.

23. *Resolved*, That there be allowed to the Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, for all the Services which have or shall be performed by him in that Office, from the first Day of *September*, 1742, to the first Day of *September*, 1743, after the Rate of *Two Hundred Pounds, per Ann.*

24. *Resolved*, That all the several Articles and Allowances before mentioned, shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies appropriated, and now intended to be appropriated for the Support of this Government.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Members for the City of *New-York*, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Nicoll* reported, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Consideration, *Monday* next.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, *Monday* next.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 18, 1742.

THE House (according to Order) resolved into a Committee upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Nicoll* reported the Proceeding and Resolution of the Committee to be in Manner following.

Upon a Motion of Mr. *Jones*,

Resolved, That the several Duties granted to his Majesty by an Act, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned, from the first of* December, 1740, *to the first Day of* December, 1741; being continued by another Act, to the first of *December*, 1742, be further continued from the said first of *December*, 1742, to the first Day of *December*, 1743.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the foregoing Resolution, and that Mr. *Jones* prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for supporting the Garrison at* Oswego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany; was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Moore* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue not only an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, but likewise the other Acts therein mentioned, by which the same hath been continued*; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and amended the Title; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, as amended, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 19, 1742.

MR. *Jones* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned, from the first Day of* December, 1740, *to the first Day of* December, 1741; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Nicoll* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual recovering of the Arrearages of Taxes and Rates, and for the more punctual Payment of County Rates for the future*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Alderman *Roome* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to add an additional Clause to the Act, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward, in the City of* New-York, *to make good their respective Quotas of all publick Taxes.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue as well an Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony, as the other Acts therein mentioned, by which the same hath been continued*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler* and Capt. *Livingston* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. *Schuyler* from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual fortifying the City of* Albany; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, in at the Table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Mr. *Cornell* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempstead Plains; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Then the House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 19, 1742.

ABRAHAM *Depeyster*, Esq; Treasurer of this Colony, attending (according to Order) was called in, and laid before the House, the several following Accounts, upon Oath, *viz.*

An Account of what the several Duties on Negro Slaves, Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other distilled Shrub, Cocoa, and dry Goods, have amounted to for supporting this his Majesty's Government, in the Colony of *New-York, to wit.* From the first Day of *September*, 1741, unto the first Day of *September*, 1742, amounting in the Whole, to the Sum of, £. 2197 7 1 ¾

An Account of the Drawback on Wines which have been imported into this Colony, and exported out of the same, beyond Sea, within six Months after the Importation thereof (the Colonies of *Connecticut*, and *New Jersey*, excepted,) amounting to the Sum of, £. 43 15 00

Neat Duty, £. 2153 12 1 ¾

An Account of his Discharges to several Persons, pursuant to several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, published the third Day of *November*, 1740, the twenty seventh Day of *November*, 1741, and the twenty second Day of *May*, 1742, amounting to the Sum of, £. 4673 14 3 ½

General Account of what the Duties have amounted to for supporting this his Majesty's Government in the Colony of *New-York, to wit.* From the first Day of *September*, 1741, to the first Day of *September*, 1742; as also an Account of the several Payments which has been paid thereon during the said Time, by which it appears, that the Ballance due in Favour to the said Support, is £. 1871 16 2

And in a Memorandum noted in the said Accounts, that the Loan Officers had paid for the fourth Payment of Interest Money, the Sum of, *One Thousand, Six Hundred, Sixty Seven Pounds.*

And the Titles thereof being read,

Ordered, That the said Accounts lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

John Depeyster, Esq; laid before the House, the following Accounts upon Oath, *viz.*

An Account of Duties received from several Persons for *Indian* Goods, and Rum, transported to the *Northward*, and the

Westward

Weſtward of the City of *Albany*, from the 10th of *September*, 1739, to the 10th of *September*, 1742, amounting to the Sum of, £. 1884 14 9

And in the ſaid Account is noted, that the Debts outſtanding from the Year 1734, to the Year 1738, incluſſive, do amount to the Sum of, £. 114 4 0

And in the Year 1742, to the Sum of, £. 728 8 6

£. 842 12 6

And the Title thereof being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Account lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

A Petition of Lieut. *Paſcall Nealſon*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1737, the Sum of, *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, was allowed by the honourable Houſe for repairing the Trading Houſe at *Oſwego*, that the ſaid Petitioner being commanding Officer there, the honourable Houſe directed him to have the Overſight thereof; and he directed and overlooked the Workmen, hired Labourers, kept the Accounts of the Work, and gave Certificates thereof to Mr. *Depeyſter*, who was appointed to pay the ſame; by which Means, *Thirty Pounds*, of the ſaid Sum of *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, remained, though the Petitioner never had any Allowance or Conſideration for his Pains and Trouble. And that in the Year 1739, the Petitioner, at a Months Warning, was ſent by the Lieut. Governor, to take charge of the Garriſon of *Oſwego*, with a double Party of Men, and knowing the ſaid Garriſon to be without any Gun-Powder, he purchaſed of Capt. *Peter Winne*, 200 Weight, for which he paid him *Twenty Four Pounds*; all which, except 50 Pounds, which he let a Trader have to ſupply the *Indians* in the Winter, he left in the ſaid Garriſon, as by Lieut. *Hyde Clark*'s Certificate may appear; for which the Petitioner has never been paid or had any Satisfaction, and therefore humbly prays the honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and make ſuch Allowance for his Care, Trouble, and Diſburſements, as ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition and Vouchers, be refered to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom the *Oſwego* Bill ſtands committed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 20, 1742.

COL. *Morris* from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, ending the firſt Day of* November, 1743; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Roome* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual, an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein-mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the Iſland of *Naſſau*, or any three of them.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 20, 1742.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee to whom was refered the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 21, 1742.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Jones*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual fortifying the City of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Schuyler*, and Capt. *Bradt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Cornel* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual, an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York*, and *King's* County, or any three of them.

Col. *Schuyler* from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public High Roads in the City and County of* Albany; reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Clarkſon* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying out of the Monies appropriated for the Support of this Government, the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt Day of* September 1743; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 21, 1742.

MR. *Nicoll* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſuporting the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 22, 1742.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, which will end the firſt Day of* November 1743; was read the third Time.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Moore*, and Mr. *Clarkſon*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying out of the Monies appropriated for the Support of this Government, the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt Day of* September 1743; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Turboſt* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers in *Dutcheſs*, *Ulſter* and *Orange* Counties.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 22, 1742.

MR. *Roome* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable Juſtices of Peace to puniſh Offenders in forcible Entries and Detainers, and to give Reſtitution of Poſſeſſion to Owners of Lands, in the Colony of* New-York; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That beſides the great Loſs and Damages, which the City and its Inhabitants have ſuſtained, by the late wicked Conſpiracy of the Negroes, a Demand is now made on the Corporation for the Money, allowed by a Law for Slaves executed in it, and for the Execution of them; which the ſaid Corporation is in no Manner of Ways able to diſcharge, and that it would add a very great Hardſhip on the Inhabitants to lay it on them, as they have already ſo greatly ſuffered by the ſaid Conſpiracy; and therefore, pray the Premiſſes may be taken into Conſideration, and order the Payment for the ſaid Negroes, Trials and Executions, out of ſome of the publick Funds of the Province, or grant ſuch other Relief, as ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be taken into Conſideration by the Houſe, at its next Meeting.

Mr. *Turboſs* (according to Leave) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers, in the Counties of* Ulſter, Dutcheſs *and* Orange; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Clarkſon*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying out of the Monies appropriated for the Support of this Government, the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt Day of* September 1743, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſome Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 23, 1742.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle, feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Cornell*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of* Ulſter, Dutcheſs *and* Orange; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the above ſaid Counties, or any three of them.

The Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning next, 9 of the Clock.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Oct.* 26, 1742.

THE Speaker, from the Chair, acquainted the Houſe, that he had Yeſterday been honoured with two Letters from his Excellency Governor *Clinton*, the one dated in *London* the 20th, and the other the 30th of *Auguſt* laſt, encloſing Copies of the following Papers, *viz.*

1. Copy of a Letter from his ſaid Excellency, to his Grace the Duke of *Newcaſtle*, dated *March* 25th, requeſting his Grace to preſent the Addreſs of the Council and Aſſembly, to his Majeſty.

2. Copy of a Memorial from his ſaid Excellency, to his Majeſty in Council, humbly praying, that this Colony may be ſupplied with Gun-Powder, for the Reaſons therein mentioned.

3. Copy of his Majeſty's Order in Council, dated *June* 24, refering the ſaid Memorial to the right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council, for Plantation Affairs.

4. Copy of the Order of their Lordſhips, dated *July* 22d, refering the ſaid Memorial to the Maſter General of the Ordnance.

5. Copy a Memorial from his ſaid Excellency, to their Excellences the Lords Juſtices, humbly praying they will graciouſly be pleaſed, to order the Maſter General of the Ordnance, to ſupply *New-York* with Gun-Powder, for the Defence and Protection of the Colony, delivered *Auguſt* 15, 1741.

6. And, Copy of the Report of the Board of Ordnance, on the Memorial of Governor *Clinton*.

Which Letters and Papers he communicated to the Houſe, and being ſeverally read,

Ordered, That the ſame lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of the Houſe, and that at the Cloſe of the Seſſion, they be returned to, and lodged with the Speaker.

The Houſe is in the mean while of Opinion, That they have no juſt Grounds to form a Petition to his Majeſty, for Money to build Barracks in *Fort-George*, for the Soldiers, as there are already actually erected in it, at the Charge of the Colony, ſuch as were conceived neceſſary for the Troops poſted in this City.

Ordered, That the Speaker, do by the firſt Opportunity, acquaint his ſaid Excellency with this Opinion, and to give him the humble Thanks of this Houſe, for the Solicitations and Applications which he has been pleaſed to make to his Majeſty and his Miniſters in Behalf of this Colony.

And the ſaid Speaker is further deſired that he will at the ſame Time clear up to his ſaid Excellency, as well the State of the Matters recommended by him, as the Circumſtances of the Colony, ſo far as the ſame may relate thereto.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying out of the Monies appropriated for the Support of this Government, the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt Day of* September 1743; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon* and Col. *Moore*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Clarkſon*, from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual, an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Colony*, entitled, *An* Act *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward, within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. Oct.* 26, 1742.

MR. *Ludlow* from the Committee, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of* Ulſter, Dutcheſs *and* Orange, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made ſeveral Amendments, and added ſeveral Clauſes thereto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauſes in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauſes be ingroſſed.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſupporting the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Livingſton* and Capt. *Winne*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 27, 1742.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual, an Act of the Governor, Council, and the General Aſſembly of this Colony,* entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward, within the City of* New-York, *to make good their reſpective Quotas of all publick Taxes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Alderman *Moore* and Alderman *Roome*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Turboſs* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, at the next Meeting of this Houſe, to enable *Dutcheſs* County, to raiſe a Sum of Money for repairing their County Priſon, or to build a new one.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Capt. *Winne* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for raiſing a Sum not exceeding *Four Hundred Pounds*, for finiſhing and compleating the Court Houſe and Goal, in the City and County of *Albany*.

Ordered, That he have Leave to bring in ſuch a Bill at the next Meeting of the Houſe, accordingly.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out publick High Roads in the City and County of* Albany; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Livingſton*, and Capt. *Bradt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Jones* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to repeal that Clauſe in an Act paſſed in the 4th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned relating thereto, which provides an Allowance for Slaves convicted and executed by Virtue of the ſaid Act.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly, at the next Meeting of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties thereinmentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741, without any Amendment.

Alſo that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, which will end the firſt Day of* November, 1743, without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 27, 1742.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *further to continue as well an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, as the other Acts therein mentioned, by which the ſame hath been continued*; without any Amendment.

Alſo, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual fortifying the City of* Albany; without any Amendment.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of* Ulſter, Dutcheſs, *and* Orange; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Turboſs*, and Mr. *Hardenbergh*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Jones* from the Committee to whom was refered, the Examination of the Petitions and Reaſons of the Inhabitants of *Weſtcheſter* County, for and againſt building another Court Houſe at *Rye*, in the ſaid County; reported, That they have examined the Matter of the ſaid Petitions and Reaſons, and do find, that the Court Houſe now in being in the ſaid County, is ſituate on the Southermoſt Extream of the ſaid County, by Means whereof, the Inhabitants of the *Northern* and *Eaſtern* Parts of the ſaid County, who are very numerous, are liable to be expoſed to very great Hardſhips, in attending Courts at ſo great a Diſtance from their Habitations; and therefore the Committee are humbly of an Opinion, that a Court Houſe, built at the *White Plains*, in the Townſhip of *Rye*, would be much more convenient for the generality of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, than where it now ſtands.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration at the next Meeting of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 28, 1742.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for paying out of the Monies appropriated for the Support of this Government, the Salaries, Services and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt Day of* September, 1743, without any Amendment.

Alſo the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on* Hempſtead Plains; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Daniel Horſmanden*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for ſupporting the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany; without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 ho. P. M. Oct. 28, 1742.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 ho. A. M. Oct. 29, 1742.

A Meſſage from the Council, by the Honourable *Philip Cortlandt*, Eſq; acquainting this Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out public High Roads in the City and County of* Albany; without any Amendment.

Alſo the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers, in the Counties of* Ulſter, Dutcheſs, *and* Orange; without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Preſence of the Council, and the Members of this Houſe, given his Aſſent to nine Bills, paſſed this Seſſion, the Titles whereof being, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *further to continue an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for and towards ſupporting the Government of this Colony, by granting to his Majeſty the Duties therein mentioned, from the firſt Day of* December, 1740, *to the firſt Day of* December, 1741.
2. *An* Act, *further to continue as well an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate the Militia of this Colony, as the other Acts therein mentioned, by which the ſame hath been continued.*
3. *An* Act, *to let to Farm the Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one Year, which will end the firſt Day of* November, 1743.
4. *An* Act, *for the more effectual fortifying the City of* Albany.
5. *An* Act, *for the paying out of the Monies appropriated for the Support of the Government, the Salaries, Services, and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt Day of* September, 1743.
6. *An* Act, *for ſupporting the Garriſon at* Oſwego, *and to regulate the Fur Trade in the County of* Albany.
7. *An* Act, *for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying-out publick High Roads in the County of* Albany.
8. *An* Act, *to encourage the deſtroying of Wolves and Panthers, in the Counties of* Ulſter, Dutcheſs, *and* Orange.
9. *An* Act. *to revive an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on* Hempſtead Plains.

And that after the ſame were publiſhed at the City-Hall, in the uſual Manner, his Honour had recommended him to return to the Aſſembly Chamber, and adjourn the Houſe to the third *Tueſday* in *April* next enſuing; and then to meet without any further Notice whatever.

After which, the Speaker adjourned the Houſe, till the third *Tueſday* in *April* next; and the Houſe is accordingly adjourned to the ſaid third *Tueſday* in the Month of *April* next enſuing; then to meet, without any further Notice whatever, accordingly.

Die Martis, 9 ho. A. M. April 19, 1743.

NINE Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, purſuant to an Adjournment on the 29th of *October* laſt, the Speaker took the Chair; and his Honour the Lieut. Governor, not being come to Town from his preſent

ſent Reſidence in the Country, the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Afternoon 3 o'Clock.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 20, 1743.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 21, 1743.

A Majority of Members appearing in the Aſſembly Chamber, the Speaker took the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon*, and Col. *Morris*, wait upon the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint his Honour that a ſufficient Number of Members are met to proceed on Buſineſs.

Col. *Morris* reported, that Mr. *Clarkſon*, and himſelf, had delivered the above Meſſage to the Lieut. Governor, and that his Honour had been pleaſed to ſay, that he would ſend for the Houſe, to meet him at the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall, within a Quarter of an Hour.

A Meſſage from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joſeph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieut. Governor, requires the immediate Attendance of this Houſe, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went thither accordingly; and being returned, he reſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had made a Speech to them; of which, to prevent Miſtakes, he had obtained a Copy; which being read, is in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

THE nigh Approach of the Winter at your laſt Meeting, not giving you Time to provide for all thoſe neceſſary Things which I recommended to you, I now again refer to your Conſideration, ſuch of them as remain unprovided for; hoping that now too, you will think it high Time to give the Fort in this Town, a thorough Repair, as well as to lay in a proper and ſufficient Quantity of Powder, Ball, and other neceſſary Stores, for that and all other Forts and Batteries in the Province, that we may not be unprovided for our Defence, in Caſe the Enemy ſhould at any Time attack us, nor be then to ſeek for them when it be too late: When theſe Things come under your Conſideration, you will remember that there is not a Flag for any one of the Forts.

The Preſents which the French, *when they come into the* Seneka's *Country, feed theſe People with, makes it neceſſary, that whom we ſend to reſide there, ſhould likewiſe have ſomething to give to the* Indians, *to prevent the Influence which otherwiſe the Enemy may gain over them: The Commiſſioners for* Indian *Affairs, think it abſolutely neceſſary; but at the ſame Time declare, that their Allowance at this critical Juncture, is ſo ſmall, that they cannot furniſh thoſe Preſents; wherefore I recommend it to you to make ſome Proviſion for that Service.* GEORGE CLARKE.

Ordered, That his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Reſolved, That his Honour's Speech be taken into Conſideration, this Afternoon.

A Memorial of *Archibald Kennedy*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the Crown had been pleaſed formerly to give a Cuſtom-Houſe, for the Uſe of the Colony, which was a long while a conſiderable Charge to the Province; which of late, by the Judges, was ordered to be pulled down, and that by univerſal Conſent, the Secretary's Office lately erected, being not convenient to ſecure the Records of this Province, and that if the Lot upon which the old Cuſtom-Houſe ſtood, was diſpoſed of, and a ſmall Addition was made by the honourable Houſe, a convenient Secretary's Office might be erected where it formerly ſtood, ſecure from Fire, or malicious Hands, and the preſent Secretary's Office will be a convenient Cuſtom-Houſe; by which the Merchants will be eaſed from the Trouble of running too and fro, as likewiſe that all the Offices will be near one another.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial lie on the Table for the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Jovis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 21, 1743.

THE Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that he had, on the 8th of *December* laſt, wrote to his Excellency Governor *Clinton*, what he was directed by the Houſe on the 26th of *October* laſt, and at the ſame Time, produced a Copy thereof; which being read, was approved of by the Houſe. And,

Ordered, That the Thanks of the Houſe, be given to the ſaid Speaker, for having therein ſo fully ſet forth the State and Circumſtances of the Colony.

The Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair; and Col. *Morris* reported, That they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow, take his Honour's Speech into further Conſideration.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 22, 1743.

THE Houſe met, and adjourned to 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 22, 1743.

THE Houſe (according to Order) reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon his Honour the Lieut. Governor's Speech. And after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Col. *Morris* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, That there be allowed for Firewood and Candles, for his Majeſty's Garriſon in the City of *New-York*, from the 13th of *June* next enſuing, to the 13th of *June*, which will be in the Year 1744, the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Sum ſhall be paid for the Uſe aforeſaid, after the 13th of *June* next, to the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, out of the ſame Funds, and in the ſame Manner as other Allowances are directed to be paid, in and by an Act, entitled, *An Act, for paying out of the Monies appropriated for the Support of this Government, the Salaries, Services, and Contingences therein mentioned, until the firſt Day of* September, 1743; paſſed in *October* laſt.

Reſolved, That if the ſaid Sum ſhall be paid to the preſent Lieut. Governor, and he ſhould happen to die, or be ſuperceeded in the Adminiſtration of the Government before the 13th of *June*, 1744, he, his Executors, or Adminiſtrators, ſhall be obliged to provide and furniſh a ſufficient Quantity of Firewood and Candles, to and for the ſaid Garriſon, until the Time laſt mentioned.

Which Reſolutions he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the foregoing Reſolutions, and that the Members of *Suffolk* and *Queen's* County, prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, that ſeveral of the Inhabitants of this Colony, have frequently been put to great Trouble and vaſt Expence, upon Informations filed againſt them, under Colour of Miſdemeanours alledged to have been committed by them, are of Opinion ſuch Hardſhips ought to be prevented for the future; and for that Purpoſe,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to prevent Proſecutions for Miſdemeanours, otherwiſe than upon Preſentments of Grand Jurors, unleſs it be by Order of the Governor and Council, or of the Supreme Court; and that Mr. *Jones*, and Mr. *Nicoll*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Lunæ, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 25, 1743.

MR. *Nicoll* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An Act, to prevent Proſecutions for Miſdemeanours, otherwiſe than upon Preſentments of Grand Jurors, unleſs it be by Order of the Governor and Council, or of the Supreme*

Supreme Court; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Jones* (according to Order) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *for providing and furniſhing the Garriſon in* New-York, *with Firewood and Candles, from the* 13*th of* June *next, to the* 13*th of* June 1744, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Jones* (according to an Order of the 27th of *October* laſt) preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned, relating thereto*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 26, 1743.

THE Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Proſecutions for Miſdemeanours, otherwiſe than upon Preſentments of Grand Jurors, unleſs it be by Order of the Governor and Council, or of the Supreme Court*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *for providing and furniſhing the Garriſon in* New-York, *with Firewood and Candles, from the* 13*th of* June *next, to the* 13*th of* June 1744; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to repeal Part of an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual preventing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts herein mentioned, relating thereto*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Capt. *Winne*, in purſuance of an Order on the 27th of *October* laſt, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and the Juſtices of the Peace, of the ſaid City and County, to raiſe the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *to compleat the Court-Houſe and Goal for the ſaid City and County*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 3 of the Clock, in the Afternoon.

Die Martis, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 26, 1743.

MR. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *for providing and furniſhing the Garriſon in* New-York, *with Firewood and Candles, from the* 13*th of* June *next, to the* 13*th of* June 1744, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, and made ſome Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Jones*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts herein mentioned, relating thereto*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Mercurij, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 27, 1743.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *for providing and furniſhing the Garriſon of* New-York, *with Firewood and Candles, from the* 13*th of* June *next, to the* 13*th of* June 1744; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarkſon* and Mr. *Nicoll*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to repeal an Act*, entitled, *An* Act, *for the more effectual preventing and puniſhing the Conſpiracy and Inſurrection of Negro and other Slaves, for the bettr regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned, relating thereto*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones* and Col. *Moore*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid City and County, to raiſe the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *to compleat the Court-Houſe and Goal, for the ſaid City and County*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of the City and County of *Albany*, and County of *Weſtcheſter*, or any four of them.

A Petition of the Juſtices and Superviſors of the County of *Ulſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That a great Number of Inhabitants are ſettled in the Southern Part of the ſaid County, without the Bounds of any Town, and for Want of being divided into Precincts with Officers, many Inconveniences have ariſen, and will ariſe, if Remedy be not had,

And therefore, pray that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, for erecting four Precincts in the ſaid County, with proper Officers, and that the Town of *Kingſton* and the Manor of *Fox-Hall*, may have one Superviſor more, and the three Precincts may have one Superviſor, to be on Oath, and to lay the Quota, according to the Liſts returned by the Aſſeſſors.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Col. *Philipſe* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to prevent Proſecutions for Miſdemeanours, otherwiſe than upon Preſentments of Grand Jurors, unleſs it be by Order of the Governor and Council, or of the Supreme Court*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made ſeveral Amendments to the Body of the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Mercurij, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 27, 1743.

CAPT. *Winne*, from the Committee to whom was refered, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid City and County, to raiſe the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *to compleat the Court-Houſe and Goal, for the ſaid City and County*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, amended the Title; and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table; where the ſame were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

The ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to regulate Proſecutions by Informations in the Supreme Court of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Col. *Morris* and Mr. *Jones*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe adjourned to 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Die Jovis, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 28, 1743.

THE ingroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the City of* Albany, *and the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid City and County, to raiſe a further Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *to finiſh and compleat the Court-Houſe and Goal, for the ſaid City and County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Capt. *Winne* and Capt. *Bradt*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Nicoll* deſired Leave to return Home.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Houſe having taken into Conſideration, the Report of a Committee on the 27th of *October* laſt, concerning a Court-Houſe, to be built in the County of *Weſtcheſter*; it is by Conſent of the Parties that have petitioned for and againſt the building of it;

Ordered, That the Petitioners for building the ſame, have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, at the next Sitting of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjourned till 9 of the Clock, To-morrow Morning.

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Die Veneris, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 29, 1743.

THE House met, and adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Die Veneris, 3 *ho. P. M. April* 29, 1743.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *for providing and furnishing the Garrison in* New-York, *with Firewood and Candles, from the* 13*th of* June *next, to the* 13*th of* June 1744, without Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by the honourable *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; acquainting this House, That the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *for explaining and rendering more effectual, an Act of the Governor, Council and General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward, within the City of* New-York, *to make good their respective Quotas of all publick Taxes.*

And also the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and the Justices of the Peace of the said City and County, to raise a further Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *to finish and compleat the Court-House and Goal, for the said City and County*; without any Amendment.

Then the House adjourned to 9 of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

Die Sabatii, 9 *ho. A. M. April* 30, 1743.

A Message from his Honour the Lieut. Governor, by Mr. *George Joseph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, The Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went thither accordingly; and being returned, he resumed the Chair, and reported to the House, that his Honour the Lieut. Governor, had, in the Presence of the Council, and the Members of this House, given his Assent to two Bills passed this Sitting, and one passed in *October* last, the Titles whereof are, *viz.*

1. *An* Act, *to apply the Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *for providing and furnishing the Garrison in* New-York, *with Firewood and Candles, from the* 13*th. of* June *next, to the* 13*th of* June 1744.
2. *An* Act, *to enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of* Albany, *and the Justices of the Peace of the said City and County, to raise a further Sum of* Four Hundred Pounds, *to finish and compleat the Court-House and Goal for the said City and County.*
3. And, *An* Act, *for rendering more effectual, an Act of the Governor, Council, and the General Assembly*, entitled, *An* Act, *to oblige the Inhabitants of each particular Ward within the City of* New-York, *to make good their respective Quotas of all publick Taxes.*

And that after the same were published at the City-Hall, in the usual Manner; his Honour had recommended him to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House, to the first *Tuesday* in *August* next; and to add, that if the publick Service should require its Meeting on that Day, it should by circular Letters be timely notified to the several Members.

And then the Speaker adjourned the House, to the first *Tuesday* in *August* next; and the House is accordingly adjourned to the said first *Tuesday* in the Month of *August* next ensuing.

[*Here begins the* 17*th of* GEORGE IId.]

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 2, 1743.

NINE Members appearing in the House, pursuant to their Adjournment on the 30th of *April* last; the Speaker took the Chair, and desired Mr. *Clarkson* and Mr. *Jones*, to wait on the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint his Honour, that a sufficient Number of Members are met to adjourn, but not for proceeding upon Business.

Mr. *Clarkson*, reported, that Mr. *Jones*, and himself, had waited on the Lieut. Governor, with the above Message, and that he had been pleased to recommend the House to adjourn itself to the fourth *Tuesday* of this Month.

And then the Speaker accordingly adjourned the House, to the said fourth *Tuesday* of this Month, which will be the 23d Day of this Instant.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Aug.* 23, 1743.

PURSUANT to the last Adjournment of the House, on the 2d Instant, seven Members being met in the Assembly Chamber in *New-York*, the Speaker took the Chair; and desired Col. *Philipse* and Col. *Lott*, to wait on the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint his Honour of the Number of Members now met.

Col. *Philipse*, reported, That Col. *Lott*, and himself, had acquainted the Lieut. Governor with the Message above mentioned, and that his Honour, had desired the House to adjourn itself to the first *Tuesday* in *September* next.

The Speaker adjourned the House accordingly, to the said first *Tuesday* in *September* next ensuing; which will be the sixth Day of the said Month.

Die Martis, September 6, 1743.

SIX Members being met in the Assembly Chamber, pursuant to their last Adjournment, on the 23d of *August* last, the Speaker took the Chair; and Col. *Moore* and Mr. *Roome*, were desired to wait on the Lieut. Governor, and acquaint him, of the Number of Members met.

Col. *Moore*, reported, That Mr. *Roome* and himself, had acquainted the Lieut. Governor with the above Message, and that his Honour had desired the House to adjourn itself to the fourth *Tuesday* of this Instant *September*.

And then the Speaker adjourned the House, to the fourth *Tuesday* of this Instant *September*; and the House is accordingly adjourned to the said fourth *Tuesday* of this Instant, which will be the Twenty-seventh Day of this present Month of *September*.

Die Martis, 9 *ho. A. M. Sept.* 27, 1743.

EIGHT Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, pursuant to their last Adjournment, on the Sixth of *September* last; the Speaker took the Chair.

And, as on *Thursday* last, the 22d of this Instant, his Majesty's Letters Pattent were published here; constituting the Honourable *George Clinton*, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Colony;

Col. *Morris* and Mr. *Clarkson*, were desired to wait on his Excellency, and to acquaint him, that eight Members are now met in the Assembly Chamber, pursuant to their last Adjournment.

Col. *Morris*, reported, That Mr. *Clarkson* and himself, had waited on his Excellency, with the above Message, and that he had been pleased to say, he would come immediatly to the Council Chamber in the City-Hall, and then send for them.

A Message from his Excellency *George Clinton*, Esq; by Mr. *George Joseph Moore*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the immediate Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the said Members, went thither accordingly.

MEMORANDUM.

His Excellency did there in the Presence of the Council, and the said Members, dissolve the General Assembly by a Speech, in the Words following, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

AS his Sacred Majesty has been graciously pleased to constitute me Captain General and Governor in Chief of this his loyal Province; it is no small Pleasure to me, that I have this early Opportunity of declaring, that I am come with a sincere Intention, to make the Prosperity of the Colony, the chief Care and Study of my Administration, in Imitation of my Royal Master, who places his greatest Glory in the Happiness of his People.

And as I am informed, it has been the general Practice to have a new Election of an Aſſembly, upon the Publication of new Commiſſions to Governors, and that the Continuance of that Practice, will be agreeable to the People of this Province;

I do therefore, with the Advice of his Majeſty's Council, and by Virtue of the Power and Authority given to me, by his Majeſty's Letters Patent, under the Broad Seal of *Great-Britain*, diſſolve the preſent General Aſſembly; and the ſaid Aſſembly is diſſolved accordingly.

GEORGE CLINTON.

APPENDIX.

INaſmuch as a few of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Aſſembly, relative to the Affair of Capt. Jacob Leiſler, *are miſſing, and conſequently the Public not fully informed, as to the Juſtice or Injuſtice of his Suffering: It was therefore thought neceſſary, for the Satisfaction of the Public, and in Juſtice to the Family and Deſcendants of the ſaid Capt.* Leiſler, *to publiſh the following Act of Parliament, relating to that Cataſtrophe.*

Anno Regni GULIELMI III. REGIS

Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,

SEXTO & SEPTIMO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Weſtminſter*, the 20th Day of *March*, *Anno Dom.* 1689, in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady, *William* and *Mary*, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, &c. And from thence continued, by ſeveral Prorogations and Adjournments, to the 12th Day of *November*, 1694, being the Sixth Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

An Act for Reverſing the Attainder of *Jacob Leiſler*, and others.

WHEREAS in the late happy Revolution, the Inhabitants of the Province of *New-York*, in *America*, did, in their General Aſſembly, conſtitute and appoint Captain *Jacob Leiſler*, to be Commander in Chief of the ſaid Province, until their Majeſties Pleaſure ſhould be known therein: And the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler* was afterwards confirmed in the ſaid Command by his Majeſty's Letter, dated the Thirtieth Day of July, One Thouſand Six Hundred Eighty and Nine. And the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler* having the Adminiſtration of the ſaid Government of *New-York*, by Virtue of the ſaid Power and Authority ſo given and confirmed to him, as aforeſaid, and being in the Exerciſe thereof, Captain *Richard Ingoldeſby* arriving in the ſaid Province in the Month of *January*, *Anno Domini* One Thouſand Six Hundred and Ninety, did, without producing any legal Authority, demand

of

of the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler*, the Poſſeſſion of the Fort at New-York: But the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler*, purſuant to the Truſt in him repoſed, refuſing to ſurrender the ſaid Fort into the Hands of the ſaid *Richard Ingoldeſby*, and kept the Poſſeſſion thereof until the Month of *March* then next following: At which Time Colonel *Henry Slaughter* being conſtituted Captain General and Governor in Chief of the ſaid Province, arrived there in the Evening, the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler* having Notice thereof, that ſame Night (though very late) took Care to deliver the ſaid Fort to his Order, which was done very early the next Morning.

And whereas the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler*, alſo *Jacob Milborne*, *Abraham Gouverneur*, and ſeveral others, were arraigned in the Supreme Court of Judicature at *New-York* aforeſaid, and convicted, and attainted of High Treaſon and Felony, for not delivering the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Fort to the ſaid *Richard Ingoldſby*; and the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler* and *Jacob Milborne* were executed for the ſame: May it therefore pleaſe your moſt Excellent Majeſty, at the humble Petition and Requeſt of *Jacob Leiſler*, the Son and Heir of the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler*, deceaſed, *Jacob Milborne*, the Son and Heir of the ſaid *Jacob Milborne*, deceaſed, and of the ſaid *Abraham Gouverneur*, That it be declared and enacted,

And be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſaid ſeveral Convictions, Judgments and Attainders of the ſaid *Jacob Leiſler*, deceaſed, *Jacob Milborne*, deceaſed, and the ſaid *Abraham Gouverneur*, and every of them, be, and are repealed, reverſed, made and declared null and void to all Intents, Conſtructions and Purpoſes whatſoever, as if no ſuch Convictions, Judgments or Attainders had ever been had or given: And that no Corruption of Blood or other Penalties or Forfeitures of Goods, Chattles, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, be by the ſaid Convictions and Attainders, or either of them incurred; any Law, Uſage or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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